



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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Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission  
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Savannah, GA 31401

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**Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program**

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANTS

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|---|---|
| X | Have you answered all applicable questions in the application?                                      |
| X | Has the appropriate person signed the application?  |
| X | Have you filled out the detailed budget table on the last page of this application?                 |
| X | Please indicate the sources of funding you are requesting for this project.                         |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Y230 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Z301                              |
| X | Have you attached a letter from your governing board or official able to commit to the local match? |
| X | Have you attached a project location map?   |
| X | Have you attached information demonstrating the basis of your project's cost estimate?              |
| X | 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).**

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) City of Savannah		Date 9/26/2022
Street Address 2 East Bay Street	City, State Savannah, Georgia	Zip Code 31401
Contact Person's Name Steve Henry	Title Director, Mobility Services	
Contact Person's Phone Number 912-651-6600	Contact Person's Email Address <a href="mailto:Shenry@savannahga.gov">Shenry@savannahga.gov</a>	
Project Manager's Name (if awarded) Steve Henry	Title Director, Mobility Services	

Project Overview		
Project Name I-516 @ CS 1503 DeRenne Avenue		
Project Location Description (please also attach a location map) Construction of a new four-lane divided connector from I-516 to a realigned White Bluff Road with a direct connection to Hunter Army Airfield as a multi-use facility.		
County (or counties) in which project is located Chatham	City (or cities), if any, in which project is located Savannah	
<p>Proposal Description Summary</p> <p>The project provides for a direct flyover connection from I-516 to White Bluff Road that will improve access thru the DeRenne Avenue corridor and Hunter Army Airfield. The project is currently going through an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Draft EIS was accepted by FHWA in 2021.</p> <p>Right of Way authorization is expected to occur in calendar year 2024 for the project. A revised traffic study, revised Interchange Justification Report and extended outreach to the Environmental Justice community are underway.</p>		
Total Estimated Project Cost*	Federal Y230 Funds Requested	Local Match Available
\$78,745,000	\$1,202,000	\$300,400
<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)
City of Savannah	Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax
City of Savannah	General CIP Funds

***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
008358	I-516 at CS 1503 / DeRenne Avenue	Barry Stanton
0010028	Delesseps / LaRoche Avenue Improvements	Barry Stanton
0015306	Truman Linear Park Trail, Phase II Part B	Nick Deffley

**What agency will maintain the project after completion?**

City of Savannah \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**

FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE FACILITY WILL COME FROM CITY OF SAVANNAH GENERAL FUNDS. THIS WILL BE PROGRAMMED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS DURING THE CITY OF SAVANNAH'S BUDGET PROCESS.

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

A NEW RIGHT OF WAY COST ESTIMATE WAS RECENTLY PREPARED FOR THE PROJECT. RIGHT OF WAY WILL BE REQUIRED AND ACQUISITIONS CANNOT OCCUR UNTIL A RECORD OF DECISION AND RIGHT OF WAY AUTHORIZATION IS GRANTED BY THE GDOT.

**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	
Contact Name	Contact Phone
Contact Email:	
Status of Agreement	

Organization #2	
Contact Name	Contact Phone
Contact Email:	
Status of Agreement	

Organization #3	
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	36

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
Concept Report Approved	2/27/2015
Preliminary Field Plan Review	6/26/2019
Draft Environmental Impact Statement	12/1/2021

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
Record of Decision (FHWA)	August 2024




