Agreement for Management of SPLOST Funds between the City of Savannah and the Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission

Whereas, the City of Savannah and Chatham County have expressed a joint interest and commitment to remove the I-16 Flyover to recreate the street and land use patterns historically found in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Montgomery Street areas; and

Whereas, the Georgia Department of Transportation conducted a study that recommended the removal of the I-16 Flyover along with the construction of certain street connections and improvements would be feasible from a traffic perspective; and

Whereas, Chatham County has committed \$1,000,000 in current Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds for the purpose of conducting studies and preliminary engineering for the I-16 Flyover Removal Project; and

Whereas, SPLOST revenues will not be available for this project until after January 1, 2011; and

Whereas, the City of Savannah, Savannah Development and Renewal Authority and the Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission seek \$250,000 to proceed with a study to determine options for reestablishment of the street and land use patterns, ascertain economic opportunities which would result from these changes and the values of the developable lands created, and prepare concept engineering for new infrastructure needed to replace the flyover connections; and

Whereas, the City of Savannah has agreed to provide \$250,000 to the Chatham County-Savarınah Metropolitan Planning Commission for the purpose of advancing the I-16 Flyover Removal Project and conducting the study as described; and

Whereas, Chatham County agrees to reimburse the amount of \$250,000 from SPLOST funds on January 1, 2011 to the City of Savannah; and

Now, Therefore The City of Savannah and the Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission enter into the following agreement:

 The City of Savannah shall provide \$250,000 to the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission for the purpose of advancing the I-16 Flyover Removal Project.

- 2. The Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission will commence the I-16 Flyover Removal Project within 30 days of the execution of the federal grant agreement.
- 3. The Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission Executive Director will act as the project agent and manager for the I-16 Flyover Removal Project.
- 4. Payment of Funds: The payment by the City of Savannah to the Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission shall be used to match federal grants. In return, the Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission will provide \$250,000 of matched federal funds to conduct the I-16 Flyover Removal Project. The remaining funds will match other grants for local transportation projects required under the federal planning laws.
- 5. The City of Savannah shall produce through the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission a study of the I-16 Flyover Removal sufficient and consistent with Georgia DOT procedures.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and MPC have caused this agreement to be duly executed by their proper officers and so attested with their corporate seals affixed hereto set forth in multiple originals as of the date written above.

CHATHAM COUNTY – SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

By_

Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director

ATTEST:

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN, CITY OF SAVANNAH

By_

Michael B. Brown, City Manager

ATTEST: