



Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Urban Attributable (Y230) Funds

APPLICATION

AUGUST 2022

Send the electronic copy
of the completed application by:

5:00 p.m. on September 26, 2022

to:

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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.
 Y230 Z301
- Have you attached a letter from your governing board or official able to commit to the local match?
- 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?

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Urban Attributable (Y230) Funds

AUGUST 2022 CALL FOR PROJECTS

The Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) is conducting a competitive project selection process to award expected FY 2023 - 2027 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Urban Attributable (Y230) funds, provided through the act entitled Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58, also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” (BIL).

- **Expected Available Funds:**
 - FY 2023 = \$9,750,122 (federal portion)
 - FY 2024 = \$6,480,778 (federal portion)
 - FY 2025 = \$4,000,000 (federal portion)
 - FY 2026 = \$4,000,000 (federal portion)
 - FY 2027 = \$4,000,000 (federal portion)
- **Maximum Award for a project = available funds for that year (federal portion)**
- **Minimum Award for a Project = \$200,000 (federal portion)**
- **At least 20% of the eligible costs of the proposed project must be locally funded.**
(Previously incurred costs cannot be counted as part of the 20% match for the newly awarded federal funds.)

An applicant may request a minimum of **at least \$200,000 of federal funds**. The federal funding request in this application can represent no more than 80% of the total cost of the applicant’s proposal. For example, if an applicant requests \$1,000,000, and provides no more than the required 20% local match, he/she would be submitting a proposal totaling \$1,250,000.

- **Federal Requirements**

Applicants should keep in mind that using the STBG 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 STBG Urban Attributable 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 in FY 2023 and FY 2024, will be programmed in the CORE MPO’s FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024). Awarded projects in FY 2024 will be carried over to the FY 2024 – 2027 TIP as well. FY 2025 – 2027 funds will build the prioritized waiting list for projects to be included in the FY 2024 – 2027 TIP (revisit the prioritization during TIP development).**

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Once the project is programmed in the TIP and the awarded federal funding is authorized in the program year, the funds must be obligated within two years, otherwise the funds will be rescinded for use by other selected priority projects.

Please see CORE MPO Surface Transportation Block 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 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Manual for information on project eligibility.**

- Highway Improvements

- Bridge Improvements

- Transit Improvements

- Operational/Safety Improvements

- Bicycle / Pedestrian /Non-Motorized Improvements

- Planning Studies

- Other

Applicant Information		
Agency Name (i.e. agency that will manage implementation) Chatham County		Date 9/16/2022
Street Address 124 Bull Street	City, State Savannah, Ga	Zip Code 31401
Contact Person's Name Allen Blake	Title CE II	
Contact Person's Phone Number 912-652-7809	Contact Person's Email Address AlBlake@chathamcounty.org	
Project Manager's Name (if awarded) Allen Blake	Title CE II	

Project Overview		
Project Name Chevis Road Improvement Project		
Project Location Description (please also attach a location map) This project will improve 2.3 miles of Chevis Road between U.S. 17/S.R. 25/Ogeechee Road and Wild Heron Road		
County (or counties) in which project is located Chatham	City (or cities), if any, in which project is located N/A	
Proposal Description Summary The purpose of this project is to improve safety and connectivity for all road users to existing schools, commercial areas, bus stops and neighborhoods along Chevis Road between U.S.17/S.R. 25/Ogeechee Road and Wild Heron Road. The project is to reduce crashes and improve operational aspects of anticipated increasing vehicular traffic. The roadway will have increased lane widths with improved shoulders within the rural section and curb and gutter within the more urban section. Provisions for integrating improved bus transit stops, bicycle and pedestrian improvements that will improve access to alternative modes of transportation for local residents that best fit the corridor. The project will also consider drainage, lighting and water quality improvements along the corridor.		
Total Estimated Project Cost* \$ 13,000,000.00	Federal Y230 Funds Requested \$ 10,400,000.00	Local Match Available \$ 2,600,000.00
<i>*Please also be sure to fill out the Budget Detail Table at the end of this application.</i>		

Who is providing the local match?

Name of Agency or Organization	Source (e.g. particular CIP fund)
Chatham County	SPLOST

Please attach a letter signed by either your governing board or an official who can commit to the stated local match.

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
0522790	TRUMAN LINEAR PARK TRAIL, PHASE 2A	NATHANIEL PANTHER, P.E.
0017128	ISLAND'S EXPRESSWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT	NATHANIEL PANTHER, P.E.
0007631	JIMMY DELOACH PARKWAY, PHASE 2	NATHANIEL PANTHER, P.E.

What agency will maintain the project after completion?

