



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Ord. No. 2020-222: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the total amount of \$60,000.00 from Church Schools in the Diocese of Virginia and known as St. Catherine's School and to appropriate the amount of \$60,000.00 to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Pedestrian Safety Improvements with HAWKs and RRFBs (Federal) project in the Transportation category by \$60,000.00 for the purpose of funding the installation of a pedestrian hybrid beacon at the intersection of Grove Avenue and Somerset Avenue in the city of Richmond in accordance with certain proffered conditions accepted by the City pursuant to Ord. No. 2016-268, adopted Nov. 14, 2016.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: October 19, 2020

PETITIONER

Michael Sawyer, P.E.; City Transportation Engineer

LOCATION

Intersection of Grove Avenue and Somerset Avenue

PURPOSE

To amend Ord. No. 2020-051 adopted May 11, 2020, which adopted the Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 2020-2021 and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the total amount of \$60,000 from St. Catherine's School and appropriate the revenues to the Grove Avenue and Somerset Avenue Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (HAWK) project and amend the FY2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget by appropriating \$60,000 to "Pedestrian Safety Improvements With HAWKs And RRFBs (Federal)" Award# 500939.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

This Ordinance would accept and appropriate \$60,000 from St. Catherine's School for the installation of a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (HAWK) at the intersection of Grove Avenue and Somerset Avenue.

On September 7, 2016, the City of Richmond entered into a Proffered Conditions agreement with St. Catherine's School. Under the agreement, listed as number three and entitled "Grove Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Signal", the City of Richmond agrees to design and secure matching funds for the installation of a new pedestrian crossing signal (e.g. a high intensity actuated cross walk signal or similar accentuated high visibility cross walk as determined by the Director of Public Works or his/her designee) across Grove Avenue at its intersection with Somerset Avenue (west side of the intersection).

St. Catherine's School will in turn, pay the City of Richmond half of the City-estimated cost to design and install such pedestrian crossing signal, not to exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), considered the Pedestrian Signal Contribution.

Under the "Pedestrian Safety Improvements with HAWKs and RRFBs (FEDERAL)" project, \$150,000 GO Bond FY19 funding was allocated for Citywide Hawks and RRFBs. From these funds, \$60,000 matching funds were allocated for the installation of the Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (HAWK) at the intersection of Grove Avenue and Somerset Avenue. The \$60,000 from St. Catherine's School will provide adequate funding to construct the project at this location for a total cost of \$120,000.

Department of Public Works Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Site Description

Public Right-of-Way, in vicinity of St. Catherine's School campus, at intersection of Grove Avenue and Somerset Avenue

Proposed Use of the Property

New pedestrian crossing signal

Master Plan

The City of Richmond's Master Plan designates the St. Catherine's School campus as Institutional. Primary uses include institutional uses, such as places of worship, private schools, universities, museums, hospitals and other care facilities. Typically this land use category depicts larger scale uses, while small-scale uses of this type are incorporated within the predominant surrounding land use designations. Typical zoning classification that may accommodate this land use category: I-Institutional.

Zoning and Ordinance Conditions

The St. Catherine's School campus was rezoned to the IC Institutional District (Conditional) on November 14, 2016. Monetary contribution towards the new pedestrian crossing signal is required by the proffered conditions of the rezoning.

Surrounding Area

The surrounding area is comprised of a mix of single-family residential, institutional, and commercial uses.

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