Federal Metropolitan Planning (PL) Fund Application Form

NAME OF STUDY: Feasibility/Location Study of Additional Downtown Cartersville RR Crossing
PHASE: Concept

MPO: Cartersville-Bartow County

CONTACT (Name, Phone, Email): Tom Sills, (770) 607-6265, sills@bartowga.org

PROJECT START DATE: January 2, 2019  PROJECT END DATE: June 30, 2020

IS PROJECT UPWP/TIP APPROVED: NO  IF NO, AMENDMENT NEEDED? YES

PREVIOUS WORK ON PROJECT:
This one of several projects identified for the improvement of downtown Cartersville traffic flows. The project is a part of the CBMPO Special Projects section of the FY 2019 UPWP.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT BACKGROUND, NEED & GOALS: This one of several projects identified for the improvement of downtown Cartersville traffic flows. At present there are only three railroad crossings within the entire city limits: Porter Street, Cherokee Street, and South Bridge Street. This CSX rail line is the same facility that serves the Inland Port facility soon to open in Murray County. This facility is initially expected to remove 50,000 freight trucks from the metro Atlanta interstate traffic network annually. Projections indicate that up to 100,000 cargo units will be handled by the port. The expected increase in rail traffic as well as the projected increase in the length of trains concerns the City of Cartersville. The City already experiences high levels of traffic interruptions due to the current frequency of trains using the corridor. The Georgia State Rail Plan indicates that 16-26 trains per day use the mainline CSX track that traverses downtown Cartersville. Recent episodes had trains blocking three street crossings for a two-hour period (Cartersville Patch, as reported online April 21, 2017).

COST DESCRIPTION (contract, staff, purchase data costs, etc.):
The proposed cost of the study is $60,000 and is expected to be undertaken by consultants pre-qualified with GDOT for such analyses.

PL FUNDS: $48,000 (80%)
LOCAL MATCH (CASH): $12,000 (20%)
LOCAL MATCH (IN-KIND): $0 (0%)
TOTAL COST: $60,000 (100%)
SCOPE OF STUDY

The project will assess the various railroad crossings within the target area of central Cartersville to determine the best locations for a separated grade railroad crossing. The evaluators will work with the community to assess topography, environmental factors, land use, traffic volumes (both current and projected), projected costs, and funding feasibility. The result will be a report indicating potential locations, cost estimates for each location, and a discussion of available funding sources.

Cartersville Patch article referenced above:


Table 50 from the Georgia State Rail Plan

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City Council Meeting
10 N. Public Square
March 15, 2018
6:00 P.M. – Work Session
7:00 P.M. – Council Meeting

I. Opening Meeting

Invocation by Council Member Cooley.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Major Carl G. Belville.

The City Council met in Regular Session with Matt Santini, Mayor presiding and the following present: Kari Hodge, Council Member Ward One; Jayce Stepp, Council Member Ward Two Cary Roth, Council Member Ward Three; Calvin Cooley Council Member Ward Four; Gary Fox, Council Member Ward Five; Taff Wren, Council Member Ward Six; Dan Porta, Assistant City Manager; Meredith Ulmer, City Clerk and David Archer, City Attorney.

II. Regular Agenda

A. Council Meeting Minutes

1. March 1, 2018 City Council Minutes

A motion to approve the March 1, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented was made by Council Member Fox and seconded by Council Member Hodge. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

B. Proclamations

1. 100th Birthday of Major Carl G. Belville

Mayor Santini presented a proclamation to Major Carl G. Belville thanking him for his years of service in the military and commitment to the betterment of the community. Mayor Santini also recognized Major Belville’s birthday, because he will be turning 100 years old.

C. Presentations

1. Recertification for our GACP State Certification

A representative of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) from the City of Kennesaw presented a plaque in reference to the Police Department’s state re-certification. In 2017, GACP evaluated the standard operating procedures of the Police Department. The findings were presented to the GACP Board and they recommended that the Cartersville Police Department be re-certified as a State Certified Law Enforcement Agency. The Cartersville Police Department was originally designated as a State Certified Agency in 2001 and has
maintained that certification. Only 123 out of 1162 State of Georgia law enforcement agencies are certified by GACP.

D. Resolutions

1. Resolution to Support MPO Study

Dan Porta, Assistant City Manager stated this resolution supports an MPO application for funding for a Feasibility/Locational Study for an additional downtown Cartersville Railroad Overpass. Mr. Porta stated approval is recommended.

Motion to approve the Resolution to Support MPO Study and to incorporate a study for a pedestrian bridge in downtown and study on Mission Road was made by Council Member Fox and seconded by Council Member Cooley. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTERSVILLE, IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING APPLICATION TO THE GEORGIA PL FUNDING COMMITTEE FOR FUNDING OF A FEASIBILITY/LOCATION STUDY OF ADDITIONAL CARTERSVILLE RAILROAD OVERPASS(ES)

WHEREAS, there are a limited number of locations within the City of Cartersville ("City") where traffic may cross the CSX railroad line without interruption from frequent freight train traffic; and

WHEREAS, congestion resulting from freight train traffic is expected to increase within the community as a result of projected increases nation-wide in the use of trains to move freight; and

WHEREAS, the opening of the Inland Port facility in Murray County is also expected to increase the number of freight cars using the CSX rail lines through the City of Cartersville; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cartersville is a member of the Cartersville-Bartow Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

WHEREAS, special studies within the MPO are eligible for funding from the Georgia PL Funding Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City is not obligated to fund the study without the grant of funds from the Georgia PL Funding Committee; and

WHEREAS, Sixty Thousand Dollars has been set aside in the MPO budget to fund
the local share of special studies; and

WHEREAS, a special study has been identified in the CBMPO FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program to consider the feasibility and possible locations for separate grade rail crossings within the City limits of Cartersville.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cartersville have determined that there is a need for a study of separate grade rail crossings including, but not limited to, a pedestrian bridge downtown, the crossing over Mission Road, and an additional bridge downtown in the City of Cartersville, and intend to make application for funding of a feasibility/location study to consider the placement of an additional separate grade rail crossing including, but not limited to, a pedestrian bridge downtown, the crossing over Mission Road, and an additional bridge downtown within the City limits, and that the City intends to use the MPO funds as the source of its local match for the study.

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTERSVILLE, this ___ day of __________, 2018.

/s/
Matthew J. Santini, Mayor
City of Cartersville, Georgia

ATTEST:

/s/
Meredith Ulmer, City Clerk
City of Cartersville, Georgia

E. Easements

1. Shaw Create Easement

Mr. Porta stated the easement request is for a 15 foot underground electric cable on the property owned by the Development Authority of Cartersville and occupied by the Shaw Create Centre. This easement is needed to protect and maintain access to our underground primary lines and equipment.

A motion to approve the Shaw Create Easement was made by Council Member Roth and seconded by Council Member Stepp. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

2. Downtown Water Main Replacement Project – Gilreath Easement

Bob Jones, Water Department Head stated in June 2016, the City of Cartersville was awarded $300,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission to construct Phase I of the ARC
Downtown Water Main Replacement Project. This project will replace 100 plus year old water mains that are beyond their design life and most are undersized to provide adequate fire protection. Detailed design is complete and in order to construct the plans as designed, the City needs to obtain both permanent and temporary utility easements from certain property owners.

10 West Main Street is owned by James R. Gilreath and Dede Gilreath and the area behind the old Gilreath Hardware store is needed to connect a new main from Erwin Street to Cherokee Street. Negotiations with the Gilreaths resulted in the agreed upon price of $14,000 and the addition of a tee and valve which gives them the ability to connect a fire sprinkler system to their building in the future. Mr. Jones recommended approval of the Offer of Compensation for Easement Acquisition Form in the amount of $14,000.00

Motion to approve the Gilreath Offer of Compensation for Easement Acquisition was made by Council Member Wren and seconded by Council Member Hodge. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

3. Downtown Water Main Replacement Project – William Tatum Easement

Mr. Jones stated 2 West Main Street is owned by William Tatum and the area behind and beside the Young Brothers Drug Store is needed to connect a new main from Erwin Street to Cherokee Street. Mr. Tatum accepted the City’s Offer of Compensation for Easement Acquisition. The agreed upon amount came to $14,265.06. Mr. Jones recommended approval of this amount per the Offer of Compensation for Easement Acquisition Form.

