

Council Members

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Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

March 31, 2026
9:00 AM
Consent Agenda / Work Session

CONSENT AGENDA/WORK SESSION

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Wayne Anthony - St. Peter United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes for the March 24, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

ORDINANCES:

2. **2nd Reading:** An ordinance amending Section 2-3.02. of the Columbus Code to insert a new paragraph (c) which provides that members of the Columbus Airport Commission may be residents of Muscogee County or any adjacent county; and for other lawful purposes. (Councilors Davis and Crabb)

RESOLUTIONS:

3. A resolution expressing the Council's intent with respect to Airport Commission residency requirements. (Councilor Crabb)

4. A resolution excusing Councilor Byron Hickey from the March 31, 2026, Consent Agenda / Work Session.

WORK SESSION AGENDA

- I. State of the Fire & EMS Department - Sal Scarpa, Chief, Fire & EMS
- II. Clerk of Council Operations Update - Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council
- III. Project Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code, Vance Beck, Director, Engineering, Will Johnson, Director, Planning
- IV. Short Term Rental Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of minutes for the March 24, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

Council Chambers
C. E. “Red” McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

March 24, 2026
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR’S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors John Anker, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff, and Toyia Tucker. Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: N/A

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) CM#5(A): The Probate Court Budget FY26 & FY27 Budget Review and City Council; (2) COC#7: Columbus Botanical Garden Columbus City Council Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) CM#5(A): Email Correspondence, Re: Probate Court Budget; (2) PA#7: Upatoi Ridge Adventure Preserve; (3) PA#14: Transparency and Public Trust; (4) PA#15: Moratorium on Project Ruby; (5) COC#1: Travel Authorization Request; (6) COC#7: Documents Submitted by Columbus Botanical Garden

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Reverend Daniel Potter, Minister to Students – First Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes for the March 10, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. Proclamation: Let's Grow STEAMx

Receiving: Robbie Branscomb, CEO of Let's Grow STEAMx, and STEAMx Community Members

Councilor Travis Chambers read the proclamation into the record proclaiming February 10, 2026 as *Let's Grow STEAMx Day*, recognizing the organization's 10-year anniversary and its impact on over 25,000 students through STEAM education, college and career readiness, workforce development, and community engagement in the Columbus region.

3. Proclamation: National Community Development Week

Receiving: Robert Scott, Director of Community Reinvestment

Councilor Bruce Huff read the proclamation into the record proclaiming April 6-10, 2026 as *National Community Development Week*, recognizing the importance of community development programs that support affordable housing, economic opportunity, neighborhood revitalization, and improved quality of life for residents in Columbus.

4. Proclamation: Jordyn Hunter Appreciation

Receiving: Jordyn Hunter

Councilor Bruce Huff read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Friday, April 10, 2026 as *Jordyn Hunter Appreciation Day*, recognizing her contributions to the Community Reinvestment Department through her service in the Mayor's Summer Youth Program, including enhancing the department's website and supporting community engagement initiatives.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance (26-007) - 2nd Reading- REZN-11-25-2091: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2055 Old Guard Road** (parcel # 074-001-008) from Residential Estate – 1 (RE1) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to amend, adding

the same site plan and landscape plan conditions as 2045 Old Guard Road, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Davis made a motion to amend, adding a condition requiring that if the subject property is not developed in accordance with the approved site plans within 24 months of the adoption of the ordinance, the property will revert to their prior zoning classifications, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- 2. Ordinance (26-008) - 2nd Reading-REZN-02-26-0208:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2045 Old Guard Road** (parcel # 079-001-045) from SFR4 (Single Family Residential 4) Zoning District with conditions to SFR4 (Single Family Residential 4) Zoning District with amended conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (As amended on 1st Reading) (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Davis made a motion to amend, adding a condition requiring that if the subject property is not developed in accordance with the approved site plans within 24 months of the adoption of the ordinance, the property will revert to their prior zoning classifications, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for staff to evaluate and provide options to improve pedestrian safety and traffic calming on Old Guard Road. (*Councilor Tucker*)

- 3. Ordinance (26-009) - 2nd Reading:** An ordinance amending Article I of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code to insert a new code section which defines nonprofit community handmade and artisan events sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation; to clarify applicable permit requirements; to provide for a fee waiver; and for other lawful purposes. (Councilors Cogle and Garrett) Councilor Garrett made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. FY26 Budget Update – Judge Marc D’Antonio, Probate Court

Finance Director Angelica Alexander explained that pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, departments or elected officials anticipating exceeding their budgeted appropriations must come before Council to request additional funding. He stated that while Probate Court is not yet on the watch list, expenditure trends indicate it may be soon.

Judge Marc D’Antonio, Probate Court requested an increase to the Probate Court’s operating budget to approximately \$81,000 for FY26, citing rising costs, while maintaining that the court remains efficient and fully staffed. He requested an additional \$19,655 in funding for FY26 to cover increased operating expenses,

Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve an additional \$19,655 in funding for the Probate Court’s FY26 Operating Budget, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA (continued)

4. 1st Reading: An ordinance amending Section 2-3.02. of the Columbus Code to insert a new paragraph (c) which provides that members of the Columbus Airport Commission may be residents of Muscogee County or any adjacent county; and for other lawful purposes. (Councilors Davis and Crabb)

A request was made by **Councilor Glenn Davis** to include in the upcoming legislative agenda a proposal to adjust board composition to ensure majority representation from Muscogee County, specifically by designating three members from Muscogee County and two from adjacent counties.

However, it was stated by **City Attorney Clifton Fay** that such a change may not be feasible, as the provision is governed by a constitutional amendment that cannot be modified by the legislature and may only be repealed by voters. He explained that while Council cannot change the number of board members established by the amendment, it does retain discretion through ordinance in appointing members.

Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore requested that a resolution be prepared to establish guidance or limitations on board membership representation, ensuring clear and accessible documentation in the official record for future reference.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

-A request was made to amend the Airport Authority bylaws to limit representation from outside counties to one member. (*Councilor Tucker*)

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

-A request was made for a resolution to be listed on March 31, 2026, expressing Council's preference to limit appointments to individuals that reside outside Muscogee County. (*Councilor Crabb*)

RESOLUTIONS

5. Resolution (073-26) - A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia (the "Council"), authorizing the issuance of \$135,435,000 Columbus Georgia, Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2026; to authorize the Mayor and other officials of Columbus to take such further actions as are necessary to provide for the sale, issuance and delivery of such bonds for the purpose of refunding certain Series 2014A bonds and Series 2016 bonds as defined herein; to ratify the execution and delivery of a bond purchase agreement relating to the sale of such bonds; and for other purposes. (Request of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners) Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

President and Chief Executive Officer of Columbus Water Works Jeremy Cummings informed Council that Columbus Water Works plans to enter the bond market to fund capital improvement projects, primarily to address PFAS treatment requirements mandated by Georgia EPD by 2029, along with other infrastructure upgrades.

Brian Huskey, Managing Director of Stifel Public Finance, reported a strong bond market outcome, with approximately \$350 million in orders received for a \$135 million issuance from 59 institutions.

David Corbin Founder, Chief Executive Officer SMC Terminus reported strong market confidence, with approximately \$360 million in orders and favorable conditions allowing the city to secure 30-year bonds at a competitive 4.18% rate, comparable to current 10-year Treasury rates.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Miss. Emily Downs, Re: Chattahoochee Dam Alarm Notification on Riverwalk (*Rescheduled from 03-10-2026*) **Not Present**
2. Ms. Tracy Doughty, Re: Concerns regarding Project Ruby and the introduction of data centers within Muscogee County. **Not Present**
3. Mrs. Jessica Warchal, Re: Quality of Life Concerns
4. Ms. Liz Elliott, Re: The Presence of Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agents in Columbus.
5. Mrs. Leslie Landi, Re: Questions on Layfield Road Potential Project.
6. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Silencing Certain Constituents.
7. Mr. Ernest Washington, Re: Hyperscale Data Center Proposal
8. Mr. Mick Etchison, Re: Economic Viability of Project Ruby
9. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: Data Center
10. Mr. George McDowell, Re: The State of Our City.
11. Ms. Amy Borton, Re: Reducing the Impact of Data Centers.
12. Mrs. Darlene Laird, Re: The Dangers of Data Centers to Communities. (*Rescheduled from 03-10-2026*)
13. Mr. Eric Kuhlenberg, Re: Data Center.
14. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Enhancing Transparency and Public Trust.
15. Mrs. Sandra Turner, Re: Moratorium on Project Ruby.
16. Mr. Ric Rivera, Re: Hyperscale Data Center.
17. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Reminding Council that Columbus has Bills to Pay.
18. Ms. Amy Spencer, Re: Opposition to Hyperscale Data Centers in Muscogee County. **Not Present**

19. Rev. Mark Lawrence, representing IMA, Re: Finding Solution for the Future.
20. Mr. Richard Parker, Re: Data Center Opposition. *Not Present*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 8:32 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 9:27 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

COUNCIL HEARINGS:

7. Request for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on property tax as submitted by Mr. Andrew Ruh, Executive Director of Columbus Botanical Garden, for property located in Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Garret made a motion to waive the penalties and interest in the amount of \$7,935.60, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote.

Andrew Ruh, Executive Director of Columbus Botanical Garden, explained that the penalties and interest on a five-acre parcel gifted in 2022 were the result of an administrative error in filing the nonprofit exemption.

Chief Appraiser Suzzane Widenhouse clarified that the property, gifted in 2022, did not receive a nonprofit exemption for 2023 and 2024 because no application was filed, and state law does not allow exemptions to be applied retroactively.

In response to a question posed by Councilor Garrett, **Tax Commissioner David Britt** stated that by law, the office is required to bill taxes to the address of record and assess penalties and interest if unpaid. If taxes remain unpaid, the office is also legally required to proceed toward a tax sale, although efforts are made to work with property owners before reaching that stage.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)

1. Three Chances LLC, Parking License Agreement

Resolution (074-26) – A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a parking license agreement through May 31, 2029, with Three Chances LLC, for the use of 16 parking spaces at the City Hall parking garage, subject to site-specific conditions and tenant controls. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote.

2. FY27 Sec. 5307 Application for Renovation and Expansion of the METRA Transfer Center

Resolution (075-26) – A resolution authorizing Metra to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration’s Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 Formula Grant Program for capital and planning assistance in an amount up to \$5,254,230, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the transportation fund by the amount of the grant award. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote.

3. U.S. Department of Justice FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Resolution (076-26) – A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$58,653, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount of the award, and to allocate the amount awarded to city departments for law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and public safety programs supported by the grant. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote.

4. PURCHASES

- A. Four (4) Chevrolet Tahoes for Sheriff’s Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (077-26) – A resolution authorizing the purchase of Four (4) 2026 Chevrolet Tahoes for the Sheriff ‘s Office from the Hardy Chevrolet (Dallas, GA) at a unit price of \$59,720.00 in the amount of

\$238,880.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0006. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote.

- B. Two (2) Ford Broncos for Sheriff's Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (078-26) – A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2026 Ford Broncos for the Sheriff 's Office from the Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$41,140.00 in the amount of \$82,280.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-SPD0000183-0006. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote.

- D. Contract Extension for Elevator Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0025

Resolution (079-26) – A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for Elevator Maintenance Services with Elevated Facility Services (Tampa, FL) through June 30, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote.

- E. Contract Extension for Public Employee Retirement System Pension and Benefit Trust (“The Pension Fund”) Investment Consultant Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0007

Resolution (080-26) – A resolution authorizing extension of the annual contract with Raymond James and Associates, Inc. (Columbus, GA), through March 31, 2027, for Public Employee Retirement System Pension and Benefit Trust (“The Pension Fund”) Investment Consultant Services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote.

- F. Annual Adobe Acrobat Pro DC Licensing Subscription Renewal for Information Technology – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (081-26) – A resolution authorizing purchase/payment for the annual licensing subscription renewal for Adobe Acrobat Pro DC software from CPAK Technology (LaGrange, GA) in the amount of \$54,777.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative purchase via

Federal GSA Contract # 47QSWA18D008F. This resolution also authorizes the purchase/payment for the ongoing annual renewals of the Adobe Acrobat Pro DC software licensing subscriptions, including cost increases for all aspects of the software, which will be budgeted in the appropriate subsequent fiscal years. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote.

C. Household Recycling Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (082-26) – A resolution authorizing the purchase of 95-gallon blue recycling carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$79,853.60 (1,404 units @ \$55.00 each, plus estimated freight in the amount of \$1,370.00 and Artwork fee in the amount of \$1,263.60). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #120324-REH. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote.

Deputy City Manger Lisa Goodwin clarified that residents may continue using existing carts or bag their waste for collection. For yard debris, such as tree limbs, residents can request pickup by contacting the city, with the condition that larger limbs or trees must be cut into manageable pieces for collection.

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

B. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge reported that the February 2026 financial update was distributed, along with responses from departments identified as potentially going over budget, in response to a Council referral. While one department indicated it expects to remain within budget, two anticipate exceeding their budgets and will return to Council with requests if needed.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for staff to investigate reports of a tent encampment located in the 3400 block of Victory Drive. (*Councilor Huff*)

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA (continued)

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **Travel Authorization Request:** Approval is requested for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend the 2026 NACo Annual Conference for July 16–21, 2026. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote.

2. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - Board of Election and Registration 02-02-22, 03-17-22
 - Board of Election and Registration 03-02-23, 05-04-23, 06-20-23
 - Board of Elections and Registration 02-05-26
 - Board of Tax Assessors #08-26, #09-26
 - Board of Zoning Appeals 01-07-26, 02-04-26
 - Convention & Visitors Board 04-16-25
 - Development Authority of Columbus 07-07-22
 - Development Authority of Columbus 01-09-25, 02-06-25,
 - Employee Benefits Committee 12-25-24
 - Employee Benefits Committee 03-19-25, 06-25-25
 - Land Bank Authority 09-18-24
 - Land Bank Authority 07-09-25, 09-10-25
 - Pension Board 04-13-22, 05-11-22, 06-08-22
 - Planning Advisory Commission 01-07-26, 02-18-26
 - The Medical Center Hospital Authority 01-22-2020, 04-22-20, 07-22-20, 10-28-20
 - The Medical Center Hospital Authority 01-27-21, 04-28-21, 07-28-21, 10-27-21
 - The Medical Center Hospital Authority Minutes 07-24-24, 10-23-24

The Medical Center Hospital Authority Minutes 01-22-25, 04-23-25, 07-23-25

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

3. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Larry Cardin (*Eligible*) for a term expiring on April 26, 2026, on the Housing Authority of Columbus (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Larry Cardin to serve another term. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the seat of William J. Burgin (*Eligible – Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on April 26, 2026, on the Housing Authority of Columbus (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated William J. Burgin to serve another term. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote.

B. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term that expires on June 30, 2026, as a representative of the Business Community on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

4. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term expiring on December 31, 2026, on the Airport Commission (*Waiting on nominee – Confirmed by Council*). There were none.

B. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Columbus Home Builders Association Representative*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2028, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

5. COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 1 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 1 – Hickey*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Tracy Belt (*Not Eligible*) the District 4 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 4 – Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 5 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Mike Welch (*Eligible for reappointment*) the District 9 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Paul T. Berry, III (*Not interested in serving another term*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Scott Taft (*Not Eligible*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Georgia Veterinary Technician with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Animal Rescue Shelter Representative with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

A nominee for the seat of Yasmine Cathright (*Not Eligible*) with the term expiring on December 31, 2025, on the Board of Health (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on March 24, 2026, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

D. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Laura Q. Gower (*Eligible – Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2026, on the Development Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Laura Q. Gower to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Doug Jenkins (*Eligible – Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2026, on the Development Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Doug Jenkins to serve another term.

E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expired on August 14, 2026, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on August 14, 2026, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on August 14, 2027, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council*). There were none.

F. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Judge David Ranieri (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2025, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

G. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 1*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 2*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 3*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Delano Leftwich (*Not Eligible – Alternate Member 4*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2025, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

5. Mrs. Leslie Landi, Re: Questions on Layfield Road Potential Project. *No Action Taken*
6. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Silencing Certain Constituents. *No Action Taken*
13. Mr. Eric Kuhlenberg, Re: Data Center. *No Action Taken*

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution (083-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, the City Attorney and the Finance Director to make payments which total \$98,000.00 to settle the referenced claims of Adam Bindel against any and all parties, including attorney's fees.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for staff to provide a presentation at the upcoming work session on the status of the jail. (*Councilor Anker*)

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the March 24, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote, and the time being 10:23 p.m.

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council
Council of Columbus, Georgia

File Attachments for Item:

2. 2nd Reading: An ordinance amending Section 2-3.02. of the Columbus Code to insert a new paragraph (c) which provides that members of the Columbus Airport Commission may be residents of Muscogee County or any adjacent county; and for other lawful purposes.
(Councilors Davis and Crabb)

**ORDINANCE
NO. _____**

An ordinance amending Section 2-3.02. of the Columbus Code to insert a new paragraph (c) which provides that members of the Columbus Airport Commission may be residents of Muscogee County or any adjacent county; and for other lawful purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Section 2-3.02. of the Columbus Code is hereby amended to add a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding any language contained in this Section, members of the Columbus Airport Commission may be residents of Columbus-Muscogee County or any county in Georgia adjacent to Muscogee County. For any such member, such adjacent Georgia county of residence shall be substituted in the oath taken pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code Section.

SECTION 2.

All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance shall be repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 24th day of March 2026, introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of ____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Hickey voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G Mclemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

3. A resolution expressing the Council's intent with respect to Airport Commission residency requirements. (Councilor Crabb)

**Resolution
No. _____**

Whereas, the Columbus Airport Commission was created by GA 1968 Constitutional Amendment, Ga Laws 1968, p 1655. (“the Amendment”); and

Whereas, said Amendment created a Comision with five members and did not specify residency of members; and

Whereas, the Amendment provides that potential members are to be nominated by the Commission and approved by this Council; and

Whereas, this Council has adopted an ordinance which amends the section concerning Board oaths, Columbus Code Section 2-3.02. to allow residents who are residents of a Georgia county adjacent to Columbus-Muscogee County Georgia to be considered for membership on the Airport Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The amendment to Columbus Code Section 2-3.02 notwithstanding, this Counsel hereby express its desire to permit no more than one of the five members of the Columbus Airport Commission to reside in a Georgia county adjacent to Columbus-Muscogee County Georgia.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of ____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsay G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

4. A resolution excusing Councilor Byron Hickey from the March 31, 2026, Consent Agenda / Work Session.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A Resolution excusing Councilors absence.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES:

Pursuant to Section 3-103(6) of the Charter of Columbus, Georgia, Councilor Byron Hickey is hereby excused from attendance of the March 31, 2026, Consent Agenda / Work Session for the following reasons:

Personal Business:

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 31st day of March 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
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File Attachments for Item:

I. State of the Fire & EMS Department - Sal Scarpa, Chief, Fire & EMS

STATE OF THE FIRE- EMS DEPARTMENT

Presented by Sal Scarpa

Fire-EMS Chief

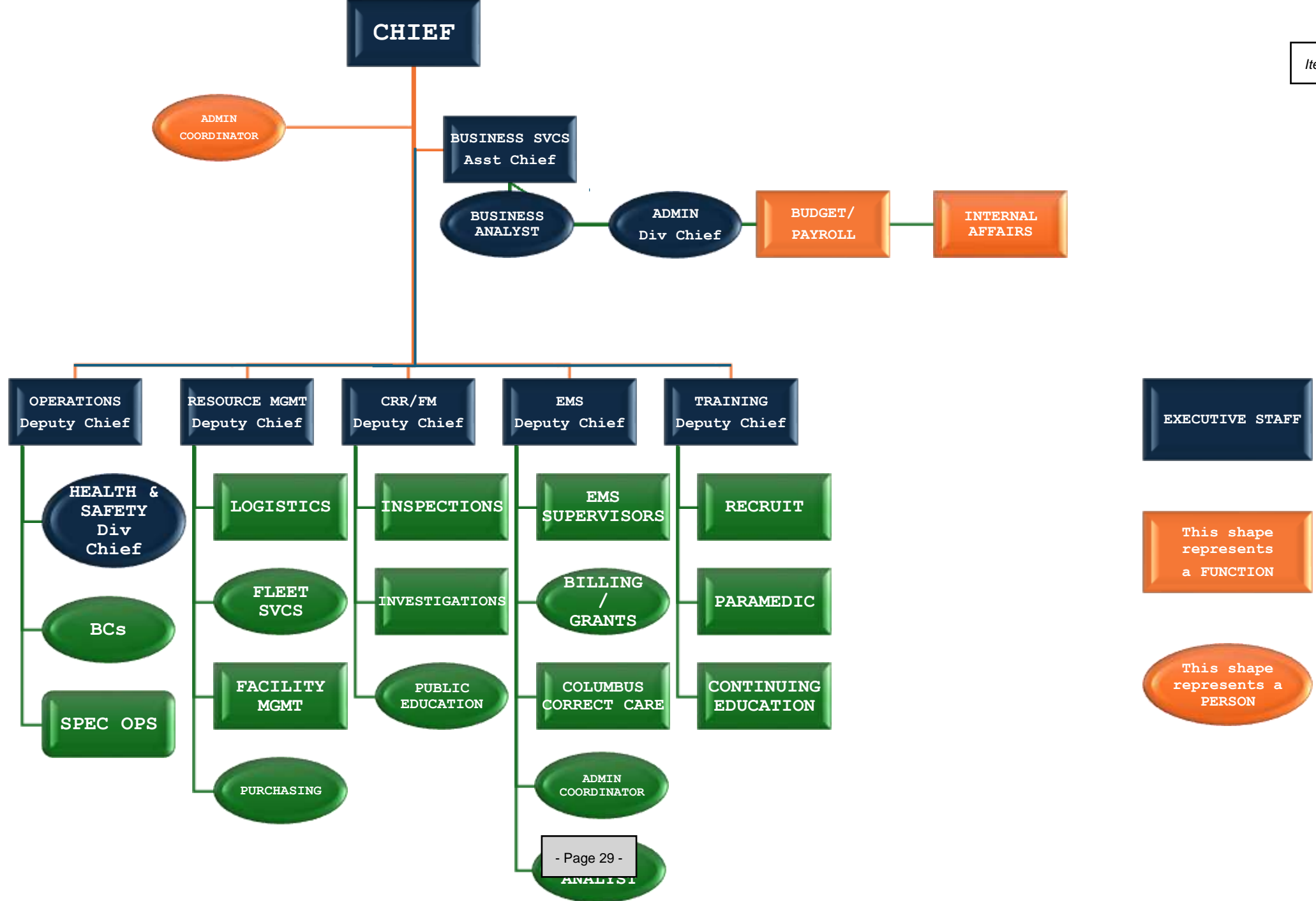
THE BASICS

- All-hazards response agency
- 14 fire stations
- Authorized strength: 433
- ISO Class 1 rating
- CFAI Accredited: 27 years



CFEMS ORGANIZATION CHART

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GOLD HELMET DEPARTMENT

HIGHLIGHTS

1. COLUMBUS CORRECT CARE
2. STAFFING
3. FACILITIES

COLUMBUS CORRECT CARE



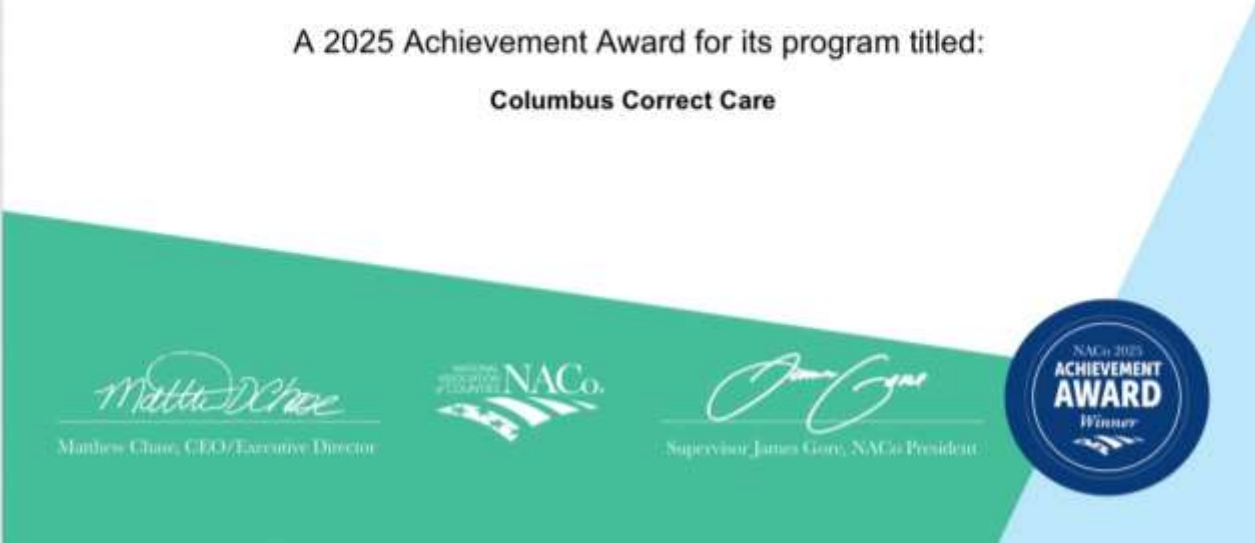


COLUMBUS CORRECT CARE

"Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning" -Benjamin Franklin

The National Association of Counties is proud to award
Columbus-Muscogee County, Ga.

A 2025 Achievement Award for its program titled:
Columbus Correct Care



CCC VALUE: REDUCED 911 DEMAND AND AVOIDED RESPONSE COST

Item #1

Calendar year 2025 results from Care 1 activity (started Feb. 3, 2025) and Right Site 911 Navigation (started Oct. 2025).

~\$176K

Documented 2025 Emergency Response Cost Savings

Care 1 weekly engagement and post-exit results saved about \$152.3K, and Right Site 911 added another \$23.9K in avoided response cost.

