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GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: January 15, 2026

SPONSOR: S. Leif

ITEM TYPE: Agreement / Contract / MOU / Lease

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA - General Business

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Award a contract to Robert and Company for the Brunswick Area Transportation Study (BATS) Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Trails Plan in the amount of \$315,950 with \$252,760 of funding provided by the FY26 BATS Supplemental PL Grant, \$51,184 provided by the SPLOST 2022 Fund, \$11,374 provided by the City of Brunswick, and \$632 provided by the Jekyll Island Authority, and amend the budgets as appropriate. (S. Leif)

BACKGROUND: On February 10, 2025, the Brunswick Area Transportation Study (BATS) Policy Committee took action to approve the submittal of a grant for a county-wide bicycle and pedestrian master trails plan. The grant application was awarded by the Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO) for use of Special PL Funds to complete the FY26 trails plan. The plan would ensure integration of alternative transportation options into the transportation planning process as well as meeting federal safety and carbon reduction planning requirements. GDOT Office of Planning and GDOT District 5 will be engaged as strategic stakeholders in the planning process to ensure recommendations of the study are able to progress efficiently for funding and implementation. The project will include public and stakeholder involvement, along with presentations to the MPO and local jurisdictions at key project milestones. It has been nearly a decade since the prior trails planning effort, the Bike/Multi-purpose Trail

Study that the County completed (2016), and an updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Trails Plan is a clear need for the region. This plan would contribute towards achieving initiatives the Glynn County 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, Goal #3: Develop a connected community where families live, work, and play. The plan is 80% federally funded, and 20% locally funded. The City of Brunswick and Jekyll Island Authority are partnering as contributors towards the local match.

BATS was awarded a FY26 supplemental PL grant for the following:

Initial estimated cost of project: \$315,950

Federal PL Funds (80%): \$252,760

Local Match (20%): \$63,190

County Local Match (16.2%): \$51,184

City of Brunswick Local Match (3.6%): \$11,374

Jekyll Island Authority Local Match (0.20%): \$632

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released to the public, and the attached list of five (5) consultants were evaluated by the evaluation committee, with Robert and Company scoring the highest in the evaluation process.

The County Local Match will be paid out of 2022 SPLOST funds. The contract is lower than the grant award, for a project cost total of \$315,950.00.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize awarding the contract for the BATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Trails Plan to Robert and Company for \$315,950.00. With this award detailed planning work can be begin for this project.
2. Do not award. With this alternative the work on this project will not be started.
3. Direct staff as to how to proceed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing awarding the contract for the BATS Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Trails Plan to Robert and Company for \$315,950.00.

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

I move to authorize awarding the contract for the BATS Countywide

Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Trails Plan to Robert and Company for \$315,950.00.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Contract to Robert & Company for RFP26-007 BATS Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Trails Plan.pdf](#)