Motion to approve the William Tatum Offer Compensation for Easement Acquisition was made by Council Member Wren and seconded by Council Member Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

F. Bid Award/Purchases

1. Dewatering Pumps for Gate Installation WPCP

Mr. Jones stated on September 7, 2017, Council approved the purchase of two slide gates and labor for installation at the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP). Those gates have been received, but the City must rent dewatering pumps in order to replace the 15 million gallons per day (MGD) pump that will be out of service during the installation.

A quote was requested from Xylem located at 402 Old Mill Road. Xylem supplied the quotation based on a three pump rental with all needed suction and discharge hoses, set up, tear down, fuel system and float control for automatic operation. The weekly rate for three pumps is $6,346.14. Mr. Jones asked Council to authorize a not to exceed amount of $13,000.00 to allow up to two weeks for completion of the work or the rental of an additional pump if needed due to rain induced high flows. If weather cooperates, Southern Machine and Fabrication feels the work can be completed in less than 14 days.
Motion to approve the Dewatering Pumps for Gate Install WPCP with a not to exceed amount of $13,000 was made by Council Member Cooley and seconded by Council Member Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

2. Center Road Pump Station Emergency Generator

Mr. Jones stated the Center Road Pump Station (CPS) is the source of water for the high pressure system that serves elevations above 900 feet mean sea level (MSL). There was no provision made for connection of a backup generator in the initial construction. At the time, usage did not dictate having a generator because tank volume produced sufficient time to make repairs or wait on power to be restored.

Due to growth on the City high pressure system, New Kroger and surrounding development, and growth in the County on HWY 20 that is served by this facility, it is time to install backup power to prevent service interruptions. The Water Department's generator at the now decommissioned Kohl's Pump Station (KPS) is sufficient to power the CPS. To use this generator, the City needs to add a power transfer switch and associated wiring, pour a concrete pad for it and make final connections. Quotations were requested for all electrical work needed and the following bids were received: Patrick Kelly Electric, Inc. $15,300.00; JDH Electric, LLC $15,550.00; Fox Systems: no bid, and Southeastern Electric: no bid.

Both vendors are perfectly capable of completing this work, but JDH is a local contractor and Patrick Kelly is located in Cumming, GA. Using a local contractor would be an advantage should there be any warranty issue. The recommended award is to JDH Electric, LLC in the amount of $15,550.00.

A motion to approve JDH Electric for the Center Road Pump Station Emergency Generator was made by Council Member Fox and seconded by Council Member Hodge. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

3. WTP - #2 High Service Pump Building Stabilization

Mr. Jones stated the foundation of the Number Two High Service Pump Building (#2HSPB) has been failing for several years resulting in multiple large cracks in the loading dock, exterior and interior walls. Pipe supports as well as sections of floor have also settled inside the building. The structure houses our two largest pumps and is critical to Water Treatment Plant (WTP) operations during high demand, required fire flow and for pumping redundancy.

Sealed bids were received on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 2:00pm for all work needed to stabilize the current foundation failure. Bidders were required to prequalify given the specialized nature of the work. Bids were received from the following: SOL Construction $1,193,475.00; Willow Construction $1,314,765.00; PF Moon Construction $1,320,555.00; Haren Construction $1,775,000.00. Mr. Jones recommended award of the project to SOL Construction in the amount of $1,193,475.00.
A motion to approve SOL Construction for the WTP #2 High Service Pump Building Stabilization was made by Council Member Hodge and seconded by Council Member Wren. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

4. WPCP – Evoqua Service Tech

Mr. Jones stated the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) needs to retain the services of the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) service technician to diagnose an ongoing problem with the bottom bearing in the Secondary Number One (2-1) screw pump. Despite installing a new bearing in 2015 – 2016, the pump continues to exhibit signs of misalignment. This causes the pump to scrub the surrounding concrete and damage the pump vanes.

Evoqua has submitted a quote of $6,050.00 for one full day of onsite work by their technician. Each additional day to be charged at the rate of $1,500/day plus expenses. Mr. Jones asked for a not to exceed amount of $8,000.00 to allow two full days plus ancillary expenses.

Motion to approve a not to exceed amount of $8,000.00 to allow two full days of onsite work by Evoqua plus ancillary expenses was made by Council Member Wren and seconded by Council Member Cooley. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

5. Electric Meter Testing

Don Hassebrock, Electric Department Head stated the Electric Department has a third-party contractor check the accuracy of the meters of our larger industrial and commercial customers on an annual basis. We test approximately 60-70 meters annually. The current contractor for meter testing is with M&R Services. The contract price is $105 per meter tested. Mr. Hassebrock asked Council to approve the meter testing by M&R Services for a not to exceed price of $7,350.00.

