



Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021 (CRRSAA) Funds

APPLICATION

AUGUST 2021

Send the electronic copy
of the completed application by:

5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2021

to:

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Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission
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**THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021 (CRRSAA)**

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANTS

- Have you answered all applicable questions in the application?

- Has the appropriate person signed the application?

- Have you filled out the detailed budget table on the last page of this application?

- Please indicate the sources of funding you are requesting for this project.

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- Have you attached a project location map?

- Have you attached information demonstrating the basis of your project's cost estimate?

- Have you attached other information that is applicable to the answers in your application?

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AUGUST 2021 CALL FOR PROJECTS

The Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) is conducting a competitive project selection process to award the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funds.

- **Expected Available Funds: \$2,112,897**
- **Maximum Award = \$2,112,897**
- **Minimum Award for a Project = \$200,000 (federal portion)**
- **Minimum Award for a Planning Study = \$100,000 (federal portion)**
- **This funding is 100% federal with no local or state match required.**

- **Federal Requirements**

Applicants should keep in mind that using the CRRSAA funds involves adherence to federal requirements, as applicable, such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), prevailing wage rates (Davis-Bacon), Buy America, competitive bidding, and other contracting requirements, regardless of whether the projects are located within the right-of-way of a Federal-aid highway.

- **Projects funded through this selection process must be located within the CORE MPO's Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary.**

The CORE MPO - administered CRRSAA funds can only be spent within the MPO's Metropolitan Planning Area which includes all of Chatham County, the portion of Effingham County and Bryan County located within the Savannah Urbanized Area, as well as Richmond Hill.

- **Projects, if awarded funds, will be amended into the CORE MPO's FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024). If an eligible transportation study is awarded the CRRSAA funds, it must be included in the funded section of the CORE MPO's FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).**

The CRRSAA funds are obligation ready. Once the project/study is programmed in the TIP and UPWP in a specific fiscal year, the awarded federal funding can be authorized in that year as long as the project development/study procurement process meets all milestone dates. All of the CRRSAA funds must be authorized by September 30, 2024. Otherwise, the funds will lapse.

Please see CORE MPO CRRSAA Grant Program Manual for additional information.

Applicant and Project Information

Eligible Entities

Please indicate which type of eligible entity is the primary project sponsor: (Select one.)

Local government

Regional transportation authority

Transit agency

Other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation improvements that the State of Georgia determines to be eligible.

Eligible Projects

Please indicate **all** applicable categories your proposal falls under. [Please see CORE MPO CRRSAA Grant Program Manual for information on project eligibility.](#)

Highway Improvements

Bridge Improvements

Transit Improvements

Operational/Safety Improvements

Operational/Safety Improvements

Bicycle / Pedestrian /Non-Motorized Improvements

Planning Studies

Other



| Applicant Information | | |
|---|---|-------------------|
| Agency Name (i.e. agency that will manage implementation) City of Pooler | | Date 9/30/21 |
| Street Address 100 US-80 | City, State Pooler, Georgia | Zip Code 31322 |
| Contact Person's Name Robert Byrd | Title City Manager | |
| Contact Person's Phone Number 912-748-7261 | Contact Person's Email Address RByrdJr@pooler-ga.gov | |
| Project Manager's Name (if awarded) Leon Davenport | Title External Consultant | |

| Project Overview | | |
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| Project Name US 80 Corridor Study | | |
| Project Location Description (please also attach a location map) The project Corridor would be along US 80 from the Chatham County line to SR 21 in Garden City. | | |
| County (or counties) in which project is located Chatham | City (or cities), if any, in which project is located Pooler/Bloomingtondale/Garden City/Savannah | |
| <p>Proposal Description Summary</p> <p>The City of Pooler has seen tremendous growth over the last decade. Much of this growth has concentrated on Pooler Parkway, the gateway to most of the commercial activity and the Savannah International Airport. The study is necessary to evaluate the existing and future capacity and safety conditions of the corridor from the western point Chatham County to the eastern point (Dean Forest Road / SR 307). The project will require the collection of traffic data and projections based on current land use. These collections will be used to determine if the corridor will require safety and congestion improvements in the short term. The study will consider all forms of transportation including freight and pedestrian/bicycle movements. This study will help the City of Pooler establish goals for the corridor and assist with planning short term local projects and long-term projects through the CORE MPO. This project would also benefit from the current study underway by the CORE MPO on State Route 307 / Dean Forest Road</p> | | |
| Total Estimated Project Cost* | Federal CRRSAA Funds Requested | Local Match Available (optional) |
| \$285,000 | \$285,000 | \$0 |
| <i>*Please also be sure to fill out the Budget Detail Table at the end of this application.</i> | | |

Has your agency managed and completed other federal-aid transportation projects before?
(Choose one)

- 0 completed federal-aid projects

- 1 completed federal-aid project

- 2 completed federal-aid projects

- 3 or more completed federal-aid projects

Please list as many as three federal-aid projects completed by your agency, *preferably for projects that are similar to your proposal*:

| P.I. No. | Project Name | Sponsor's Project Manager |
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What agency will maintain the project after completion?