61%

fewer 911 calls while enrolled for 25 program completers

580

total Care 1 visits completed

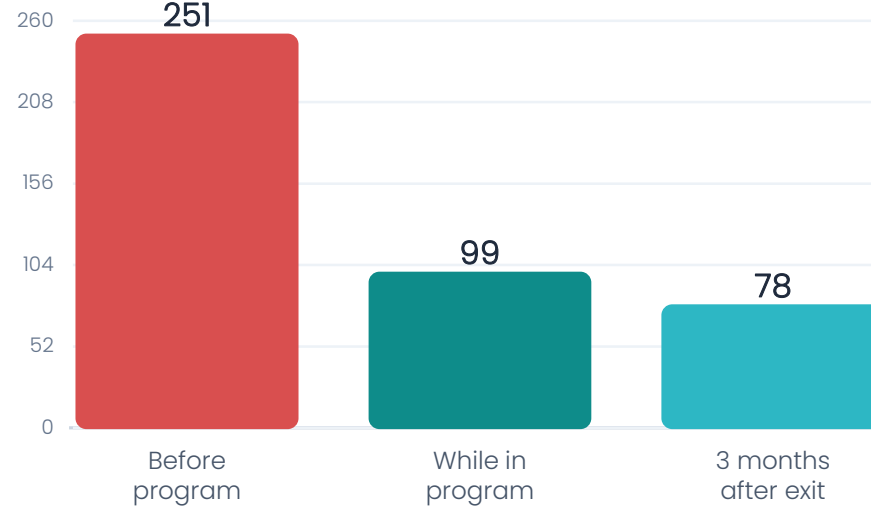
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Right Site diversions with no Fire EMS response

How The Savings Were Generated

- \$134.6K saved while participants were active in Care 1
- \$17.7K saved within 3 months after program exit
- \$23.9K saved from Right Site 911 diversions

911 Calls For The 25 Citizens Who Completed The Program



186

addresses visited

124

citizen contacts

43

agreed to weekly visits

Why This Matters

- 114 citizens were identified directly from run-report data, with another 69 referrals from Fire EMS crews.
- Care 1 shifts repeat callers from episodic 911 use toward planned follow-up and resource linkage.
- Right Site 911 proves CCC can intercept some low-acuity calls before dispatch occurs.

Documented savings total = \$134,617.28 + \$17,712.80 + \$23,912.28 = \$176,242.36

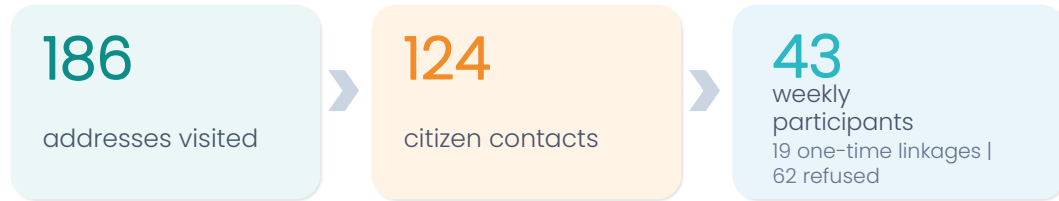
CCC impact: earlier intervention and better care routing

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Care 1 shows broad community reach in 2025; Care 2 adds a behavioral health response pathway with early 2026 traction (data through Mar. 24, 2026).

CARE 1 COMMUNITY IMPACT IN 2025

The unit concentrated on residents with recurrent need, especially older adults, and connected them to practical supports that can stabilize health and social risk.



Who Was Served

67%

of weekly participants were age 60-79

- Largest age band: 60-69 (19 citizens)
- Next highest: 70-79 (10 citizens)
- Most activity came from 31907, 31909, 31906, and 31904

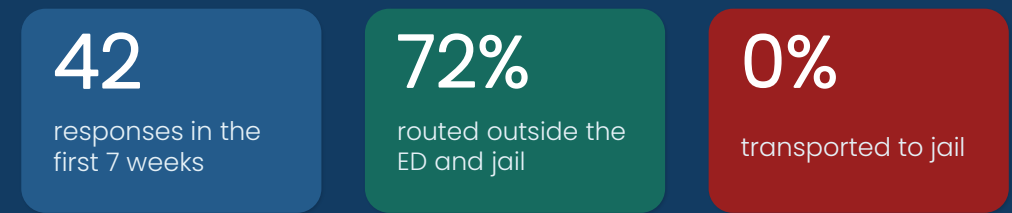
Most Frequent Resource Referrals



These referrals address practical barriers that often drive repeat 911 use.

CARE 2 EARLY SIGNAL (FEB. 2-MAR. 24, 2026)

The Mental Health Co-Responder Unit is already demonstrating a distinct behavioral health pathway that keeps people out of jail and often out of the ED.



Disposition Mix

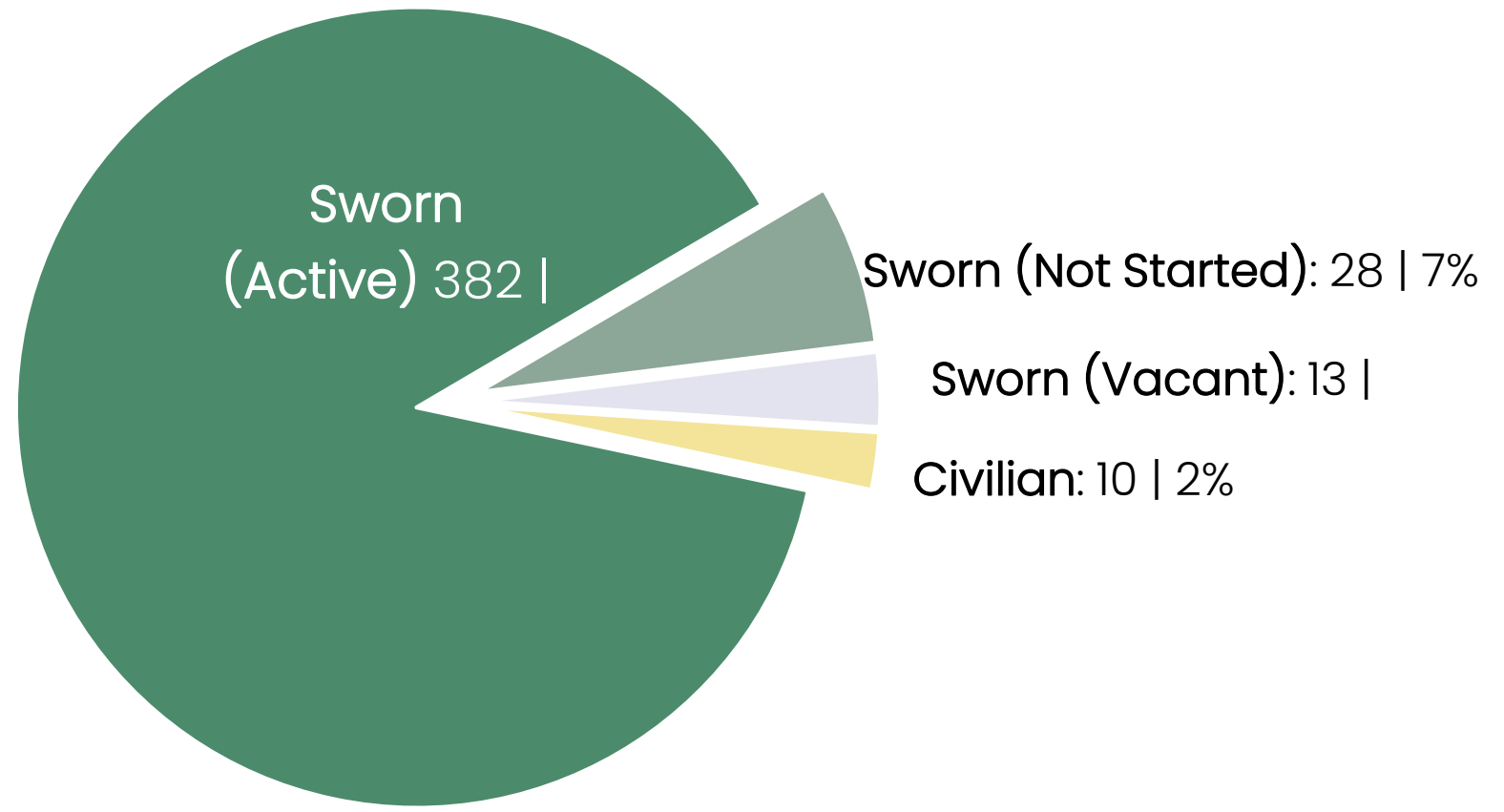


- 31% transported directly to Bradley by Care 2
- 29% remained at home or were provided resources
- 12% transported to Bradley via CPD officer
- 28% required ED transport because of medical exclusion criteria

~55% self-dispatched
Peak demand: Tue/Thu, 11:00-14:00

Implication: CCC now addresses both repeat behavioral health/social-utilizer demand and low-acuity behavioral health demand.

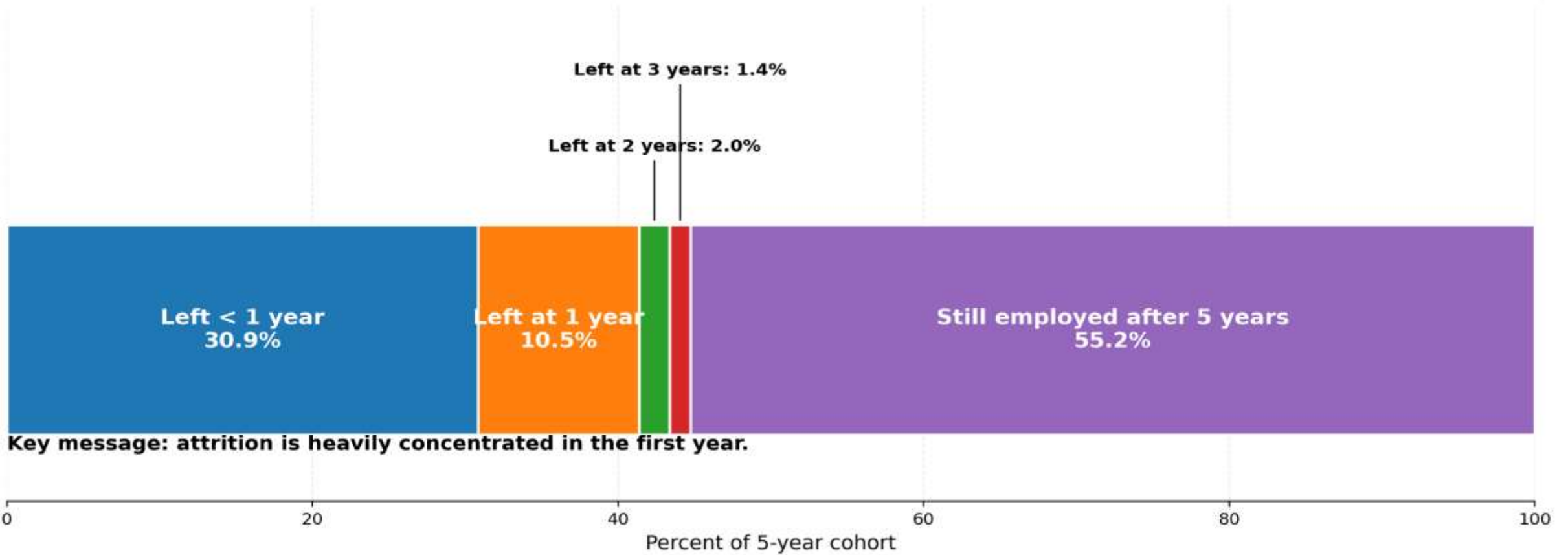
STAFFING SNAPSHOT



45% attrition within 5 years

Cohort: 295 employees | 5-year attrition: 44.75% | 5-year retention: 55.25%

5-Year Workforce Attrition and Retention





FACILITIES





SPLOST FUNDED RENOVATIONS

- Currently in Final Design Phase for Station #4 (built in 1970) & Station #8 (built in 1978)
- Projected Q1/FY27 – construction begins
- Projected completion in CY27
- Renovations for Station #6 (built in 1970) are part of this SPLOST

CHIEF CHATS 2026

Listening. Learning. Leading.