Motion to approve the Electric Meter Testing by M & R Services with a not to exceed amount of $7,350.00 was made by Council Member Cooley and seconded by Council Member Wren. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

6. 4” PE Pipe

Gary Riggs, Gas Department Head stated City Gas has requested and received three bids for 3,480 LF of 4” PE Pipe. The Gas System has three large upcoming projects that will require this pipe. Approval is recommended for Consolidated Pipe & Supply at $2.88 per LF for a total of $10,022.40.

Motion to approve Consolidated Pipe & Supply for $10,022.40 was made by Council Member Hodge and seconded by Council Member Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

7. Thermal Imaging Camera for New Fire Truck

Chief King respectfully requested approval of a new Thermal Imaging Camera for the
new fire truck due to arrive in May. This camera will be an MSA Evolution 6000 model which is identical to all other cameras in use on our fire trucks. The camera is used by firefighters in environments where there is zero visibility to help locate victims and find the base of a fire. The use of the camera reduces the amount of time required to extinguish a fire by allowing the Department to locate the fire quicker. In addition, the cameras improve the safety of the firefighter by allowing them to see the actual temperature of the area they are entering. There were two vendors for this product. Fireline for a price of $7,185.00 and Ten 8 Fire Equipment at a price of $7,117.73. City Fire recommended the low quote from Ten 8 with a price of $7,117.73.

Motion to approve the thermal imaging camera to be financed through leasepool for the new fire truck from Ten 8 for a price of $7,117.73 was made by Council Member Cooley and seconded by Council Member Stepp. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

8. All Terrain Firefighting/Rescue Project

Chief King respectfully requested permission to proceed with the budgeted All Terrain Firefighting / Rescue project. This will provide City Fire with an all-terrain vehicle that will be equipped with firefighting capabilities and rescue capabilities for off road conditions and/or adverse weather situations. Local examples include our City trail system, increased urban interface construction such as Carter Grove Subdivision and the extreme drought conditions such as those experienced in 2016-17.

Local vendors were sought for the all-terrain vehicle by hand delivering bid request to multiple vendors. Only two returned. Rhinehart of Rome was the low bid at $15,792.83 which was $3,457.16 below the other bid from Ag-Pro of Cartersville. The bid for the skid unit is a single source manufacture at $7,150.00. Also included in this package is lettering, lights and radio system. There are variables in the installation of the lights and radio so we have budgeted up to and not to exceed $2,500.00 for this line item. This will bring the total project price of an up to and not to exceed price of $28,757.83. This project will be a lease pool item that is $1,242.17 under budget.

Motion to approve the purchase of an all-terrain firefighting/rescue project through leasepool funding was made by Council Member Wren and seconded by Council Member Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

9. Dellinger Park Pool Repairs

Greg Anderson, Parks and Recreation Department Head stated a proposal was requested by Carterville Parks and Recreation for specific repairs to the Dellinger Park pool. Repair work includes pool corner repairs, expansion joint repair and re-plastering of areas. Mr. Anderson recommended Aqua Design Systems' proposal of $6,381.00 for these Dellinger Pool repairs. This will be paid for from Parks and Recreation outdoor facility maintenance account.

Motion to approve Dellinger Park Pool Repairs with Aqua Designs Systems in the amount of $6,381.00 was made by Council Member Stepp and seconded by Council Member
Cooley. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

G. Contracts/Agreements

1. Dellinger Park Scoreboard Sponsorship Agreement

Mr. Anderson stated on October 5, 2017, Cartersville City Council approved an agreement and revised fee schedule for Dellinger Park football/softball scoreboard sponsorships. Cartersville Parks and Recreation staff member Britt McGill has recently secured a proposed sponsorship for all scoreboards. The sponsor has signed the agreement and is willing to fulfill the agreement by paying $8,400.00 (60%) of the total $14,000.00 for the 5-year sponsorship, once approved by City Council. The $5,600.00 (40%) balance will be due at the beginning of the 2nd year of the contract. Mr. Anderson recommended the Dellinger Park Scoreboard sponsorship from Owen Security Solutions and request that Mayor Santini be authorized to sign any related documents.