Chatham County Public Works

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:

Right of Way and Easement acquisition will be managed to limit property impacts as much as possible. Intersection improvements and stormwater management will necessitate some additional Right of Way acquisition requirements.

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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):

Organization #1	
GDOT	
Contact Name	Contact Phone
Robert Johnson	470-747-2555
Contact Email: RobJohnson@dot.ga.gov	
Status of Agreement	
Approved Project Framework Agreement (PFA)- April 28, 2022	

Organization #2	
N/A	
Contact Name	Contact Phone
Contact Email:	
Status of Agreement	

Organization #3	
N/A	
Contact Name	Contact Phone
Contact Email:	
Status of Agreement	

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 Y230-funded	No. of Months
Right of Way Acquisition	18
Construction	22

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
N/A	

Please describe status of any non-Y230 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 Y230 funds + Local Match 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 Y230-funded work begins	Estimated completion date
Preliminary Engineering	9/31/2023
Right of Way Acquisition	4/31/2025

In 500 words or less, please describe what public benefits and efficiencies would be provided to our area by your proposed project. (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 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Manual for project ranking criteria.)

Federal Process Knowledge and Experience - Chatham County has extensive experience in constructing and managing federal-aid projects. Most recently constructing the Truman Linear Park Trail Phase 2A that was 3.312 miles of new trail constructed both along existing roads and on new alignment.

Project's Feasibility - The Preliminary evaluation of the corridor has not encountered any environmental or historical issues to hinder the development of the project. Sufficient planning alternatives are available within the corridor to allow the project to proceed.

Plan Consistency - Project ranked #1 on CORE's call for transportation projects.

Implementation Status (Phases and Preparation) - The project Preliminary Engineering Phase is underway with the NTP issued on 9/7/2021. The project is on schedule.

Non-motorized Access - The Multipurpose Trail will provide much needed safe access for pedestrian and bicycles to businesses and schools in the area.

Multi-modal Connectivity - The proposed trail provides safe connections to neighborhoods and the existing CAT transit stops located on Chevis Rd.

Transit Services - Transit stops currently located on Chevis Road do not provide shelter facilities or adequate areas for bus pull off. Transit stop improvements will be considered as a part of the design plan.

Safety - The multi-purpose trail will greatly improve safety. The trail will provide a well designed pathway separating pedestrian and bicycle travel from motorized vehicular traffic to provide safe connection to transit, commercial and school facilities.

Project Sponsor Signature

SPONSOR

Suzanne Cooler
Signature (on hard copy)

9/23/2022
Date

Suzanne Cooler
Print Name

County Engineer
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.
- To attach a Project Location Map;
- To attach information showing the Basis of your Cost Estimate.



Budget Detail for Proposal

Project Name:

Chevis Road Improvement Project

Activity	Desired Fiscal Year for TIP Programming (GDOT Fiscal Year) *	Total Estimate	Requested CORE MPO Y230 Federal Funds (Maximum allowed is 80% of your total eligible costs.)	Local Match (Minimum required is 20% of your total eligible costs.)	Local Match Breakdown (by source)							
					Amount A	Amount B	Amount C					
PE	2021* 2022**	\$ 400,000* \$1,500,000**										
ROW	2023*** 2025	\$1,500,000*** \$1,000,000	\$800,000	\$200,000			SPLOST					
Utilities												
Construction	2026	\$12,000,000	\$9,600,000	\$2,400,000			SPLOST					
Other activity Specify:												
Other activity Specify:												
Other activity Specify:												
Total Amounts		\$16,400,000	\$10,400,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,800,000		SPLOST					

Please use this area to explain whether other grants or sources (not already shown above) are dedicated either to the proposed phase or to future phases, of your project.

*2021 - PE Z301 TAP - \$320,000
 **2022 - PE CRRSAA - \$77,897
 ***2033 - RIGHT OF WAY - TAP - \$1,036,604 & Z230 - \$163,396

*The GDOT fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. For example, FY 2024 starts on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024.



