



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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Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program

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 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).**

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 Green Island Road Multipurpose Trail		
Project Location Description (please also attach a location map) The multipurpose trail is to be constructed adjacent to Green Island Road on Skidaway Island. (See attached map)		
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 Green Island Road Trail project will be a multi-purpose trail that runs 2.1 miles adjacent to Green Island Road and connects with an existing multi-purpose trail on Diamond Causeway linking neighborhoods and a commercial center. The design is to utilize "Complete Streets" criteria to enable safe, attractive and comfortable access and travel for users such as pedestrians, bicyclists, golf carts and those with a disability. This enhanced connectivity will encourage non-motorized transportation alternatives and provide a better quality of life for residents.		
Total Estimated Project Cost*	Federal Y230 Funds Requested	Local Match Available
\$3,025,000.00	\$2,420,000.00	\$ 605,000.00
<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 Department of Public Works

If a maintenance agreement is necessary, has it been executed? (Chose one) / / N/A
 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.

Chatham County will incorporate this trail into the Public Works inventory and will manage and maintain the trail as it currently does on nearby Diamond Causeway. Swales and ditches will be managed and inspected as a part of the County's MS4 inventory.

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

Additional information:

Based on preliminary evaluation the multipurpose path can be constructed on the existing 150 ft wide Green Island Road right of way.

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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	
N/A	
Contact Name	Contact Phone
Contact Email:	
Status of Agreement	

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
Preliminary Engineering	24
Construction	18

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
Request for Pre-Qualification for Design Engineering of Green Island Road Multipurpose Trail - Phase 1 is complete	Aug 8, 2022
Request for Pre-Qualification for Design Engineering of Green Island Road Multipurpose Trail - Phase 2 is in process	In Progress

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
N/A	

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.)

Safety and Security - This path will accommodate pedestrians, bicycles and golf carts that would otherwise be on the road or on the grass shoulder, increasing the safety of the corridor for all users. It will create an opportunity for those in the surrounding communities to walk or bike to the commercial center for shopping, enhancing livability and quality of life. Visitors to the nearby State Park will be able to walk or bike from Diamond Causeway to the end of Green Island Road and back.

Accessibility, Mobility and Connectivity - The proposed path will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will connect with the existing multi-use path on Diamond Causeway which runs from the Church parking lot near Skidaway Island Park Road to Lake Street where it joins a path along Lake Street to various shops, offices, churches and a grocery store. The existing path continues along Diamond Causeway to the intersection of McWhorter Drive and Green Island Road.

Environment and Quality of Life - The proposed path provides residents with a safe place to walk or bike from their community along the main road to the commercial center or other neighborhoods should decrease the number of trips needed by car reducing vehicle emissions and improving air and water quality. The project should have minimal to no impact on environmental, cultural, historic or community resources due to the project being constructed on existing right of way. The project will not adversely impact environmental justice communities

State of Good Repair - Benefit Cost - The existing right of way is in sufficient condition to construct the proposed path. The cost to provide this new non-motorized path will be minimal compared to the average transportation project that separates motorized and non-motorized mobility.

Project Sponsor Signature

SPONSOR

Suzanne Cooler
Signature (on hard copy)

9/26/22
Date

Suzanne Cooler
Name

Print

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: **Green Island Road Multipurpose Trail**

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	2023	\$495,000.00	\$396,000.00	\$99,000.00	SPLST		
ROW	N/A						
Utilities	2025	\$0					
Construction	2026	\$2,530,000.00	\$2,024,000.00	\$506,000.00	SPLST		
Other activity Specify:							
Other activity Specify:							
Other activity Specify:							
Total Amounts		\$3,025,000.00	\$2,420,000.00	\$605,000.00	SPLST		

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.