A motion to approve the Dellinger Park Scoreboard Sponsorship Agreement was made by Council Member Stepp and seconded by Council Member Cooley. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

Motion to add an item to the agenda was made by Council Member Wren and seconded by Council Member Hodge. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

2. Parker Fibernet Colocation Agreement

Mr. Porta stated Parker Fibernet has had an existing colocation agreement in our 6 Cook Street building since around 2012 without paying a monthly lease fee. With the move to the new fiber node building in the Public Works Compound, a new lease agreement has been negotiated where Parker Fibernet pays the city $500 per month per rack space onsite plus $150 per month for power. Based upon the equipment that Parker Fibernet needs in our building, they will be leasing one rack plus power for $650 per month. The agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney and I recommend approval of the colocation agreement with Parker Fibernet.

Motion to approve the Parker Fibernet Colocation Agreement was made by Council Member Hodge and seconded by Council Member Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

H. Bid Award/Purchases

1. Purchase of Additional Defibrillators

Mr. Porta stated since the City Council approved the purchase of defibrillators for various City departments, Fire Captain Chad Hendrix has visited all City locations and discussed the location of wall mounted cabinets and locations for portable defibrillator units with City employees. After inspecting sites and discussing the units with employees, additional units need to be purchased. Mr. Porta recommended the purchase of 7 additional units at a cost of $8,419.41
which will provide more defibrillators to City staff in case of an emergency.

Motion to approve the purchase of additional defibrillators was made by Council Member Hodge and seconded by Council Member Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

**Added Item: Appointment to the Etowah Area Consolidated Housing Authority**

Mr. Porta stated with Council Member Cooley being selected as Mayor Pro Tem his position on the Etowah Area Consolidated Housing Authority needed to be filled. Hedy Smith is the recommended individual to fill the Board position.

Motion to approve Hedy Smith as a board member to the Etowah Area Consolidated Housing Authority was made by Council Member Stepp and seconded by Council Member Fox. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

I. Monthly Financial Statement

1. **January 2018 Financial Report**

Tom Rhinehart, Finance Department Head came forward and stated the financial report comparing January 2017 to January 2018. Mr. Rhinehart presented information in regards to revenue generated and expenditures with all departments. Overall expenses increased, LOST increased utility revenues fluctuate depending on weather conditions.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to go into closed session, and was seconded by Council Member Cooley. City Council went into closed session.

After closed session Council entered the Council Chambers and a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Stepp. Needing no second the motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned

/s/ Matthew J. Santilli
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Meredith Ullmer
City Clerk
RESOLUTION OF THE
CARTERSVILLE-BARTOW METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR
METRO PLANNING (PL) FUNDS FOR THE CARTERSVILLE RAILROAD CROSSING LOCATION FEASIBILITY
STUDY

WHEREAS, the Cartersville-Bartow Metropolitan Planning Organization has been designated by the
Governor of the State of Georgia as the metropolitan planning organization responsible for conducting
transportation planning activities in the Cartersville urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the US Department of Transportation and the Commissioner of the Georgia
Department of Transportation are authorized to make PL grants for transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant,
including the provision by it of the local project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation revised the PL funding process by eliminating
automatic carryover; and in its place initiated the "PL Funding Formula, Distribution and Review
Committee Process"; and

WHEREAS, the Cartersville-Bartow Metropolitan Planning Organization has been requested by
Cartersville to study the feasibility of adding another separate-grade railroad crossing within its city
limits; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for feasibility study is $60,000 with 80% or $48,000 in federal Metro PL
funds and 20% or $12,000 local funds; and

WHEREAS, the Cartersville-Bartow Metropolitan Planning Organization desires to apply for a grant in
accordance with the "PL Funding Formula, Distribution and Review Committee Process" for the purpose
of conducting the feasibility study.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Policy Committee of the Cartersville-Bartow Metropolitan
Planning Organization does hereby endorse this application for PL funding, and, if awarded, will provide
the local match as provided within the Special Projects element of the CBMPO FY 18 UPWP.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Policy Committee Chairman of the Cartersville-Bartow
Metropolitan Planning Organization certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a
resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Cartersville-Bartow Metropolitan Planning
Organization held on August 1, 2018.

Peter Olson, Chair