

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:02 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

Invocation – Rabbi Joshua Heller - B'Nai Torah

Council Members present: Council Members: John Paulson, Chris Burnett, Jody Reichel, Andy Bauman, Steve Soteres, and Tibby DeJulio.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Works

1. 19-306 Roswell Road at Dalrymple Intersection Project TS-108 Concept Update

TPSLOST Program Manager Allen Johnson presented that the project is part of the TSPLOST Traffic Efficiency program begun in the fall of 2018. There was a PIOH in May of this year. This presentation is the results of the Traffic Study and the PIOH and request guidance on the path forward to move into final design.

The project is in District 2, 3 and 4 with a planned additional left-turn lane on eastbound Dalrymple Road, which would make it a dual left-turn lane. This project will improve operations, reduce crashes and improve pedestrian safety. Currently, the budget is \$850,000.00 and construction will be early 2021.

Currently, there is over a 300 second delay on the left turn causing a backup. In the opening, this will take this down to approximately 1 minute delay. The PIOH was held in May and the attendees asked if we could do even more. There were no significant problems with the concept. This project is not going to preclude doing a Phase II that might include everything for Next Ten. Some of the things considered were, adding a right-turn lane at Roswell Road at Gravity Motors; right-turn on all other legs; bicycle lanes; and verify the double left-turn would work onto northbound Roswell Road. He mentioned that one of the challenges to these suggestions is cost. Another challenge would be the right-turn lane at the Chevron, which would adversely affect the underground storage tanks and additional wall construction costs. The circulation of the site would be heavily impacted. Because of these challenges, staff recommends moving forward with just the double left-turn lane and the through right. Next step is to complete final design by January 2020.

Council Member Burnett mentioned that there has been discussion that when the North Springs High School redevelopment project gets underway, that the new entrance to North Springs will be moved off of Roswell Road and onto Trowbridge Road. Right now, there's a lot of left-turn but with the redevelopment project it seems to become really incumbent to try to do an eastbound right-turn lane on Dalrymple to go southbound or otherwise, there's going to be a lot of traffic stacking up as parents try to cross over Roswell Road to go up Trowbridge and then turn left into the school. Asked about feasibility of adding at least two (2) more right-turn lanes, one on Dalrymple southbound to Roswell Road, the other on Roswell Road to turn going westbound on Dalrymple.

TPSLOST Program Manager Allen Johnson responded that this project will be constructed for years before the TSPLOST Education is available again and the redevelopment of North Springs High School. It was \$2.5 – 3 million to add the right-turn lanes with the Next Ten, and this was the cost without even right-of-way. There are some concepts to move to that next step so the designer did develop some concepts that are more aligned with Next Ten.

Council Member Reichel asked staff to look at the potential of beginning construction in May instead of January, when school is out.

CONCENSUS OF COUNCIL was for the project to proceed as presented.

2. 19-307 ATMS-4 SCOOT Implementation Project TS-107 Update

TPSLOST Program Manager Allen Johnson presented that staff is moving forward on the first construction project as part of the traffic efficiency. There will be formal consideration of this project in the Regular Session, but this presentation is to give an update of what this project is before considering the IGA and bid recommendation. There are 20 intersection that are being improved to include signal detection and adaptive signal control systems to assist travel and performance.

This project was advertised in July and bids were open at the end of last month. Also, there is an IGA with Dunwoody because there is a small amount of work to be done in Dunwoody to make the project work. It doesn't cost them anything, but it helps the whole system. Again, later this evening there will be the award recommendation.

SCOOT stands for Split-Cycle Offset Optimization Technic, and English proprietary system. It coordinates the operation of all the signals to optimize the flow. It detects the vehicles through the intersection, implementing small changes and basically talks to the TMC. This is TSPLOST funded, the earlier stages were GDOT funded. This helps improve operational flow throughout the entire Perimeter Center area. In addition, it is extending the fiber optic down Mt. Vernon Highway to Roswell Road. This is one of the 1st projects to begin for the TSPLOST that is not a sidewalk project.

Mayor Rusty Paul mentioned that the more efficient the system gets, the less there is to build, which is less disruption. Saving money to try to optimize the efficiency of our existing system is a top priorities. This is another major step to make sure our system is working as efficiently as it can and making sure the road network optimum capacity and efficiency.

Council Member Paulson commented that this is an area that anyone who has driven through at 5:00 pm knows is a mess. He stated he was pleased that we have every one of those intersections in that area.

CONCENSUS OF COUNCIL instructed to proceed.

3. 19-308 Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Solicitation Process

Transportation Services Unit Manager Kristen Wescott presented that periodically the ARC puts out a call for projects. Staff recommends that the City consider advancing two (2) different applications at this time. One is for the Multi-Use Trail along SR400, which is a pretty significant project for the City and the region. The other is to undertake a Corridor Access Management Plan on Roswell Road / SR 9.

As to the Multi-Use Trail on SR 400, staff has been working with the City of Atlanta and GDOT to work through design. Through this design process, the City has agreed to participate with the City of Atlanta for design, but for construction, it will be split so that Sandy Springs will construct the section within Sandy Springs and Atlanta will construct their section up to the city boundary. Staff suggests asking for the Federal match on this project. Total cost estimate is \$19 million. We are proposing to request the entire 80% match, which leaves a 20% cost for the City. This project design began in 2017 and the concept study is complete. The PIOH will be this November.

The second proposal to submit to ARC is an Access Management Plan for Roswell Road / SR 9. Roswell Road is a high-crash corridor. There have been some fairly significant injury and fatality crashes there. As a state route and a partial Federal route, staff anticipates that the region would be interested in joining the City in improving both operations and safety of Roswell Road. In terms of how that fits in within the Next Ten, it identified the planning vision and those ideas were incorporated into the development code. Things to evaluate in a Scope of Work include a detailed safety analysis, operations, driveway locations, and evaluating intersections. The TIP Solicitation period closes on October 11. ARC's schedule is that they will probably not award this until early next year. The earliest available time would be for FY2021.

Mayor Rusty Paul commented that he wasn't sure what they had done, but that it flows a lot better than it used to do. He also stated that this presentation was for information and that a formal request will be presented for action during regular session, immediately following this work session.

4. **19-309** ARC TIP Solicitation Letter of Support for Roswell Road Chattahoochee Bicycle / Pedestrian Bridge Construction

Transportation Services Unit Manager Kristen Wescott presented that related to the effort to seek Federal funding, the City of Sandy Springs has been cooperating with the City of Roswell on T35 the Roswell Road Bicycle / Pedestrian Bridge across the Chattahoochee River. As the project has progressed, both parties realized that there might not be enough money for construction. Roswell will be submitting an application to ARC and they've asked Sandy Springs for a Letter of Support. Currently funding shortfall is about \$2.5 million. If Roswell is successful with their application, staff will come back to Council to request funding.

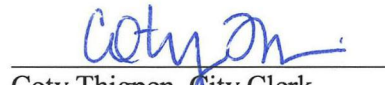
Mayor Rusty Paul confirmed that all is being asked tonight is a Letter of Support to the City of Roswell. He also went on to say that this pre-dates the City of Sandy Springs and will be happy to sign the Letter of Support.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at: 6:25 p.m.

Date Approved: October 1, 2019.



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Coty Thigpen, City Clerk

