



## AGENDA ITEM

### Consent Agenda

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**REPORT TO:** Work Session (03/20/23)

**REPORT TO:** Voting Meeting (03/23/23)

**ITEM NO:** 144/2023

**SUBJECT:** Approve the ratification of the Congressionally Directed Spending application for Public Works & Utilities for the replacement of various roadway culverts throughout Hall County's transportation network in the amount of \$3,000,000.00, and if awarded, appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents subject to approval by the County Attorney. A 20% cash match is required.

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#### Meetings:

**Work Session Date:** 03/20/23

**Voting Meeting Date:** 03/23/23

#### Executive Summary:

**Presenter:** BN

**Recommendation:**

Approve the ratification of the Congressionally Directed Spending application for the Public Works & Utilities for the replacement of failing and substandard roadway culverts to enhance the safety and reliability of Hall County's transportation network in the amount of \$3,000,000.00, and if awarded, appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents subject to approval by the County Attorney. A 20% cash match is required.

**Purpose of Request:**

Approve the ratification of the Congressionally Directed Spending application for the Public Works & Utilities for the replacement of failing and substandard roadway culverts to enhance the safety and reliability of Hall County's transportation network in the amount of \$3,000,000.00, and if awarded, appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents subject to approval by the County Attorney. A 20% cash match is required.

**History:**

This is Hall County's first application applying for Congressional Directed Spending through the office of Senator Jon Ossoff. Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests will be considered by Senator Ossoff for FY 2024. These are high-impact projects located in Georgia that can be jumpstarted or reach completion with assistance from the Federal Government.

**Facts and Issues:**

**Options:**

The Hall County Safe Passage Initiative represents a crucial investment of Federal taxpayer dollars for several compelling reasons. First and foremost, the current state of the culverts in Hall County poses an urgent safety hazard to both local residents and businesses. Their replacement will enhance transportation safety and reliability, thus preventing potential accidents and lowering the need for costly emergency repairs in the future.

Moreover, the project's economic impact is significant, benefiting businesses, emergency responders, and commuters who depend on the affected transportation routes. The direct benefit of the initiative is projected to reach over 10,000 individuals, and many more will be indirectly affected. Consequently, this program will foster continued growth and development in the region, ultimately contributing to the overall economic prosperity of the wider state of Georgia.

Finally, the costs of emergency repairs for the current culverts have already exceeded an overwhelming \$2.5 million dollars since October 2020. By contrast, the Hall County Safe Passage Initiative takes a proactive and cost-effective approach to address the infrastructure needs of the region. By doing so, this initiative not only mitigates the likelihood of future costly emergency repairs but also minimizes the possibility of litigation related to accidents resulting from deteriorating culverts.

In summary, the Hall County Safe Passage Initiative is a highly strategic investment of Federal taxpayer dollars, offering substantial economic and safety benefits to the local community. It provides a vital step towards maintaining up-to-date and reliable transportation infrastructure in Georgia while supporting the continued growth and development of the region.

<b>Funding Requested</b>	\$ 600,000.00
<b>Are funds within current budget?</b>	No
<b>Source of Funds</b>	SPLOST VIII / Capital Projects
<b>Does the action involve a Resolution, Ordinance, Contract, Agreement, etc.?</b>	No
<b>Has it been reviewed by the County Attorney?</b>	Yes
<b>Is there a deadline for this item?</b>	

**Approvals:**

<b>Grants Staff</b>	<b>Submit</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Grants</b>
JW	BN	BN	JW
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<b>Attorney</b>	<b>Administration</b>
EW	WG	WLI	CR
<b>Clerk</b>			
JR			

**Attachments:**

- Financial Supplement
- Location Map of Sites
- Safe Passage Initiative Culvert Replacement Program Sites



**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENT REPORT**

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**Funds Requested:** \$ 600,000.00

**Request Budgeted:** No

**Proposed Source of Funding:**

**Budget Transfer Requested:**

SPLOST VIII / Capital Projects

No

**Funding Source Items:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2024	017 - GRANTS	TBD	6009 - INFRASTRUCTURE	\$2,400,000.00
2024	017 - GRANTS	TBD	3702 - US FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	\$-3,000,000.00
2024	028 - SPLOST VIII	1816 - SP-VIII CULVERT REPLACE	5009 - INFRASTRUCTURE	\$400,000.00
2024	005 - CAPITAL PROJECTS	536 - ENGINEERING	6009 - INFRASTRUCTURE	\$200,000.00

**Budget Transfer Items:**

**Additional Information/Comments:**

**Contact for Questions:** BN

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