



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Ord. No. 2015-176: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$280,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation; to amend the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget by establishing a new project in the Transportation Category called the Bellemeade Park Pedestrian Trail and Bridge project; and to appropriate the amount of \$280,000 to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Bellemeade Park Pedestrian Trail and Bridge project by \$280,000 for the purpose of designing and constructing a pedestrian trail from the new Oak Grove Elementary School across Bellemeade Park to the park entrance at the intersection of Minefee Street and Gunn Street.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: September 21, 2015

PETITIONER

City of Richmond

LOCATION

Bellemeade Park

PURPOSE

To accept \$280,000 from VDOT and appropriate it to the new Bellemeade Park Pedestrian Trail and Bridge project.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

The federal transportation legislation, (MAP-21) Transportation Alternative (TA) is transportation bill that began in federal fiscal year 2013. The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; and safe routes to school projects. This funding program mandates a 20% match to be supplied by the applicant. The match totals \$70,000, which has been appropriated in the City CIP budget.

The Department of Public Works submitted a TA application for the design and construction of pedestrian trail from the new Oak Grove Elementary School across Bellemeade Park to the park entrance at Minefee and Gunn Streets. The project as conceptualized provides a 10-ft stabilized gravel trail through the park and a 6-ft wide steel pedestrian/light utility vehicle bridge across Goodes Creek. The total project cost is estimated to be \$350,000.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed ordinance to accept the funds.

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