N/A

If a maintenance agreement is necessary, has it been executed? (Chose one) Y / N / **NA**
 If yes, please attach the agreement.

If the completed project will generate the need for operational funds, please describe the estimated annual cost and the status and source of funding for operations.

N/A

Will your project require purchase(s) or easement(s) for right-of-way (Choose one) Y / **N** / Maybe
 Additional information:

If other agencies or organizations are partnering with you on this application or on implementation of your proposal, please list and describe the nature and the status of any agreements (e.g. ROW donations or easements):

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Organization #1 | |
| Georgia Department of Transportation | |
| Contact Name | Contact Phone |
| TBD | TBD |
| Contact Email: TBD | |

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| Status of Agreement |
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| Organization #2 | |
| Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization | |
| Contact Name | Contact Phone |
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| Contact Email: | |
| Status of Agreement | |
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| Organization #3 | |
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| Contact Name | Contact Phone |
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| Contact Email: | |
| Status of Agreement | |
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If funding were available today, how much time do you estimate would be needed for any phases of your project that would be funded by this request:

| Phase(s) to be CRRSAA-funded | No. of Months |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Planning Study | 10 |
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Please list any necessary preliminary work that already *has been completed*, and provide dates (e.g. GDOT concept approval, FHWA environmental approval or categorical exclusion, etc.):

| Steps Completed | Date |
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Please describe status of any non-CRRSAA funded work that *still needs to be completed before the project or phase that would be funded by this request can begin* (e.g. if CRRSAA funds will fund only the construction phase, what is the status and schedule for the incomplete preliminary engineering and ROW phases?).

| Status of Steps to be carried out before CRRSAA-funded work begins | Estimated completion date |
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In 500 words or less, please describe what public benefits and efficiencies would be provided to our area by your proposed project/study. (For example, how does your project match the project ranking criteria such as freight connection, truck traffic, bridge rating, transit ridership, non-motorized connection, etc.? [\(Please reference the CORE MPO CRRSAA Grant Program Manual for project or study ranking criteria.\)](#))

The project would be in conjunction with many other studies that are happening in the area. The project corridor would interface with two other studies that are underway at this time. The SR 21 Access Management Plan sponsored by the City of Garden City and the SR 307 Corridor Study being sponsored by the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA).


Due to the commercial and freight growth being experienced by all of the jurisdictions along the corridor, proper corridor planning should be implemented. The GPA continues to see unprecedented growth and will further impact the roadways and properties along the US 80 corridor. To properly plan improvements through the CORE MPO, a study is necessary to not duplicate efforts between jurisdictions and prioritize improvements for optimal implementation.

The City of Pooler makes this application for the good of all the jurisdictions involved. The request

will be for the CORE MPO to initiate the project and the City of Pooler will oversee the implementation of the study if necessary. This would be a community wide project that again will provide a more efficient use of funds.

Project Sponsor Signature

SPONSOR


Signature (on hard copy)

09/30/2021
Date

ROBERT H Byer, Jr
Print Name

City Manager
Title

Please remember:

- To fill out the Detailed Budget Table, to the extent applicable, on the following page;
- To attach a letter from your governing board or other official who can commit the agency to the stated local match (if you wish to provide a local match to boost your application).
- To attach a Project Location Map;
- To attach information showing the Basis of your Cost Estimate.