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September 16, 2022

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Subject: Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Urban Attributable (Y230) Funds -
Commitment of Stated Local Match for the Chevis Road Improvement Project

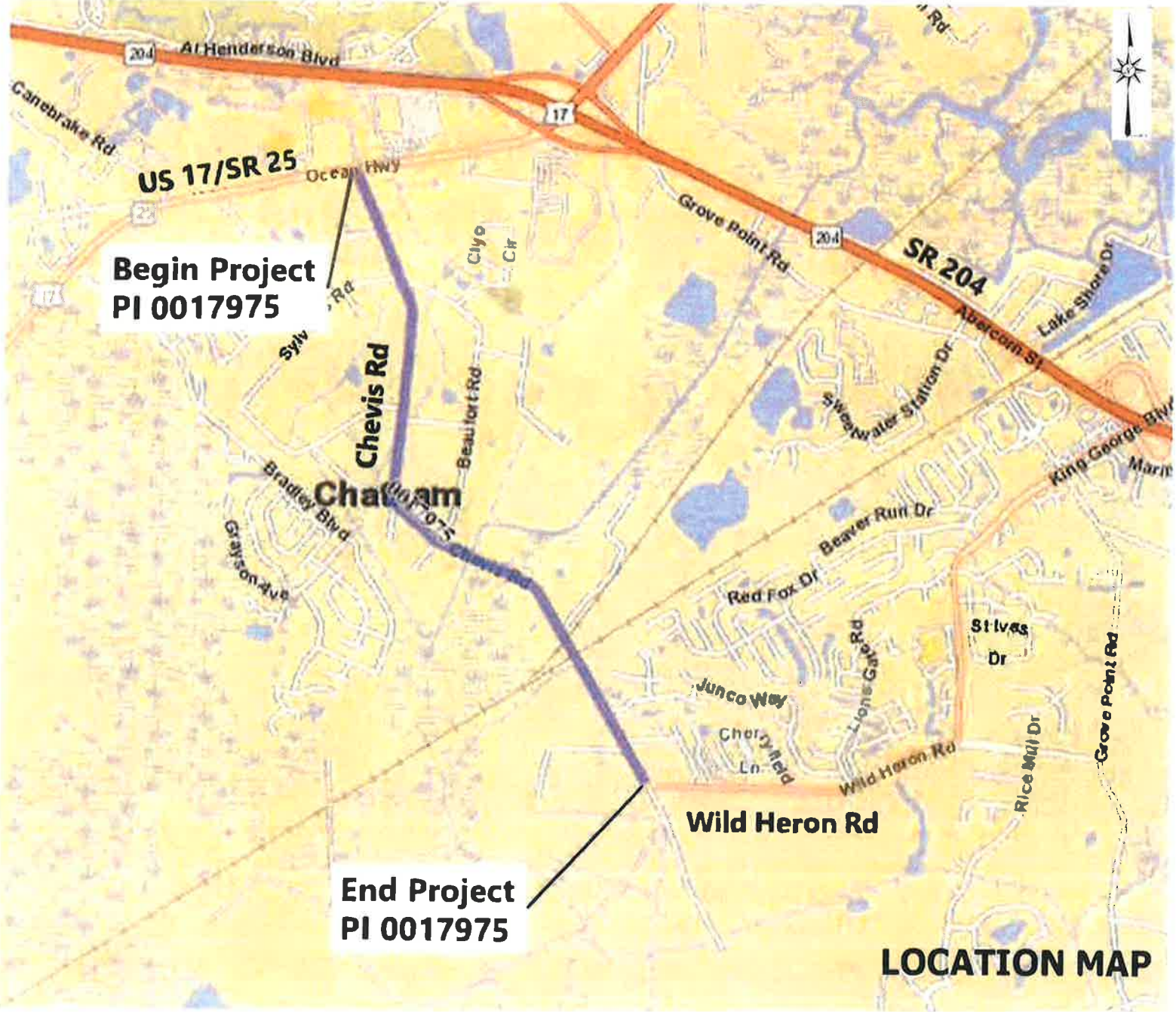
Dear Ms. Champion:

This letter is written to confirm that Chatham County has Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds available to provide the required local funds of \$2,600,000 to match the \$10,400,000 STBG funds requested for this project. If you have any questions, please call Allen Blake at (912) 652-7800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Suzanne Cooler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Suzanne Cooler, P.E.
County Engineer



**Begin Project
PI 0017975**

**End Project
PI 0017975**

LOCATION MAP

Chevis Road
Concept Level Cost Estimates

Construction Cost Estimate	
Category	Estimate
Traffic Control	\$ 330,000.00
Grading Complete	\$ 1,300,000.00
New Pavement and curb and gutter	\$ 5,200,000.00
Erosion Control	\$ 350,000.00
Water Quality	\$ 650,000.00
Drainage	\$ 750,000.00
Sidewalk	\$ 850,000.00
Sign/Marking	\$ 200,000.00
Fence/Walls/Handrail	\$ 350,000.00
Railroad crossing	\$ 180,000.00
Bridges/Boardwalk	\$ 350,000.00
Lighting	\$ 400,000.00
Subtotal	<u>\$ 10,910,000.00</u>
10% contingency	<u>\$ 1,091,000.00</u>
Total Estimated Cost	<u>\$ 12,001,000.00</u>