PURPOSE

- Inform FY27 Work Plan
- Formulate 5-year Strategic Plan
- Align Organizational Priorities
- Prepare for Council Briefing

42
Sessions

4
Overarching Findings

12
Feedback themes

THE STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT

Strong — but in transition

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Green

CULTURE

Department is proud and moving forward



Green

STRUCTURAL SUSTAINABILITY

Stability has improved in most areas

Yellow

OPERATIONAL VULNERABILITY

Primary risks are experience & system alignment

CFEMS Strategic Plan Progress

FY26 Strategic Working Plan scorecard | Last updated March 15, 2026



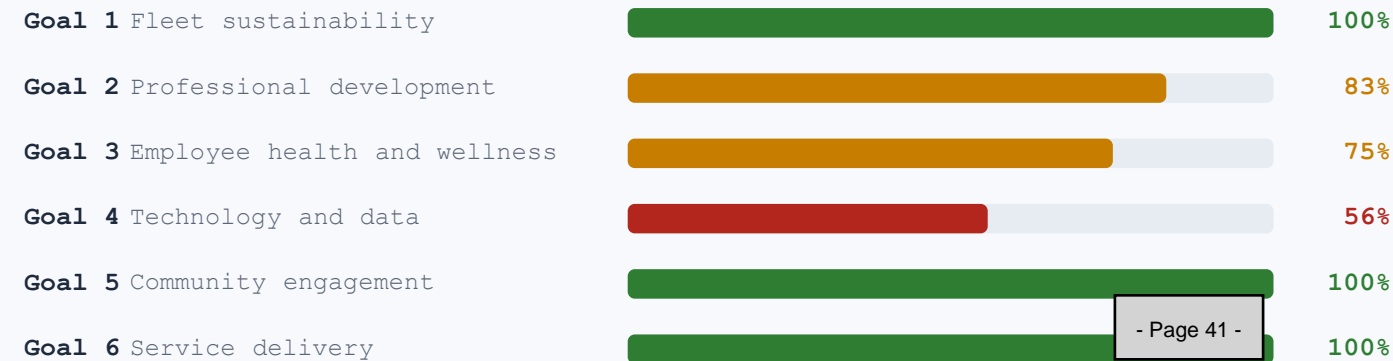
OVERALL TASK STATUS

The plan is largely complete, with remaining work concentrated in a few goals.



● Completed 66 ● In Progress 9 ● Not Started 1

Completion by strategic goal



Key takeaways for Council

- The department has completed 66 of 76 strategic plan tasks, with 10 tasks remaining.
- Most unfinished work is concentrated in Goal 4 (technology/data) and Goal 3 (health and wellness).
- Three goals are fully complete: fleet sustainability, community engagement, and service delivery.
- Near-term focus should be closing active workstreams rather than launching significant new initiatives.

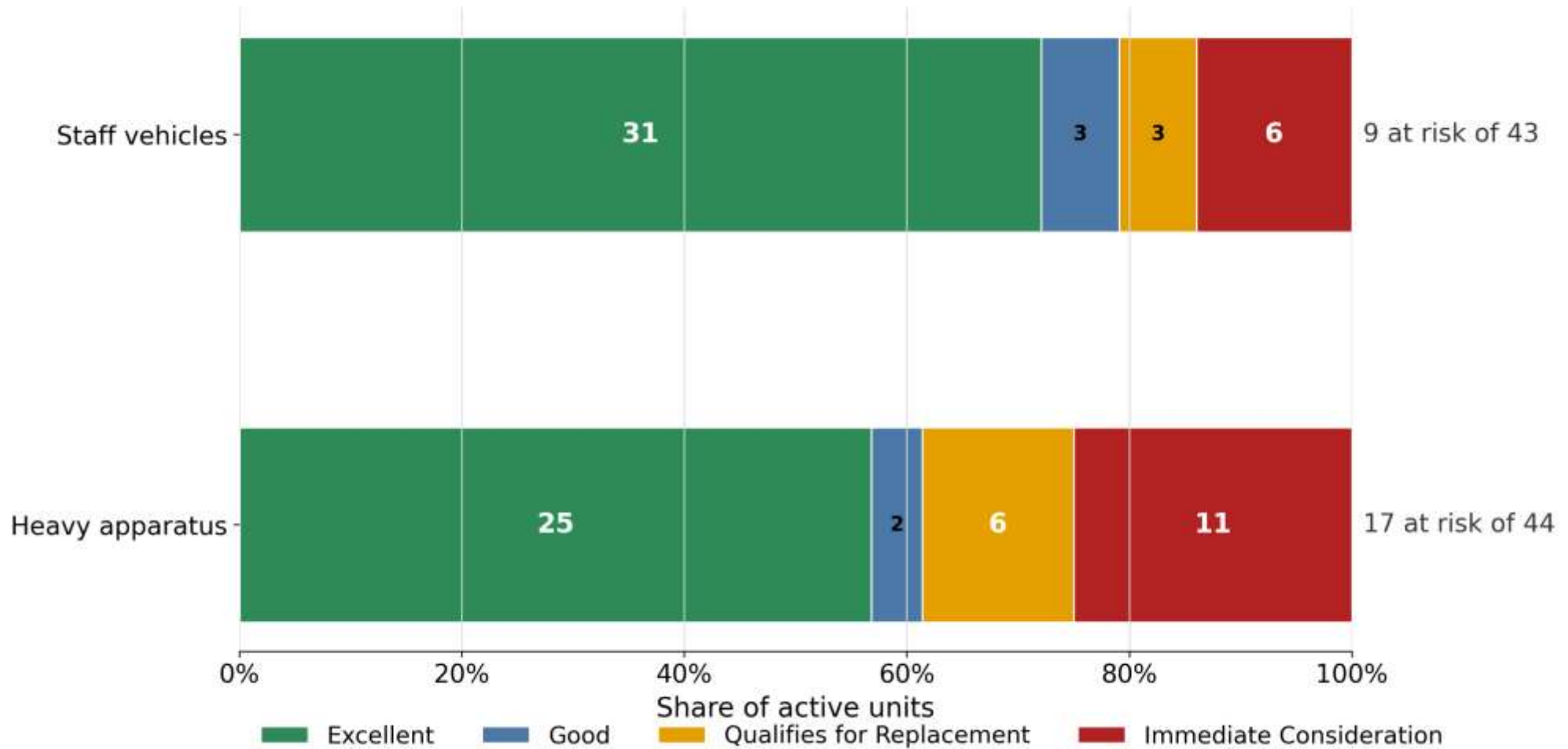


OPPORTUNITIES

Current active fleet status

26 of 87 active units are already at or beyond replacement threshold; heavy apparatus represents 17 of those 26 units.

January 2026 active fleet status

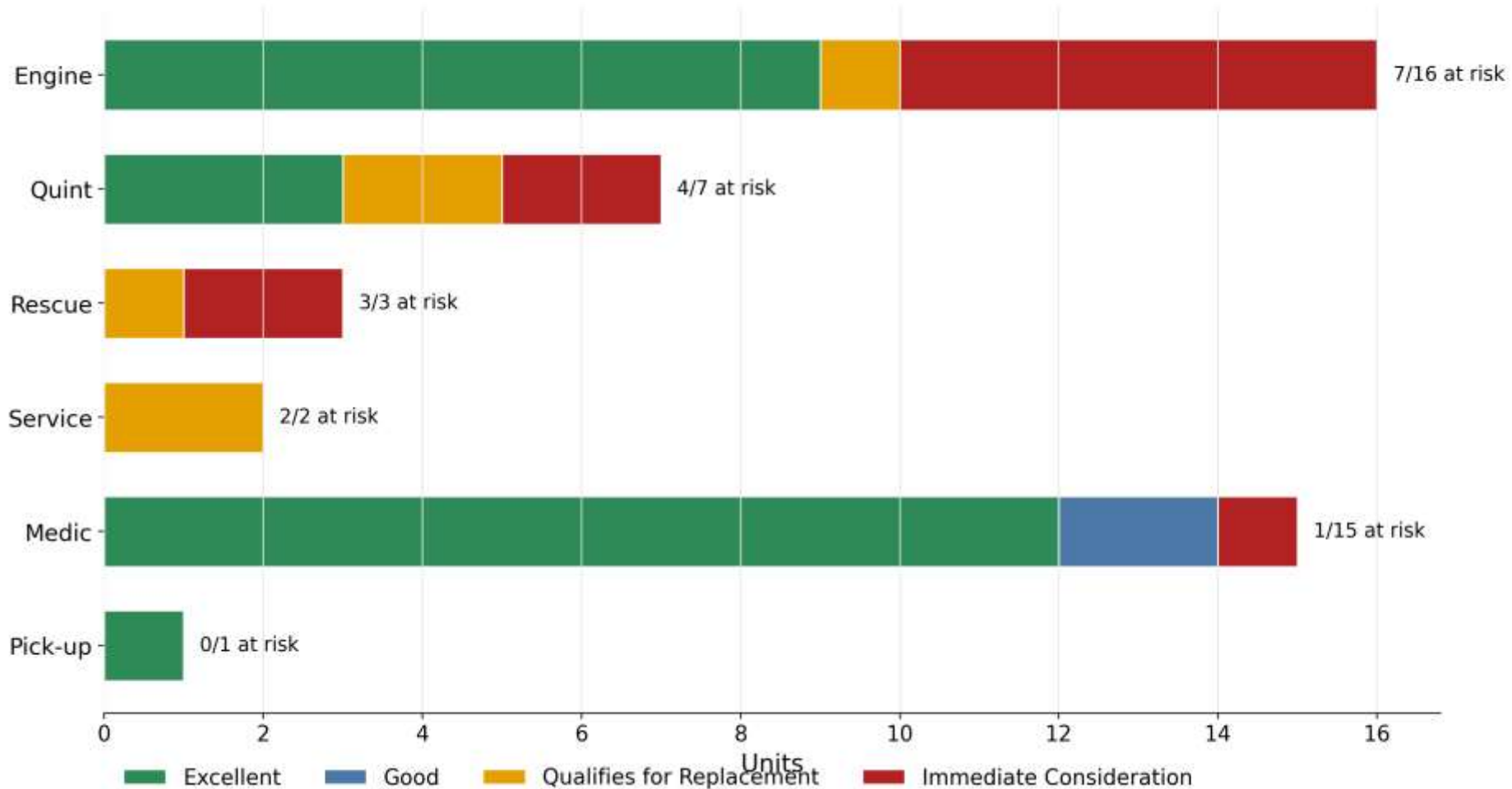


Heavy-apparatus risk is concentrated in a few classes

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Engines, quint s/ladders, rescues, and service trucks drive the current heavy-fleet replacement backlog.

Heavy apparatus risk is concentrated in engines, ladders, and rescues



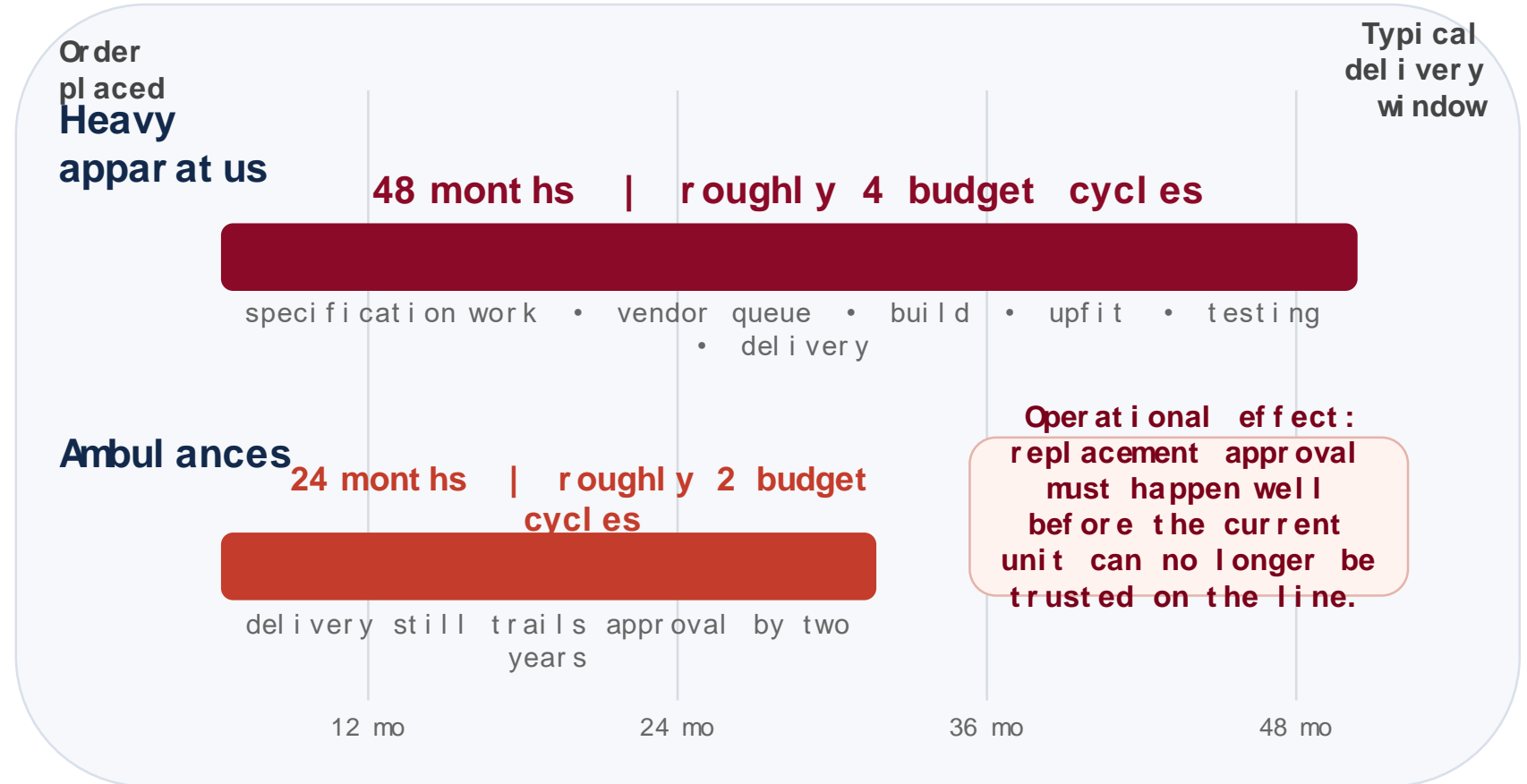
Long acquisition cycles force earlier replacement decisions

Heavy apparatus lead times of 48 months and ambulance lead times of 24 months make fleet replacement a multi-year pipeline, *not a one-year reaction*.

