

INTRODUCED: July 1, 2024

AN ORDINANCE No. 2024-189

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for an on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute certain transportation project agreements between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for various transportation projects in the city of Richmond.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JULY 22 2024 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2021-R050, adopted September 27, 2021, and 2023-R032, adopted July 24, 2023, the Council expressed its support for applications for the allocation of funds of up to \$10,000,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and 2025-2026 Revenue Sharing Programs; and

WHEREAS, such funds were requested to fund the construction and maintenance projects set forth on the document entitled “City of Richmond, FY 23-24 VDOT Revenue Sharing Program Project List,” a copy of which is attached to Resolution No. 2021-R050, adopted September 27, 2021, and “City of Richmond, FY 25-26 VDOT Revenue Sharing

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: _____ REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

Program Application Project List,” a copy of which is attached to Resolution No. 2023-R032, adopted July 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City hereby affirms its agreement to commit its share of the total cost for preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction of the project or projects in accordance with the project financial documents; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2024-R006, adopted February 26, 2024, the Council expressed its support to request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board provide funding for the City’s SMART SCALE candidate projects for 2024; and

WHEREAS, such funding was requested to fund the construction and maintenance projects set forth on the document entitled “City of Richmond, VA, Smart Scale Program Candidate Project for Round 6,” a copy of which is attached to Resolution No. 2024-R006; and

WHEREAS, by (i) Resolution No. 2023-R034, adopted July 24, 2023, the Council requested that the Commonwealth Transportation Board establish and fund the Cary Street Sidewalk Improvement project, (ii) Resolution No. 2023-R039, adopted July 24, 2023, the Council requested that the Commonwealth Transportation Board establish and fund the Patterson Avenue Bike Lanes project, (iii) Resolution No. 2023-R042, adopted July 24, 2023, the Council requested that the Commonwealth Transportation Board establish and fund the Carnation Street Sidewalk Improvement project, and (iv) Resolution No. 2023-R043, adopted July 24, 2023, the Council requested that the Commonwealth Transportation Board establish and fund the Maymont Neighborhood Sidewalks – Phase III project;

WHEREAS, the City hereby agrees to provide funding for the maintenance and operating costs of the project or projects, unless the City and the Virginia Department of Transportation agree to do otherwise in writing;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer, or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, be and is hereby authorized to execute such contracts or other documents with the Virginia Department of Transportation as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of the transportation projects supported by the Council and set forth in the documents entitled “City of Richmond, FY 23-24 VDOT Revenue Sharing Program Project List,” a copy of which is attached to Resolution No. 2021-R050, adopted September 27, 2021, “City of Richmond, FY 25-26 VDOT Revenue Sharing Program Application Project List,” a copy of which is attached to Resolution No. 2023-R032, adopted July 24, 2023, and “City of Richmond, VA, Smart Scale Program Candidate Project for Round 6,” a copy of which is attached to Resolution No. 2024-R006, adopted February 26, 2024, and the transportation projects supported by the Council set forth in Resolution No. 2023-R034, adopted July 24, 2023, Resolution No. 2023-R039, adopted July 24, 2023, Resolution No. 2023-R042, adopted July 24, 2023, and Resolution No. 2023-R043, adopted July 24, 2023, provided that all such contracts and other documents shall first be approved as to form by the City Attorney, to provide funding for such transportation projects in the city of Richmond.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



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Body

O & R Request

DATE: June 27, 2024 **EDITION:** 2

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

THROUGH: J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Bobby Vincent Jr.; Director of Public Works

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

RE: TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY CITY/STATE AGREEMENTS RELATING TO VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) FUNDS UNDER VARIOUS GRANT PROGRAMS FOR TRANSPORTATION RELATED PROJECTS.

ORD. OR RES. No.

PURPOSE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute all necessary city/state agreements relating to VDOT funds under various grant programs for transportation related projects.

BACKGROUND: The General Assembly has directed Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to establish several initiatives aimed at accelerating road construction and providing funding assistance for the improvements to their transportation system. The city is the recipient of VDOT funds under various grant programs for transportation related projects such as Transportation Alternative (TA), Revenue Sharing, Smart Scale, and others.

On an annual basis the Department of Public works applies for various State and Federal Grant programs to help fund the City of Richmond Transportation projects. These projects are approved by City Council by way of a council resolution or City Council Budget in support of various proposed

projects in order to participate in the funding programs.

Once the City is approved for federal and/or state funds the City is required to enter into a formal City/State agreement with VDOT before the City can begin design and construction of the approved projects. This required a separate ordinance approval by City Council approving the City's commitment to fund its share of the project which Council has already been approved by City Council Resolution of support or Council Budgets and to give authorization to the CAO to execute the City/State agreements for each project. VDOT has also required that the project agreements be executed within 6 months of the City/State agreement transmittal by VDOT to the City or risk project deallocations.

The City/State agreement execution process takes as long as 120 days. VDOT is now allowing for a blanket agreement approval which will eliminate the need for a second ordinance for the City's funding commitment and CAO authorization. Approving this blanket agreement will help to reduce the agreement execution time by 2-3 months, which will allow projects to begin much quicker and to decrease overall project implementation time.

VDOT requires the City, by resolution, this blanket agreement to provide assurance of its commitment to funding its local share of these projects and gives authorization to the CAO to execute City/State agreements. This commitment is subject to appropriations of future funding approved by the City Council. This agreement is valid for four fiscal years (FY2024, FY2025, FY2026, FY2027).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Additional public hearing/engagement will be through the Land Use and Housing and Transportation Standing Committee (LUHTSC) meeting and City Council meeting on this Ordinance request.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL: Transportation projects receiving funds from VDOT will improve the city's streets, bridge to expand the connectivity and enhance the safety to the pedestrian and vehicular users.

Land Use and Housing and Transportation Standing Committee (LUHTSC) will review and approve this Resolution request.

FISCAL IMPACT: Local matching funds are required to receive the transportation program funds, which matching funds commitment has already been approved by City Council Resolution of Support of Projects or Council Budget.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption.

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: July 1, 2024

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: July 22, 2024

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing, and Transportation Standing Committee (July 16, 2024)

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 (Levar M. Stoney); Chief Administrative Officer (J.E. Lincoln Saunders); Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Operation (Robert Steidel); and City Attorney (2).

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:

- None

ATTACHMENTS: VDOT Resolution Template

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