

INTRODUCED: September 14, 2015

A RESOLUTION No. 2015-R50-56

To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish the Belvidere Street Gateway – Phase IV project to improve pedestrian access and safety along Belvidere Street at the intersection of Idlewood Avenue, Spring Street, and Rowe Street.

Patron – Mayor Jones

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: SEPT 28 2015 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Commonwealth Transportation Board’s construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by City Council resolution be made for the Board to establish the Belvidere Street Gateway – Phase IV project to improve pedestrian access and safety along Belvidere Street at the intersection of Idlewood Avenue, Spring Street, and Rowe Street;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the City of Richmond, Virginia requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish and program the Belvidere Street Gateway – Phase IV project to improve pedestrian

AYES: 7 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: SEPT 28 2015 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

access and safety along Belvidere Street at the intersection of Idlewood Avenue, Spring Street, and Rowe Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City of Richmond, Virginia hereby agrees to pay its share of the total cost for planning and design, right of way and construction of this project in accordance with section 33.1-44 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and that, if the City subsequently elects to cancel this project, the City hereby agrees to reimburse the Commonwealth Transportation Board for the total amount of the costs expended by the Board through the date the Board is notified of such cancellation.



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

4-3995
O & R REQUEST

AUG 19 2015

Chief Administration Office
City of Richmond

O&R REQUEST

DATE: August 10, 2015

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor

THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn; Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Christopher L. Beschler; Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran; Director of Public Works

THROUGH: M.S. Khara, P.E.; City Engineer

THROUGH: Lamont L. Benjamin, P.E; Capital Projects Administrator

FROM: Manouchehr Nosrati; Project Manager

RE: APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) REQUESTING PROJECT FUNDING FROM THE FY 2017 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) PROGRAM FOR "BELVIDERE STREET GATEWAY - PHASE IV (IDLEWOOD AVENUE, SPRING STREET AND ROWE STREET) INTERSECTION PROJECT"

EDITION: 1
RECEIVED

AUG 20 2015

OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or designee, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to formally request funding from VDOT for the "Belvidere Street Gateway- Phase IV", (Idlewood Avenue, Spring Street and Rowe Street) Intersection project via the federal TA Program.

REASON: In accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) construction allocation procedures, it is required that a supporting resolution and a City Council public hearing of the resolution be held for the application to be considered for awarding of TA funds.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Public Works recommends approval.

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program was replaced by the Transportation Alternative (TA) Program with the passage of MAP-21. 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.

The Belvidere Street Gateway – Phase IV will improve pedestrian access and safety along Belvidere Street at the intersection of Idlewood Avenue, Spring Street and Rowe Street. These improvements will provide enhanced pedestrian access to the Oregon Hill residential neighborhood, the Virginia Commonwealth University campus, the Virginia World War Memorial, and the Historic Tredegar Iron Works Visitor Center. The project will consist of installing concrete paver crosswalks, pavement markings, pedestrian signal head indicators, a pedestrian hybrid beacon at Rowe St. and ADA approved wheelchair ramps.

The total project cost for the three (3) intersections is estimated at \$486,000. The amount of (\$388,800 = 80%) is being requested under the FY17 Transportation Alternative Program. This program requires a 20% City match. If federal funding for this project is received, the City will need to budget matching funds in the amount of \$97,200 through the CIP budget.

The TA application process requires a Council Public Hearing of the Resolution to be held and submitted to VDOT prior to November 1, 2015, the application deadline.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: \$97,200. If federal funding for this project is received, the City's share will be 20% of the total project cost in the amount of \$97,200. The City will need to fund this via future CIP budgets upon federal grant approval.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Not adopting this resolution will not allow the project to compete for the Federal Transportation Alternatives funds.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: None

REVENUE TO CITY: \$388,800 if federal Transportation Alternative Funds if project is approved by VDOT.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption.

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: September 14, 2015.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: September 28, 2015.

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee (LUHTSC) on September 22, 2015

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of Public Works; Law Department; Planning and Development; Economic and Community Development; Department of Public Utilities; Finance Department; Budget and Strategic Planning; Copies also sent to: City Mayor (Dwight C. Jones); Chief Administrative Officer (Selena Cuffee-Glenn); and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (Christopher L. Beschler).

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: No. 99 - R271- 00-2, January 10, 2000 and Resolution No. 2014-R173-171 dated September 08, 2014

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): Small maintenance costs are expected in the future years after construction is completed.

ATTACHMENTS: None

STAFF: Lamont L. Benjamin, PE, Capital Projects Administrator, DPW, 646-6339
Manouchehr Nosrati, Project Manager, DPW, 646-6319