Why this creates a
challenge

apparatus order can span four annual budget cycles before delivery

An ambulance order still spans two full years before relief



- Waiting until a unit becomes operationally critical no schedule cushion
- Missing one planning cycle extends reliance on aging

PAY PARITY



WHERE DO I NEED YOUR SUPPORT?



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

DIGITAL VANGUARD INITIATIVE



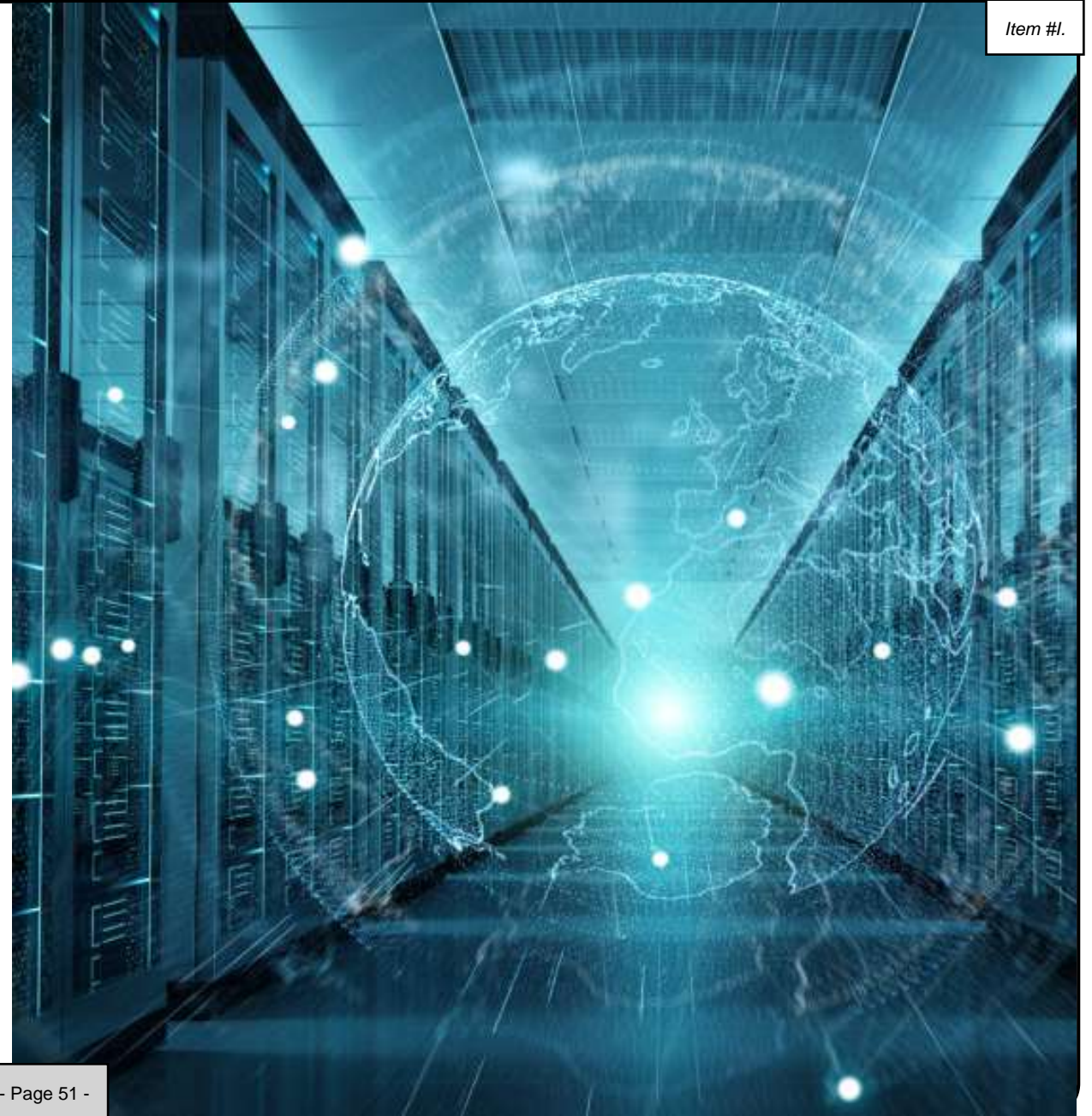
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FOCUS ON THE INTERMIX WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE (WUI)



ROBUST DATA SYNTHESIS



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FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH



NEVER FORGET



**IT IS NOT 'ME',
IT IS 'WE'**

THANK YOU



File Attachments for Item:

II. Clerk of Council Operations Update - Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

Clerk of Council Operations Update

March 31, 2026 – Work Session



Presentation Agenda

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Our Team

Clerk of Council's Role

Duties & Services

The Past Year in Action

Improvements

Operational Enhancements

Strategic Approach

GMCA Board Retreat

Our Commitment

Our Team

Clerk of Council

Deputy Clerk of Council

Assistant Deputy Clerk

Administrative Support Specialist

Support Clerk



The Vital Role of the Clerk of Council

The Clerk of Council is the essential backbone of local government — bridging our citizens, city departments, and our governing body while upholding integrity, accountability, transparency, and trust.

We are the core of effective government.

Key Functions

- ▶ Supports City Council as its administrative arm
- ▶ Maintains official records and ensures compliance with legal requirements
- ▶ Facilitates public access to information and government processes
- ▶ Coordinates boards, commissions, and public meetings
- ▶ Manages critical documentation

Services Provided by the COC's Office



Council Meeting – Time Analysis

(March 25, 2025 – March 24, 2026)

- **31** meetings held
- **139** hours spent in meetings
- **139** additional hours spent rewatching recordings to prepare minutes
- **475** documents approved
- **134.6** hours (approximate) spent processing, signing, scanning, uploading & cataloging documents (**17** minutes each)

Total documented time: 412 hours (approximate)

 Equivalent to **10.3 work weeks**

Important Note:

This total does not include the substantial additional time required to prepare agendas and supporting documentation, manage the public agenda process and correspondence, and to document and information requests associated with each meeting.

What Does It Take to Be a City Clerk?

Attention to Detail

Strong Focus & Organization

Empathy & Patience

Objectivity & Professionalism

Confidence & Accountability

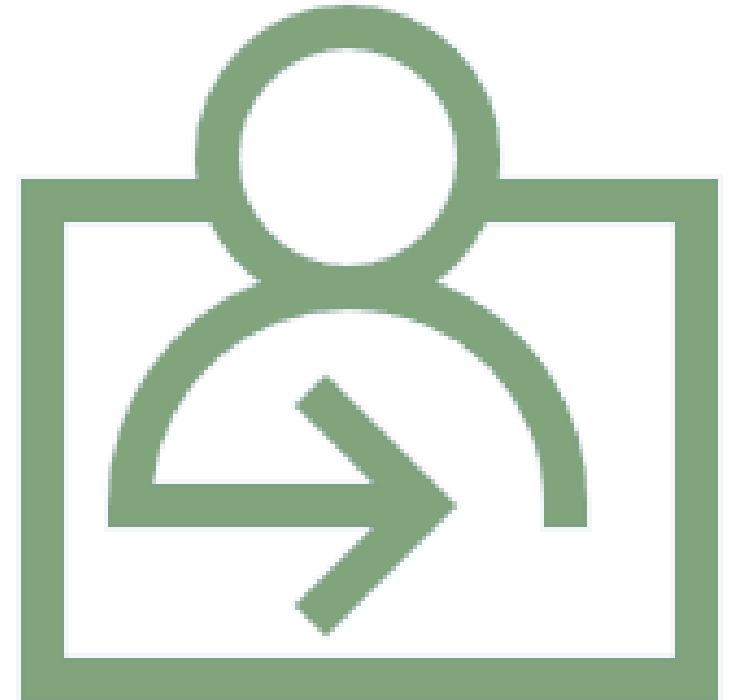
Adaptability & Openness to Change

Problem-Solving & Creative Thinking

Ability to Build Strong Working Relationships

Drive & Motivation

A Genuine Love for Your Community





The Past Year in Action: Clerk of Council's Office

Our Focus Areas for Improvement:

- ▶ Strengthening operations through team collaboration
- ▶ Enhancing our connection with citizens
- ▶ Contributing to the overall success of CCG



Identifying Needs:






Citizens

City Council

CCG Departments

Boards, Commissions & Authorities

Operational Enhancements

-  Assessed existing processes
-  Eliminated duplicative tasks and inefficiencies
-  Simplified workflows
-  Redistributed duties for better efficiency
-  Developing Standard Operating Procedures (ongoing)

Strategic Approach



THINKING OUTSIDE THE
BOX



BEING PROACTIVE
RATHER THAN
REACTIVE



WORKING SMARTER,
NOT HARDER



WELCOMING
RECOMMENDATIONS
AND FEEDBACK

Key Resources

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Research



Networking



Social Media



Training

2026 Georgia Municipal Clerks Association (GMCA) Board Retreat



Our Commitment Moving Forward

We remain committed to striving for excellence and continuous improvement by embracing new ideas and working together for the betterment of our community.

QUESTIONS

File Attachments for Item:

III. Project Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code, Vance Beck, Director, Engineering, Will Johnson, Director, Planning



City Council Work Session

March 31, 2026

Funding Sources

-
- Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) 2012
 - Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) 2022
 - TSPLOST Discretionary Funds
 - Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) 2021
 - Other Local Option Sales Tax (OLOST) Infrastructure Fund
 - Stormwater Fund
 - Paving Fund
 - Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Grants and Programs
 - Private Donations and Public-Private Partnerships (Friends of the Dragonfly Trail, Columbus Regional Tennis Association (CORTA), Columbus, GA Pickleball Association and others)
 - Columbus Building Authority Bonds

Projects Under Construction

Williams Road/Fortson Road Roundabout

- Only final punch list items remain.
- Start Date: April 2, 2024
- Est. Completion: April 2026
- Budget: \$5,706,323.82
- Funding Sources:
 - FY 17 LMIG
 - Paving Fund
 - FY 20 LMIG
 - OLOST Infrastructure
- Percent Complete: 99%



Projects Under Construction (continued)

Flood Abatement Project 19th Street System

- Installation of a new box culvert and flood basin to contain the CSS and reduce flooding issues. The project will run on the West side of Veterans Parkway from Apex Road to the flood basin located near 29th Street. Earthwork and culvert installation is ongoing.
- Budget: \$14,904,274.32
 - Funded by Stormwater, SPLOST and Bonds
- Start Date: January 14, 2025
- Scheduled Completion: Winter 2026
- Percent Complete: 60%



Projects Under Construction (continued)

I-185 / Buena Vista Road Interchange

- GDOT Managed, 77% Complete
- Funding Source: FY12 TSPLOST

- Current Budget: \$52.7 million
- Estimated Completion: Winter 2026



Projects Under Construction (continued)

I-185 / Cusseta Road Interchange

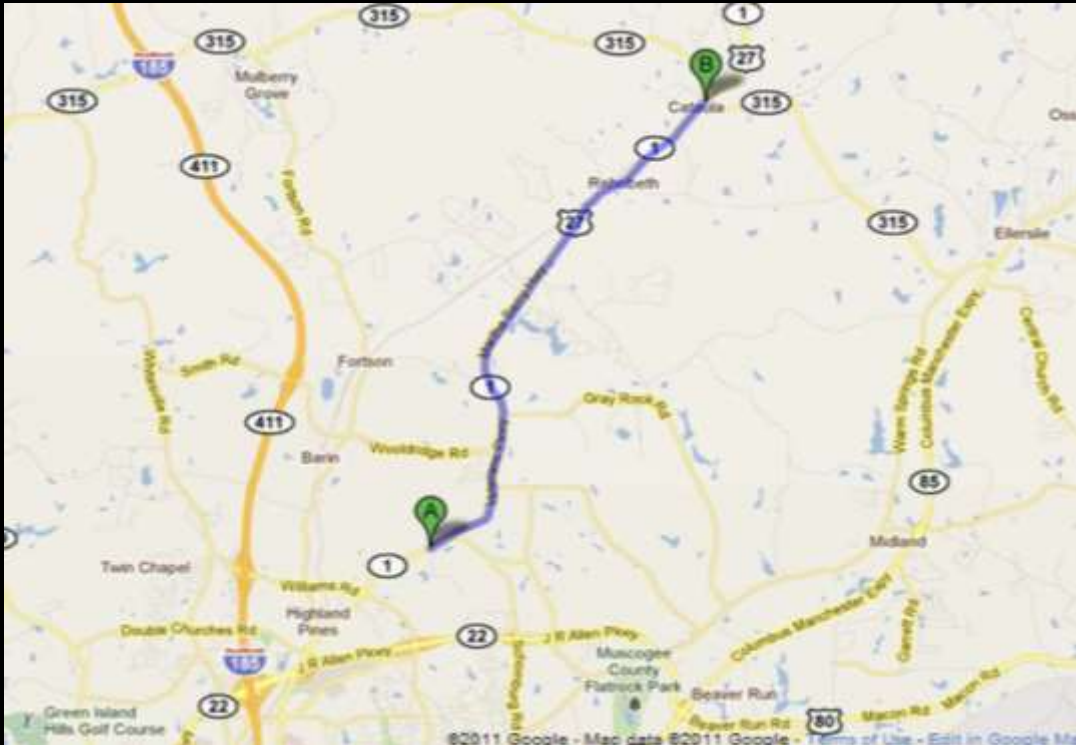
- GDOT Managed, 79% Complete
- Funding Source: FY12 TSPLOST
- Current Budget: \$71.9 million
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2027