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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 Green Island Road Multipurpose Trail Project

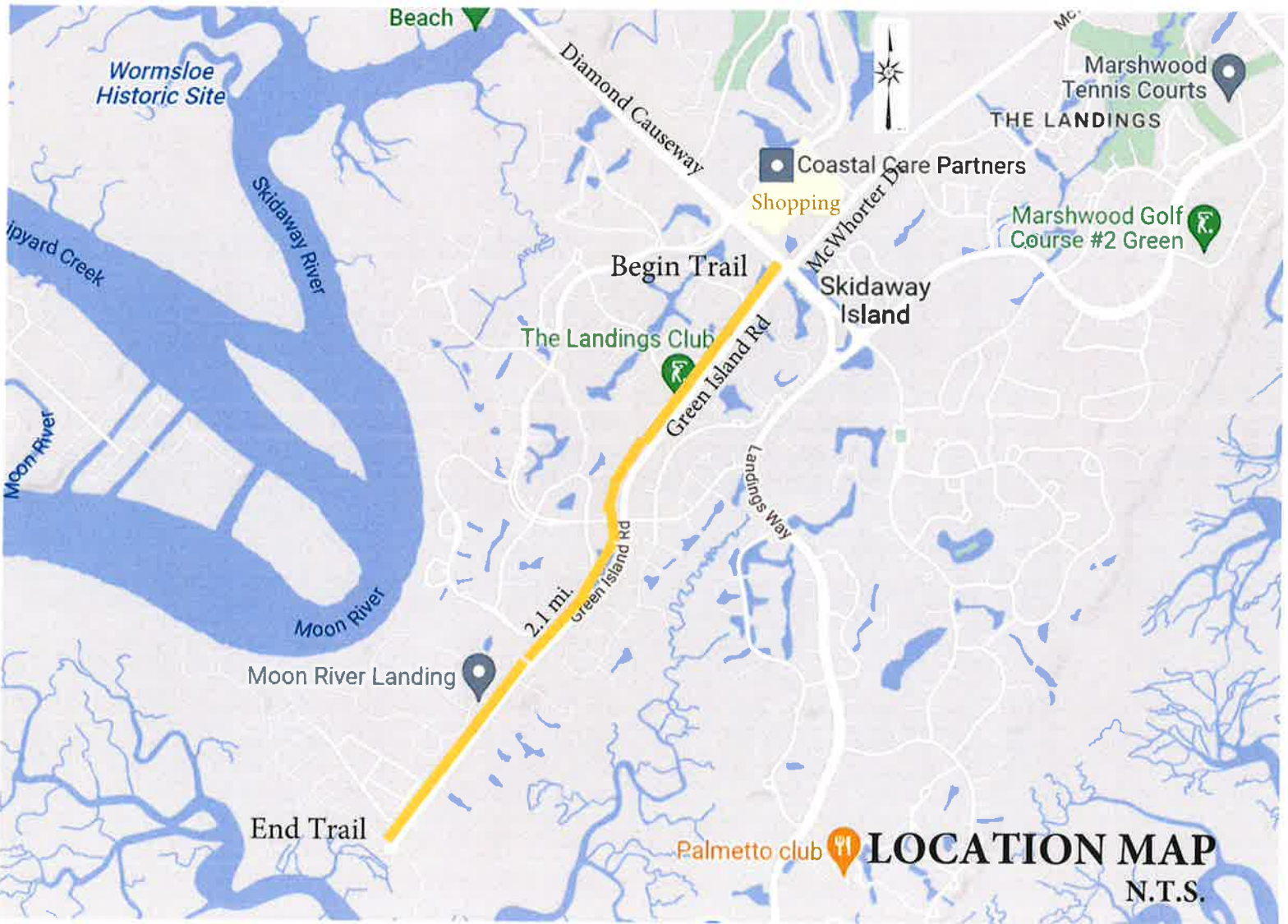
Dear Ms. Champion:

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 \$605,000 to match the \$2,420,000 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 style.

Suzanne Cooler, P.E.
County Engineer



Green Island Road Trail
Concept Level Cost Estimate:

Preliminary Engineering Cost Estimate

Category	Estimate
Concept Preparation	100,000
Traffic/ Env/ Geotech Studies	100,000
Preliminary Design	100,000
Right of Way Plans	50,000
Final Design	50,000
Bid Preparation	50,000
Subtotal	<u>450,000</u>
10% Contingency	45,000
Total Estimated Cost	495,000

Construction Cost Estimate

Category	Estimate
Traffic Control	100,000
Grading Complete	500,000
Erosion Control	150,000
Water Quality	100,000
Drainage	50,000
Sidewalk	600,000
Sign/Marking	100,000
Fence/Walls/Handrail	200,000
Bridges/Boardwalk	200,000
Lighting	300,000
Subtotal	<u>2,300,000</u>
10% contingency	230,000
Total Estimated Cost	2,530,000