



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Ord. No. 2018-173: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept \$5,526,936 from the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year [2017-2018] 2018-2019 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community Development's Main Street Station Multi-Modal Transportation Center project in the Economic and Community Development category by \$5,526,936 for the purpose of funding the Main Street Station Phase 3 development.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: July 16, 2018

PETITIONER

Amy Inman, Senior Administrator for Multimodal Transportation and Strategic Planning

LOCATION

1500 East Main Street

PURPOSE

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept and appropriate a total of \$5,526,936 million (\$1,611,443 Regional Surface Transportation Program and \$1,951,663 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality and \$1,963,830 High Priority Funds) from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Main Street Station Phase 3 development. The federal funding will provide capital financial assistance for completion of the Rehabilitation and Renovation of Main Street Station.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

Main Street Station Rehabilitation and Renovation - The objective of the project is to enhance the multimodal transportation options at the Main Street Station facility and to support future increased intercity and higher speed passenger rail service. The improvements are being advanced by the City and include stabilizing and rehabilitating the station shed per the National Historic Preservation Guidelines to improve service and capacity for existing passenger rail; reestablishing Franklin Street through the train shed to provide connectivity for the Virginia Capital Trail and pedestrian access through the site; providing alternative transportation modes at the station such as electric vehicles, bike stations, Segways and scooters; improving site circulation for multimodal activity. The Main Street Station restoration effort is underway with Taylor & Parrish Construction Inc.

The Pulse Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system will have a stop directly in front of the Main Street Station providing connectivity to the entire GRTC transit network and provide a vital last mile connection to other destinations in downtown.

Main Street Station is located East of Interstate 95, at 1500 East Main St in Richmond, Virginia between North 15th and Ambler Streets. The Station occupies several City owned properties totaling approximately 7 acres.

Economic Development Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

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