Projects Under Construction (continued)

SR 1 / US 27 Widening

- GDOT Managed, 50% Complete
- Funding Source: FY12 TSPLOST
- Current Budget: \$72.3 million
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2027



Projects Under Construction (continued)

Spiderweb Phase II (PI 0011436)

- Constructing Bridge over NS RR, replacing bridges over Bull Creek and Lindsey Creek (Morris Road), and constructing roundabouts at Illges/Ace Way and Morris/Ace Way
- Budget: \$45.8M
- Project Started: April 8, 2025
- 43% Complete
- Anticipated Completion Date: April 2027
- 24-month intersection closure
- Funding Source: FY12 TSPLOST, LMIG, LRA, GDOT, TSPLOST Discretionary



Projects Under Construction (continued)

College Drive Drainage Rehabilitation

- Enlarging existing detention pond and installing new outlet structure. In addition to increasing the pond's storage capacity, the outfall flow will be reduced to decrease the stress on the downstream system.
- Project Started: January 7, 2026
- Anticipated Completion Date: March 27, 2026
- Funding Source: Stormwater/Drainage
- 99% Complete



Projects Under Construction (continued)

8th Street Improvements

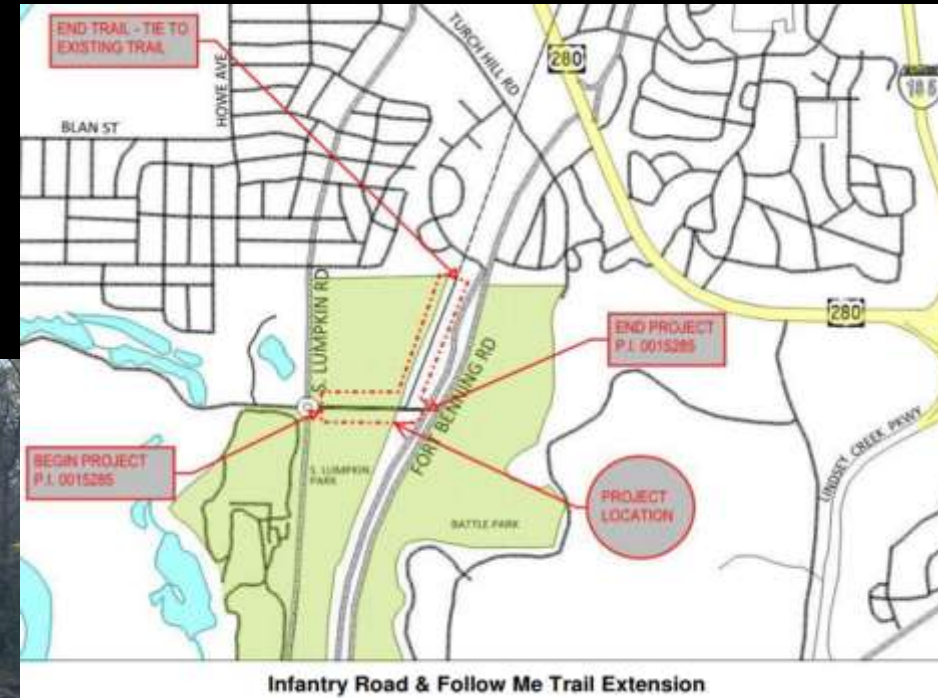
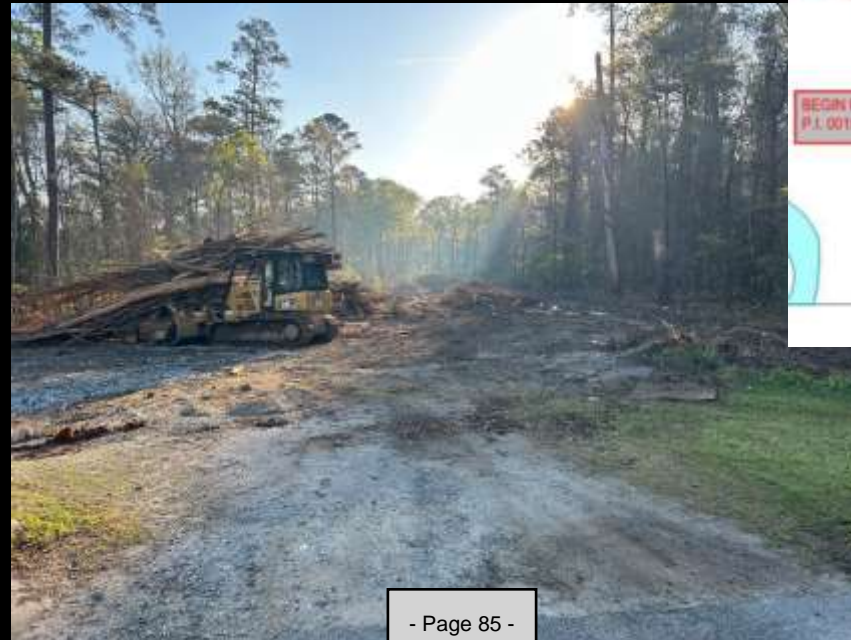
- Installing new ramps to meet ADA requirements, replacing damaged sidewalks, and installing traffic calming measures. These measures consist of raised table-top crosswalks at 1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue and a mini roundabout at 2nd Avenue. New paving and striping will be completed in existing asphalt areas between Front Avenue and Veterans Parkway
- Project Started: January 26, 2026
- Anticipated Completion Date: June 2026
- Funding Source: 2022 TSPLOST Discretionary
- 20% Complete



Projects Under Construction (continued)

Infantry Road and Follow-Me Trail (RFB 24-0040) PI 0015285 – Local Let

- New road from S. Lumpkin to Fort Benning Road and new trail along Fort Benning Road. Waiting on GDOT to provide revised construction agreement.
- Start Date: March 2, 2026
- Anticipated Completion: Spring 2027
- Low Bid: \$2,439,946.30
- Percent Complete: 2%



Projects Under Construction (continued)

2nd Avenue @ 14th Street – Signal Upgrades



Recently Completed

Front Avenue – 10th St. to 11th St. Drainage Improvements

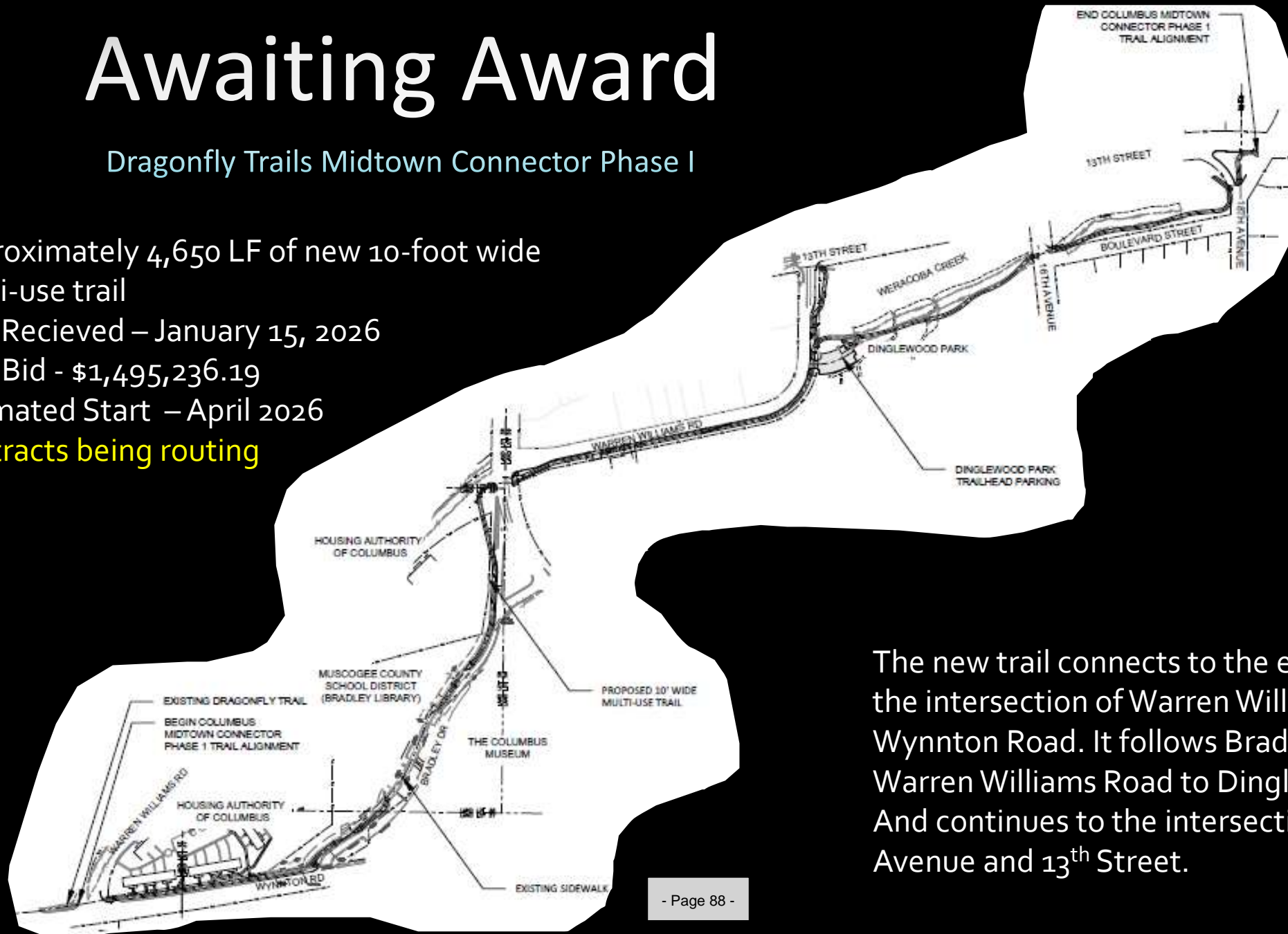
- Replaced undersized, deteriorated, and collapsed pipe with new combined sewer system and trapped drop inlets. Replaced affected hardscaping and resurfaced the entire block along with new striping and marking.
- Start Date – February 24, 2025
- Finish Date – November 14, 2025
- Budget: \$1,146,397.02
Funded by SPLOST



Awaiting Award

Dragonfly Trails Midtown Connector Phase I

- Approximately 4,650 LF of new 10-foot wide multi-use trail
- Bids Recieved – January 15, 2026
- Low Bid - \$1,495,236.19
- Estimated Start – April 2026
- **Contracts being routing**



The new trail connects to the existing trail at the intersection of Warren Williams Road and Wynnton Road. It follows Bradley Street and Warren Williams Road to Dinglewood Park And continues to the intersection of 18th Avenue and 13th Street.