Budget Detail for Proposal

Project Name:

| Activity | Desired Fiscal Year for TIP Programming (GDOT Fiscal Year) | Total Estimate | Requested CORE MPO CRRSAA Federal Funds (Maximum allowed is 100% of your total eligible costs.) | Local Match (if you wish to provide a local match to boost your application.) | Local Match Breakdown (by source) | |
|---|--|----------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | | | | | Amount A | Amount B |
| PE | | | | | | |
| ROW | | | | | | |
| Utilities | | | | | | |
| Construction | | | | | | |
| Other activity Specify: Planning Study | FY 2022 | \$285,000 | \$285,000 | \$0 | | |
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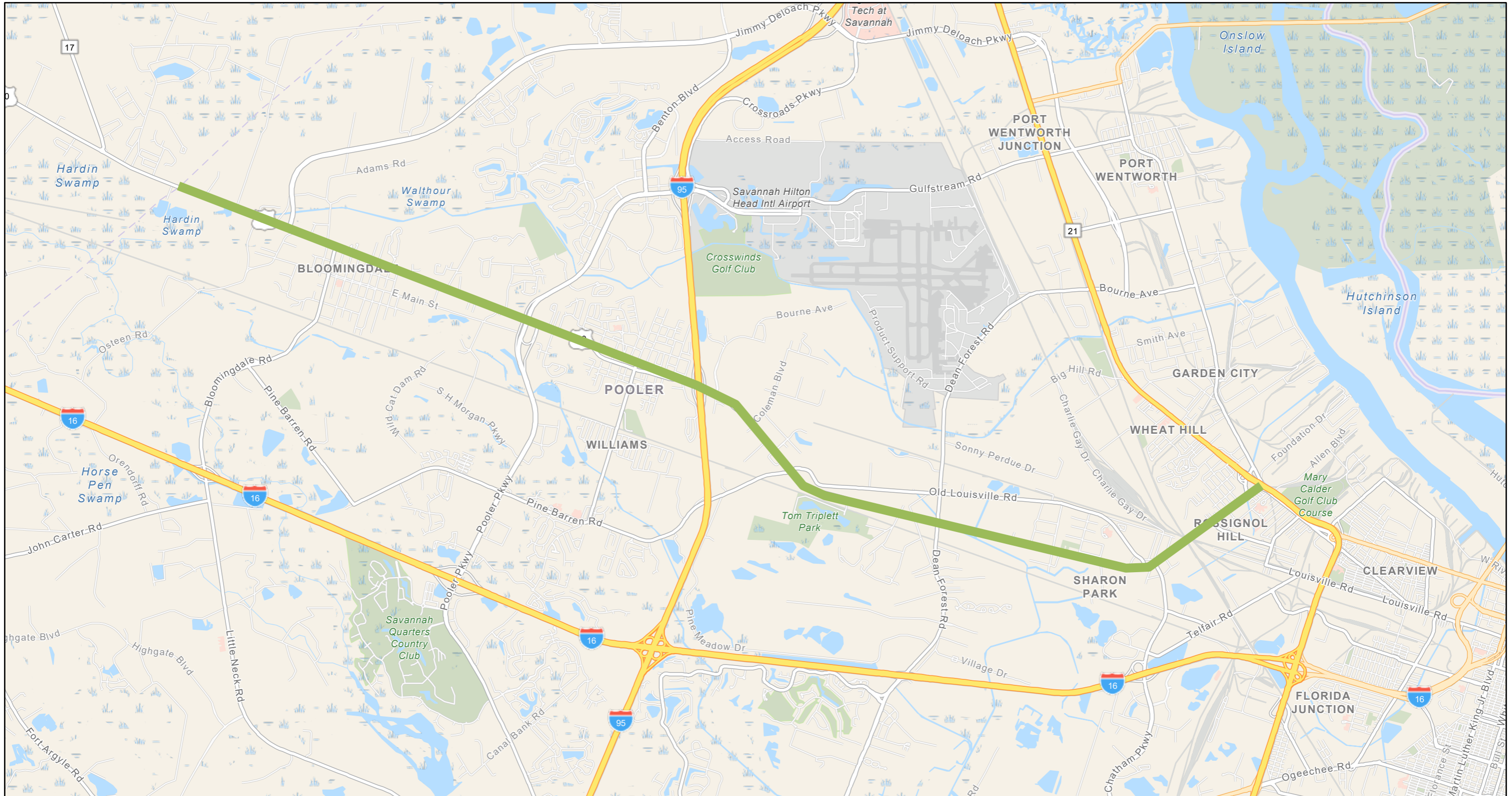


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| Total Amounts | \$285,000 | \$285,000 | \$0 | | | |
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*The first GDOT fiscal year in the MPO's current TIP is FY 2021, which begins July 1, 2020. The last year of the next TIP is FY 2024, which begins July 1, 2023.

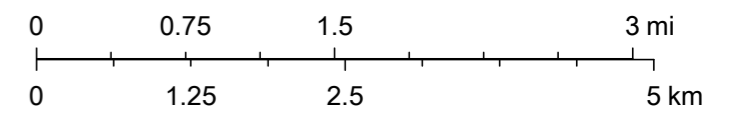
US 80 Study



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