**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.)

THE DERENNE AVENUE CORRIDOR IS ONE OF THE WORST LOCAL TRAFFIC CONGESTION CORRIDORS IN THE CITY OF SAVANNAH. THE SEGMENT BETWEEN MONTGOMERY STREET AND ABERCORN STREET CARRIES IN EXCESS OF 50,000 VEHICLES PER DAY. THE CORRIDOR IS A MAJOR ENTRY POINT FOR HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD AND THE MAJOR ACCESS POINT FOR THE AREAS ONLY LEVEL 1 TRAUMA CENTER (MEMORIAL HOSPITAL). THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE GREAT RELIEF OF CONGESTION FOR MOTORISTS AND ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC VITALITY OF THE CORRIDOR BY PROVIDING A MORE FAVORABLE CORRIDOR FOR FREIGHT. VEHICULAR CRASHES AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WILL BE ENHANCED BY REROUTING TRAFFIC TO THE WHITE BLUFF ROAD CORRIDOR. MOBILITY AND CONNECTIVITY FOR OTHER MODES OF TRANSPORTATION WILL ALSO BE ENHANCED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR BICYCLES WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MULTI-USE FACILITY ALONG THE BOULEVARD SECTION. THIS WILL ULTIMATELY PROVIDE BETTER BICYCLE CONNECTIVITY TO HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD AND ULTIMATELY TO THE TIDE TO TOWN FACILITY. THIS PROJECT WAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RANKED PRIORITIES IN THE 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

**Project Sponsor Signature**

SPONSOR

  
Signature (on hard copy)

9/26/2022

Date

Stephen Henry

Print Name

Director, Mobility Services

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;

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- 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 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	Source A	Amount B	Source B	Amount C	Source C
PE	FY 2022 (total of all authorizations )	\$10,202,000 (funds previously authorized for the project)								
ROW	FY 2025	\$25,610,000	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$14,307,636	Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax	\$7,302,364	Previous funds authorized through the CORE MPO call for projects.		
Utilities	N/A	\$2,558,000				Funds to be determined at a later date.				
Construction	FY 2025	\$40,375,000				Funds to be determined at a later date.				
Other activity Specify:										
Other activity Specify:										
Other activity Specify:										
Total Amounts		\$78,745,000	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$14,307,636					
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.										

\*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.

## Additional Outreach Cost Estimate

FINAL DESIGN - 0008358						
0.0 R/W Replenishment	3.5%	\$ 261,000.00	2.5%	\$ 6,525.00	\$ -	
1.0 Project Management and Administration	3.8%	\$ 290,000.00	32.0%	\$ 92,800.00	\$ 5,800.00	
2.0 Topographic Survey/Database Updates	1.0%	\$ 72,000.00	100.0%	\$ 72,000.00	\$ -	
3.0 Right-of-Way Plans	1.1%	\$ 85,000.00	64.0%	\$ 54,400.00	\$ -	
4.0 Final Roadway Design Plans	10.1%	\$ 761,000.00	51.5%	\$ 391,915.00	\$ -	
5.0 Final Structural Design Plans	8.5%	\$ 643,000.00	23.5%	\$ 151,105.00	\$ -	
6.0 Stormwater Management	1.4%	\$ 102,000.00	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	
7.0 Geotechnical Services	1.4%	\$ 103,000.00	67.0%	\$ 69,010.00	\$ -	
8.0 Environmental Document Re-Evaluation #1	3.0%	\$ 225,000.00	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	
9.0 Environmental Document Re-Evaluation #2	1.5%	\$ 110,000.00	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	
10.0 Pre-Construction Services	0.7%	\$ 50,000.00	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	
11.0 Shop Drawings	0.7%	\$ 50,000.00	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	

Task #	Task Name	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Budget Difference
8.0	Environmental Document Re-Evaluation #1	\$225,000	\$124,050	-\$100,950
9.0	Environmental Document Re-Evaluation #2	\$110,000	\$0	-\$110,000
12.0 (new task)	FHWA Public Involvement Plan & FEIS Update	\$0	\$210,950	+\$210,950





## DERENNE AVENUE EXHIBIT





September 26, 2022

Georgia Department of Transportation  
ATTN: Samuel Williams  
P.O. Box 610,  
Jesup Ga. 31598

RE: Funding Match Confirmation Letter – DeRenne Avenue

Mr. Williams,

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that the City of Savannah, Georgia will commit the funds for the projected match of \$300,400 for the referenced project. This will be for the PE portion of the project due to added EIS requirements by FHWA. Additional federal funding will be sought as the project moves forward.

Please contact me should you have any questions regarding this letter or the submitted application for the project.

If you have any question or concerns, please free to contact this office at 912-651-6600.

Sincerely,

Stephen N. Henry  
Director, Mobility Services  
City of Savannah