Awaiting Award

8 Streets Resurfacing (PI 0017691)

Approximately 10.9 Miles

- 54th Street – River Road to Veterans Parkway
- Billings Road – Warm Springs Road to Gateway Road
- Torch Hill Road – South Lumpkin Road to Fort Benning Road
- North Lumpkin Road – Cusseta to Victory Drive
- Andrews Road – Cusseta Road to Buena Vista Road
- Morris Road – Buena Vista Road to Forrest Road
- Double Churches Road – River Road to I-185 Overpass
- 30th Street – Victory Drive to Cusseta Road

- Bids Received - January 21, 2026
- Low Bid - \$3,105,063.57
- Anticipated Start – April 2026

Additional Projects (continued)

Northstar Drive/Kennedy Street Roundabout



- Estimated Letting: March 2026
- Construction to be coordinated with for construction during summer vacation

TIA Band 1 Projects

Steam Mill Road

- Road improvements from Buena Vista Road to Pinecrest Drive with pedestrian bridge over I-185 and roundabouts at Dogwood Drive, McCartha Drive and Northstar Drive.
- Est. Letting: Q1 2027
- Budget: \$22.5M
- Funding Source: FY22 TSPLOST
- Critical Path: ROW Acquisition

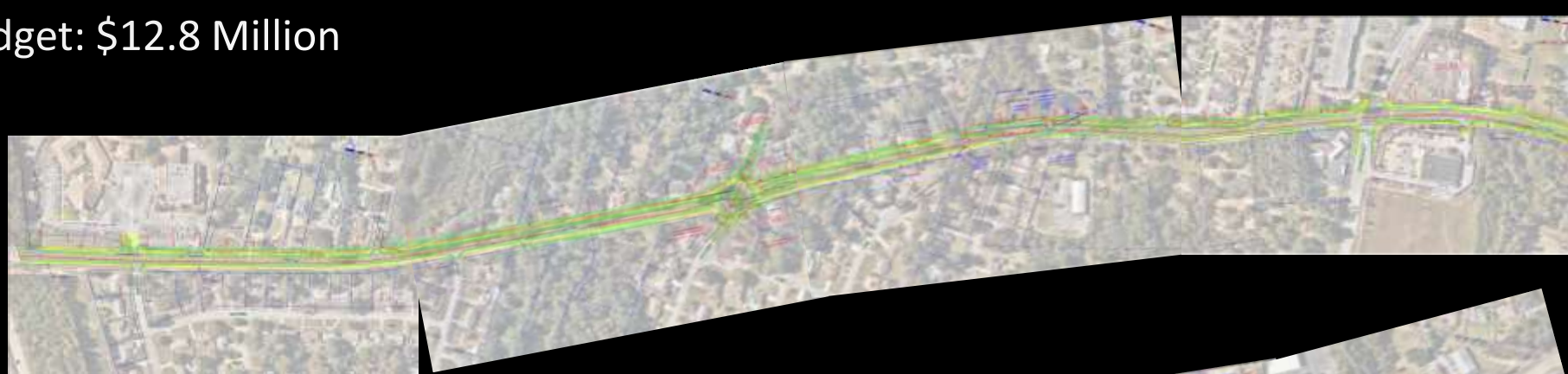


TIA Band 1 Projects (continued)

Whitesville Road

- Road widening will start on the north side of the bridge over SR 22/US 80/J R Allen Parkway and will end at the intersection of Williams Road. The design will go from 2 lanes to 3 lanes) with intersection improvements or roundabouts with a sidewalk and multiuse trail.
- Estimated Letting: Fall 2027
- Budget: \$12.8 Million

START



END



TIA Band 1 Projects (continued)

South Lumpkin Road Streetscapes – PI 0019528

Project begins at the existing roundabout on South Lumpkin Road and ends at the intersection of Victory Drive.

- Est. Letting: 2027
- Funding Source: FY22 TSPLOST
- 3-Lane option selected by City Council
- Budget: \$10.1 million



TIA Band 1 Projects (continued)

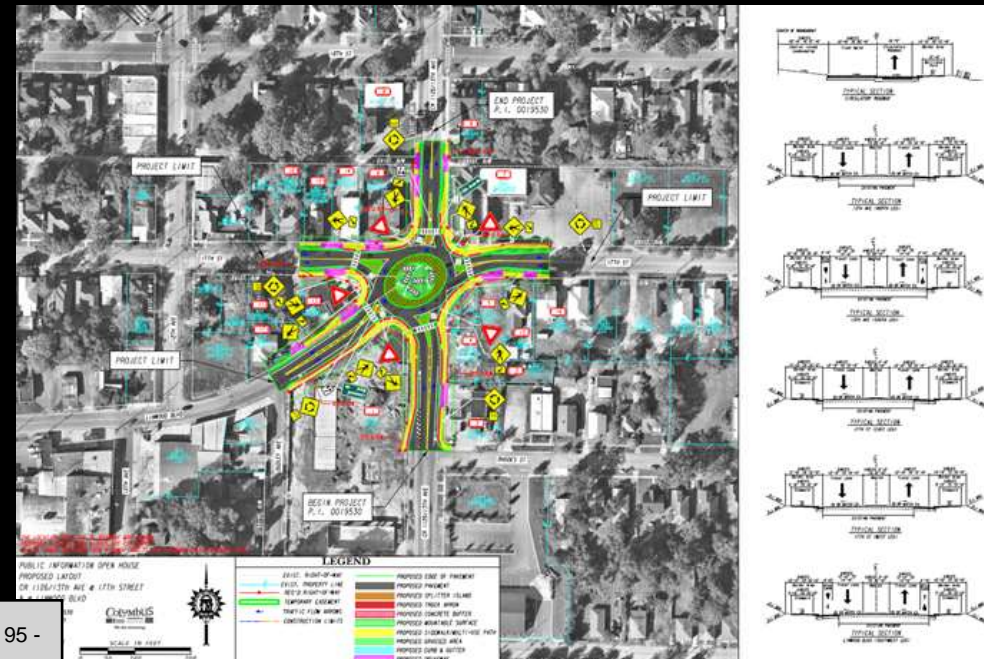
5th Avenue (PI 0019537)

- 5th Avenue Multi-use path from 10th St. to 14th St.
- Redesign to move trail to east side
- Est. Design Completion: Summer 2026
- Budget: \$1.04 million



13th Avenue, 17th St. and Linwood Blvd. Roundabout

- New Roundabout @ 13th, 17th and Linwood.
- Est. Design Completion: December 2026
- Budget: \$6.65 million
- Funding Source: FY22 TSPLOST



TIA Band 1 Projects (continued)

- **Andrews Road Improvements** - (Buena Vista Road to Cusseta Road) - GDOT Administered – Under Design
 - Budget: \$6.8M
- **Brennan Road Improvements** - (St. Mary's Road to Cusseta Road) - GDOT Administered – Under Design
 - Budget: \$9.2M
- **University Avenue Road Diet-** (Gentian Boulevard to Macon Road) – GDOT Administered – Developing concept report
 - Budget: \$6M
- **Manchester Expressway @ Central Church Road Intersection Improvements** – GDOT Administered – Under Design
 - Budget: \$800,000

TIA Band 1 Projects (continued)

- **Columbus Riverwalk Repaving and Maintenance** – (CCG Scoping Project) – CCG
Administered – Engineering Department working on bid package
 - Budget: \$12.5M
- **Buena Vista Road Corridor Improvements** – (Spiderweb to Wynnton Road) – GDOT
Administered – Letting: June 2027
 - Budget: \$10.7M
- **Liberty Theater Block Enhancement** – (Streetscape improvements along 7th and 8th Avenue) - Design in progress
 - Budget: \$4M

TIA Band 2 Projects

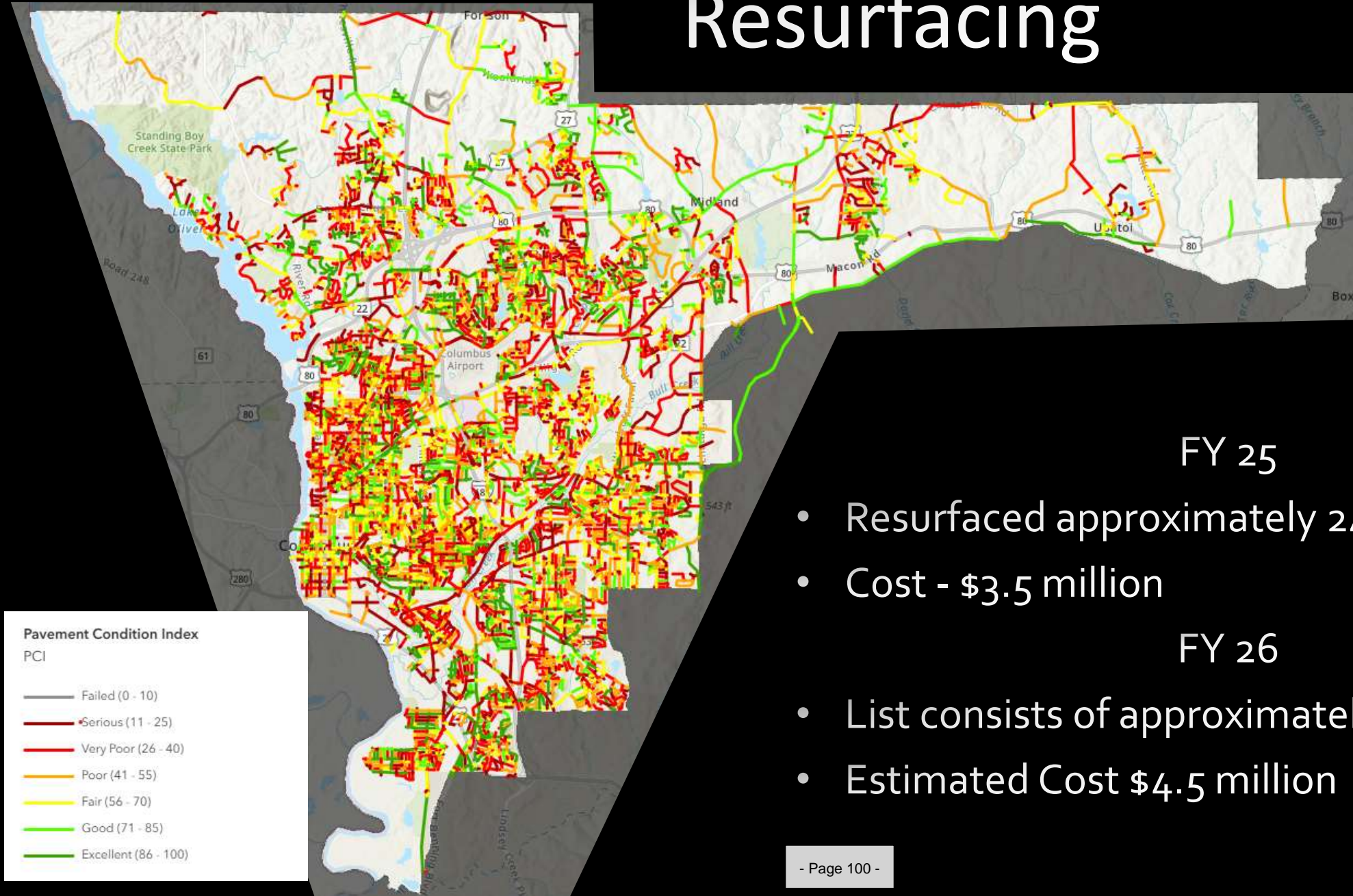
- **Morris Road Improvements** - (Buena Vista Road to Forrest Road) - CCG Administered – Consultant Selected
 - Budget: \$12M
- **Forrest Road Widening** - (Macon Road to Railroad) – CCG Administered - Consultant selected
 - Budget: \$15.4M
- **JR Allen (US 80) @ Schomburg and Blackmon Rd. Intersections** - GDOT Administered – Consultant Selected – Letting September 2028
 - Budget: \$11.3M
- **Second Avenue Improvements** - (Talbotton Road to Manchester Expressway) - GDOT Administered – Under Design – Letting April 2028
 - Budget: \$18.2M

TIA Band 3 Projects



- Manchester Expressway - (County Line Road/Mahaffey Road Interchange) – GDOT Administered
 - Budget: \$36.65 M
- Williams Road Widening - (Veterans Road to I-185) - GDOT Administered
 - Budget: \$18.7M
- Cusseta Road Widening - (10th Avenue to Roundabout) - GDOT Administered
 - Budget: \$17.6M
- Double Churches Rd. Improvements - (Veterans Parkway to River Road) - CCG Administered
 - Budget: \$12.2M
- Bull Creek Dragonfly Trail Connector – CWW working on sewer and trail rights
 - Budget: \$8.4M

Resurfacing



FY 25

- Resurfaced approximately 24.8 Miles.
- Cost - \$3.5 million

FY 26

- List consists of approximately 26.5 Miles
- Estimated Cost \$4.5 million

Sidewalk/ADA Improvements

Hamilton Road/32nd Street



Edgewood Road/Sue Mack Drive @ Clubview ES & Richards MS





Concept Only; Subject to Change

Facility Project Update

City Council Work Session
3/31/2026

Judicial Center Update

- Project is on schedule for a 2026 completion
- Exterior Skin is over 95% complete
- Installation of finishes and interior systems are ongoing

Judicial Center Progress Photos



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Other Projects



Fire Station #5 – Complete



Fire Stations #4 & #8 – Design activities for renovations are 90% complete. Construction will start in 2026.



Public Safety Building Renovations – Initial design work completed; Award of Construction Manager contract to be on 4/14/26 Council agenda

Fire Station #5



Fire Station #5



Other Projects



Oxbow Creek Clubhouse – Construction will start Spring 2026



Muscogee County Jail – Schematic design process complete; Update to be provided to Council in April

Other Projects



Uptown Pickleball – Design Process ongoing;
Initial pricing to be submitted April 3



Splash Pads – Britt David Splash Pad design
complete, construction to start in April. Bibb
City Splash Pad under design.

