

INTRODUCED: October 13, 2014

AN ORDINANCE No. 2014-201-187

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$617,037 from the Virginia Department of Transportation and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Virginia Capital Trail – Phase II project in the Transportation category by \$617,037 for the purpose of funding the construction of Segment 2 of the Virginia Capital Trail.

Patron – Mayor Jones

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: OCT 27 2014 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to accept funds for the City of Richmond in the amount of \$617,037 from the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of funding the construction of Segment 2 of the Virginia Capital Trail.

§ 2. That the funds received from the Virginia Department of Transportation are hereby appropriated to the Capital Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, by increasing estimated revenues by \$617,037, increasing the amount appropriated for expenditures by \$617,037 and allotting to the Department of Public Works'

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: OCT 27 2014 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

Virginia Capital Trail – Phase II project in the Transportation category the sum of \$617,037 for the purpose of funding the construction of Segment 2 of the Virginia Capital Trail.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O & R REQUEST

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Chief Administration Office
City of Richmond

O&R REQUEST

DATE: September 16, 2014

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THRU: The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor

THRU: Christopher L. Beschler, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

THRU: Norman Butts, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer

THRU: Wayne Lassiter, Interim Director of Finance

THRU: Jay Brown, Interim Director of Budget and Strategic Planning

THRU: James A. Jackson, Director of Public Works

THRU: M.S. Khara, P.E., City Engineer

FROM: Lamont L. Benjamin, P.E., Capital Projects Administrator

RE: TO AMEND FY2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND APPROPRIATE TO THE VIRGINIA CAPITAL TRAIL- SEGMENT 2 PROJECT, AWARD# 500284

ORD.OR RES. NO. _____

PURPOSE: To amend the FY2015 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget in the Transportation Category, and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept \$617,037 reimbursable funds from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and appropriate to the "Virginia Capital Trail – Segment 2" project.

REASON: Transportation Alternative (TA) Program funded \$617,037 in FY2014 for the Virginia Capital Trail-Segment 2 project.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Public Works recommends approval.

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BACKGROUND: 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 20% in matching funds to be supplied by the applicant.

In the winter of 2013 the City submitted a TA application requesting federal funding for the construction of the Virginia Capital Trail- Segment 2. The application was successful and the City was awarded \$617,037 in FY14 for the project.

The Virginia Capital Trail (VCT) is a pedestrian and bicycle trail that connects the Commonwealth's past and present capitals Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Richmond. The City of Richmond has developed a plan called the Virginia Capital Trail Riverfront Section that will implement three segments of the Virginia Capital trail within the City limits. *Segment 1* of the VCT is from 17th Street to Great Ship Lock Park and was constructed in 2010. *Segment 2* of the VCT is from the Great Ship Lock Park and extends to the Lehigh Cement Property and is currently under design. *Segment 3* (currently under construction) begins at Lehigh High Cement property and extends to the Henrico County line.

This budget amendment is for *Segment 2* of the VCT. Once implemented, *Segment 2* will be a 0.20 mile long pedestrian/bike trail completing the final phase of the Richmond Riverfront section of the Virginia Capital Trail thereby connecting downtown Richmond to the 55-mile Capital to Capital Route that originates in Jamestown.

The City has been awarded \$617,037 in federal funds. This award requires a 20% City match in funds for federal grant in the amount of \$154,259. The matching funds are available in the Virginia Capital Trail- Segment 2 project account Award # 500459.

FISCAL IMPACT/COST: This paper would amend the FY15 CIP budget to accept \$617,037 MAP-21 Transportation Alternative (TA) Program reimbursable funds from VDOT and appropriate to the Virginia Capital Trail – Segment 2, Award number 500284. The cost to the City is \$154,259 (20% matching funds for the federal grant is budgeted in account #500459).

FISCAL IMPLICATION: Not accepting these funds will not allow the City to implement the project with the federal funds of \$617,037.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: Yes. This ordinance will amend FY15 Capital Improvement Program Budget by appropriating \$617,037 of reimbursable funds in account (Award # 500284) for the development & implementation of the Virginia Capital Trail-Segment 2.

REVENUE TO CITY: \$617,037 in Federal Transportation Alternative (TA) Program Fund.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption.

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: October 13, 2014

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: October 27, 2014

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Finance Committee

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY [IES]: Planning Commission

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of Public Works; Law Department; Planning and Community Development; Department of Public Utilities; Economic Development; Finance; Budget and Strategic Planning; Interim Chief Administrative Officer (Christopher Beschler); City Mayor (Honorable Dwight C. Jones)

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES: 2013-251-2015-16; 2012-R8-22

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): Minor increase in the maintenance work.

ATTACHMENTS: VDOT allocation listing letter indicating \$617,037 (2014) for the Virginia Capital Trail.

STAFF:

M. S. Khara P.E., City Engineer, 646-5413

Lamont L. Benjamin, P.E., Capital Projects Administrator 646-6339

2013 Final Transportation Alternatives Allocations (FY14)

Project Number	Sponsor	Applicant	Allocation Information	
Richmond				
13061	Richmond MPO		project cost	\$0
	Richmond MPO TMA Balance Entry Account	Amount to Allocate	request amount	\$0
			allocation	\$417,418
13063	Chesterfield County	Chesterfield County, Transportation Department	project cost	\$588,000
	Construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk, and landscaping along the north side of Smoketree Drive connecting the Smoketree Recreation Center to the Church of the Epiphany.		request amount	\$470,400
			allocation	\$470,400
13031	City of Colonial Heights	City of Colonial Heights	project cost	\$1,387,663
	Design and construct Phase 3 of the Appomattox River Greenway Trail, between I-95 and the Boulevard Rt. 1/301 in the City of Colonial Heights.		request amount	\$227,767
			allocation	\$227,767
13003	City of Petersburg	City of Petersburg	project cost	\$750,000
	Restoration of the Historic South Side Depot in Petersburg.		request amount	\$200,000
			allocation	\$200,000
13014	City of Richmond	City of Richmond	project cost	\$2,273,750
	Design and construct Segment 2 of the City of Richmond's portion of the Virginia Capital Trail, a shared- use path from the Great Shiplock Park to the Lehigh Cement property (S. Ash Street).		request amount	\$640,000
			allocation	\$617,037
13064	City of Richmond	City of Richmond	project cost	\$350,000
	Development of a bicycle boulevard along Floyd Avenue from Laurel Street to Thompson Street.		request amount	\$280,000
			allocation	\$40,000