QUESTIONS

COLUMBUS Administered Projects - March 31, 2026

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| | | | | | | Design | ROW | Utilities | Construction | |
| 2nd Ave./14th St. Signal | OLOST Infrastructure | Transportation | \$ 200,000.00 | \$ 191,203.39 | FY25 | Complete | N/A | Complete | Complete | |
| 13th Ave/17th St/Linwood | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 6,650,000.00 | \$ 322,800.00 | FY24 | In Process | | | Estimated Start Winter 2026 | |
| 14th St/Broadway Drainage | SPLOST | Stormwater | \$ 600,000.00 | \$ - | FY26 | | | | | |
| 19th Street Flood Abatement | Stormwater Fund, 99SPLOST, 2003A Bonds | Stormwater | \$ 14,904,274.32 | \$ 14,819,034.23 | FY14 | Complete | Complete | Complete | In Process | Winter 2026 |
| 5th Ave. Safety Enhancements | Paving fund | Transportation | \$ 110,000.00 | \$ 28,875.00 | FY24 | In Process | N/A | N/A | | |
| 5th Ave. Trail Extension | TSLOST (TIA 2), TSPLOST Discretionary | Transportation | \$ 1,040,000.00 | \$ 284,997.09 | FY24 | In Process | N/A | N/A | | |
| 8th Street Improvements | TSPLOST (Discretionary) | Transportation | \$ 750,000.00 | \$ 727,656.80 | FY24 | Complete | N/A | N/A | In Process | Summer 2026 |
| 9th Ave. Trail Connection | OLOST Infrastructure | Transportation | \$ 725,000.00 | \$ 40,000.00 | FY26 | In Process | N/A | N/A | | |
| Benning Park | SPLOST | Parks & Rec | \$ 2,465,000.00 | \$ - | FY26 | | | | | |
| Buena Vista Road Drainage | SPLOST | Stormwater | \$ 500,000.00 | \$ - | FY25 | | | | | |
| Bull Creek Bridge | SPLOST | Other | \$ 750,000.00 | \$ - | FY25 | In Process | | | | |
| Bull Creek Clubhouse | SPLOST | Other | \$ 2,100,000.00 | \$ - | FY23 | | | | | |
| Carver Park Improvements | SPLOST | Parks & Rec | \$ 5,000,000.00 | \$ 1,097,773.00 | FY24 | | | | | |
| Cherokee Retaining Wall | Stormwater Fund | Stormwater | \$ 1,910,823.83 | \$ 769,118.83 | FY24 | | | | | |
| Civic Center Improvements | SPLOST | Other | \$ 5,000,000.00 | \$ 3,436,449.77 | FY23 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| College Drive Channel | SPLOST | Stormwater | \$ 1,300,000.00 | \$ 656,824.87 | FY25 | Complete | N/A | N/A | In Process | Spring 2026 |
| Conisburg Way Storm Drain | SPLOST | Stormwater | \$ 700,000.00 | \$ - | FY26 | | | | | |
| Cooper Creek Park | SPLOST | Parks & Rec | \$ 4,000,000.00 | \$ 178,250.00 | FY25 | | | | | |
| Cooper Creek Pickleball | SPLOST & General Fund | Parks & Rec | \$ 3,050,000.00 | \$ - | FY19 | In Process | | | | |
| EA Sports Gaming | General Fund | Parks & Rec | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ - | FY24 | | | | | |
| Economic Development (MTP Site Prep) | SPLOST | Other | \$ 2,000,000.00 | \$ 1,204,882.74 | FY23 | In Process | | | | |
| Edgewood Drainage | SPLOST | Stormwater | \$ 1,300,000.00 | \$ - | FY26 | | | | | |
| Fire Station #4 Upgrades | SPLOST | Public Safety | \$ 3,500,000.00 | \$ 389,775.00 | FY25 | In Process | N/A | N/A | Estimated Start Summer 2026 | |
| Fire Station #6 Upgrades | SPLOST | Public Safety | \$ 300,000.00 | \$ - | FY26 | | | | | |
| Fire Station #8 Upgrades | SPLOST | Public Safety | \$ 3,500,000.00 | \$ 387,675.00 | FY24 | In Process | N/A | N/A | Estimated Start Summer 2026 | |
| Flat Rock Park | SPLOST | Parks & Rec | \$ 4,000,000.00 | \$ - | FY25 | | | | | |
| Forrest Road Widening | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 15,400,000.00 | \$ 875,950.00 | FY25 | In Process | | | | |
| Fortson/Williams Roundabout | OLOST Infrastructure, Paving Fund, GDOT LMIG | Transportation | \$ 5,706,323.82 | \$ 5,603,514.40 | FY24 | Complete | Complete | Complete | Complete (punch list) | Complete |
| Gateway Signage | OLOST Infrastructure | Transportation | \$ 1,000,000.00 | \$ - | FY24 | | | | | |
| Hawaii Way and Maui Ct Storm Drain | SPLOST | Stormwater | \$ 200,000.00 | \$ - | FY26 | | | | | |
| Historic Broadway Combined Mapping | SPLOST | Transportation | \$ 200,000.00 | \$ - | FY26 | | | | | |
| Historic Broadway Storm Drain | SPLOST | Stormwater | \$ 1,200,000.00 | \$ - | FY26 | | | | | |
| Infantry Road | TSPLOST (Discretionary), GDOT M230 | Transportation | \$ 3,629,097.80 | \$ 3,625,935.67 | FY17 | Complete | Complete | Complete | In Process | Spring 2027 |
| Jail Facility Improvements | General Fund | Public Safety | \$ 6,000,000.00 | \$ 2,279,280.55 | FY25 | In Process | N/A | N/A | In Process | Ongoing |
| Jail Site Master Plan | General Fund | Public Safety | \$ 3,000,000.00 | \$ 3,000,000.00 | FY24 | In Process | | | | |
| Judicial Center | Bonds 2022, Bonds 2025, & General Fund | Other | \$ 218,601,827.39 | \$ 213,873,410.47 | FY22 | Complete | Complete | Complete | In Process | Winter 2026 |
| Lake Oliver Trail Connection | TSPLOST (Discretionary) | Transportation | \$ 283,000.00 | \$ - | FY22 | In Process | | | | |

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| Lakebottom Park | SPLOST | Parks & Rec | \$ 2,400,000.00 | \$ - | FY26 | | | | | |
| Lakebottom Trail Connection | SPLOST,TSPLOST (Discretionary) | Transportation | \$ 2,750,000.00 | \$ 152,500.00 | FY22 | In Process | | | | |
| Liberty Theater Block Enhancement (7th & 8th Ave) | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 4,000,000.00 | \$ 287,944.00 | FY24 | In Process | | | Estimated Start Summer 2026 | |
| Liberty Theatre Improvements | 99SPLOST & General Fund | Other | \$ 1,506,909.32 | \$ 624,585.07 | FY23 | Complete | N/A | N/A | In Process | Ongoing |
| Military Drive | GDOT | Transportation | \$ 520,000.00 | \$ 520,000.00 | FY21 | In Process | | | | |
| MCP Animal Care Program | General Fund | Public Safety | \$ 300,000.00 | \$ - | FY25 | | | | | |
| Morris Road | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 12,000,000.00 | \$ 1,265,000.00 | FY26 | In Process | | | | |
| Morris Road Bridge | TSPLOST (Discretionary), GDOT LRA | Transportation | \$ 4,518,247.00 | \$ 4,518,247.00 | FY26 | In Process | | | | Spring 2027 |
| Norstar/Kennedy Roundabout | OLOST Infrastructure & TSPLOST (Discretionary) | Transportation | \$ 1,682,500.00 | \$ 182,500.00 | FY26 | Complete | In Process | In Process | | Fall 2026 |
| Oxbow Creek Bridge | SPLOST | Other | \$ 750,000.00 | \$ 215,576.00 | FY23 | Complete | N/A | N/A | | Summer 2026 |
| Oxbow Creek Clubhouse | SPLOST | Other | \$ 1,400,000.00 | \$ 63,684.10 | FY23 | Complete | N/A | N/A | Estimated Start Spring 2026 | Summer 2026 |
| Parks & Rec Facility Improvements | General Fund | Parks & Rec | \$ 3,650,000.00 | \$ 299,384.36 | FY24 | | | | | |
| Playground Renovations (Heath, Psalmond, DC, Shirley) | General Fund | Parks & Rec | \$ 800,000.00 | \$ - | FY26 | | | | | |
| Public Safety Building | SPLOST | Public Safety | \$ 4,500,000.00 | \$ 247,500.00 | FY24 | In Process | N/A | N/A | Estimated Start Summer 2026 | |
| Riverwalk Repaving | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 12,500,000.00 | \$ - | FY23 | In Process | | | Estimated Start Fall 2026 | |
| South Lumpkin Road Improvements | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 10,100,000.00 | \$ 941,800.00 | FY24 | In Process | | | Estimated Start Summer 2026 | |
| Spiderweb | TSPLOST (TIA 1), TSPLOST Discretionary, GDOT LMIG, GDOT LRA | Transportation | \$ 75,895,392.93 | \$ 75,229,743.18 | FY15 | Complete | Complete | Complete | In Process | Spring 2027 |
| Splash Pad Britt David | SPLOST | Parks & Rec | \$ 700,000.00 | \$ 700,000.00 | FY26 | Complete | N/A | N/A | Estimated Start Spring 2026 | Summer 2026 |
| Splash Pad Liberty District | SPLOST | Parks & Rec | \$ 700,000.00 | \$ 700,000.00 | FY26 | In Process | N/A | N/A | | |
| Steam Mill Road Improvements | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 22,500,000.00 | \$ 2,397,478.27 | FY23 | Complete | In Process | | Estimated Start Summer 2027 | |
| Theo McGee Park | SPLOST | Parks & Rec | \$ 1,300,000.00 | \$ - | FY26 | | | | | |
| Trade Center Parking Garage | Bonds 2003 B & SPLOST | Other | \$ 10,248,862.27 | \$ 20,090.50 | FY03 | | | | | |
| Uptown Pickleball | General Fund & 2nd Ave/City Villiage TAD | Parks & Rec | \$ 6,651,527.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | FY24 | In Process | N/A | N/A | Estimate Start Summer 2026 | Spring 2027 |
| Whitesville Road Improvements | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 12,800,000.00 | \$ 1,154,000.00 | FY24 | In Process | | | Estimated Start Spring 2027 | |
| Woodruff Farm Soccer Complex | SPLOST | Parks & Rec | \$ 2,700,000.00 | \$ - | FY26 | | | | | |
| Wynfield Loop Storm Drain | SPLOST | Stormwater | \$ 1,600,000.00 | \$ - | FY26 | Complete | N/A | N/A | Estimated Start Fall 2026 | |

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| | | | | | | Design | ROW | Utilities | Construction | |
| Buena Vista Road DDI | TSPLOST (TIA 1) | Transportation | \$ 52,730,628.00 | \$ 46,011,080.00 | FY20 | Complete | Complete | Complete | In Process | Winter 2026 |
| Cusseta Road Interchange | TSPLOST (TIA 1) | Transportation | \$ 71,971,219.00 | \$ 54,779,023.00 | FY20 | Complete | Complete | Complete | In Process | Spring 2027 |
| US 27 Widening | TSPLOST (TIA 1) | Transportation | \$ 72,356,173.00 | \$ 19,263,411.00 | FY23 | Complete | Complete | Complete | In Process | Spring 2026 |
| 2nd Avenue Improvements (Band 2) | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 18,200,000.00 | \$ 416,308.00 | FY25 | In Process | | | Estimated Start Winter 2027 | |
| Andrews Road Improvements (Band 1) | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 6,800,000.00 | \$ 967,642.00 | FY25 | In Process | | | Estimated Start Fall 2027 | |
| Brennan Road Improvements (Band 1) | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 9,200,000.00 | \$ 915,283.00 | FY25 | In Process | | | Estimated Start Fall 2027 | |
| Buena Vista Road Improvements (Band 1) | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 10,700,000.00 | \$ 548,972.00 | FY25 | In Process | | | Estimated Start Summer 2027 | |
| Bull Creek Trail Connector (Band 3) | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 8,400,000.00 | \$ - | FY27 | | | | | |
| County Line Rd interchange (Band 3) | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 36,650,000.00 | \$ 440,221.00 | FY26 | In Process | | | Estimated Start Summer 2030 | |
| Cusseta Road Improvements (Band 3) | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 17,600,000.00 | \$ - | FY28 | | | | Estimated Start Summer 2032 | |
| Double Churches Rd Improvements (Band 3) | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 12,200,000.00 | \$ - | FY28 | | | | | |
| Schomburg/Blackmon Interchanges (Band 2) | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 11,300,000.00 | \$ 190,300.00 | FY26 | In Process | | | Estimated Start Fall 2028 | |
| University Avenue Improvements (Band 2) | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 6,000,000.00 | \$ 182,649.00 | FY26 | In Process | | | Estimated Start Summer 2027 | |
| Williams Road Improvements (Band 3) | TSPLOST (TIA 2) | Transportation | \$ 18,700,000.00 | \$ - | FY27 | | | | Estimated Start Summer 2031 | |

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|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------|--|
| | | | | | | Design | ROW | Utilities | Construction | |
| Beaver Run/Macon Road Roundabout | GDOT | Transportation | \$ 5,800,000.00 | | FY28 | | | | | |
| Bradley Park DDI | GDOT | Transportation | \$ 21,563,338.00 | | FY23 | Complete | Complete | Complete | In Process | Winter 2026 |
| Miller/Manchester Bridges | GDOT | Transportation | \$ 21,183,444.50 | | FY23 | Complete | Complete | Complete | In Process | Winter 2027 |
| Oglethorpe Bridge Replacement | GDOT | Transportation | \$ 34,000,000.00 | | FY22 | | | | | |