



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

ORD 2023-198 - To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$762,414.00 from the Federal Highway Administration, to amend Ord. No. 2023-073, adopted May 8, 2023, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, and determined a means of financing the same, by establishing a new project for the Department of Public Works in the Transportation Category called the Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Activities project, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal year 2023-2024 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Activities project in the Transportation Category by \$762,414.00 for the purpose of funding the implementation of Vision Zero traffic safety program activities.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Department of Public Works
Date: July 17, 2023

PETITIONER

Michael Sawyer, P.E.; City Transportation Engineer

LOCATION

Citywide

PURPOSE

To amend Ord. No. 2023-073 adopted May 8, 2023, which adopted the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2024, and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the total amount of \$762,414 from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and appropriate the revenues by amending the FY2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget for \$762,414 to the new "Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Activities" Project; Award 'New'.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

Appropriations for the specific aforementioned new project within the Transportation Category of the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2024 - 2028 are necessary to accept Federal funds awarded for the project.

This grant award follows Resolution 2022-R-041 which expressed City Council's support for the City's participation in the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) SS4A Grant Program to provide funding for the implementation of Vision Zero traffic safety program activities to achieve the goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on the streets of the city of Richmond.

Staff recommends approval of this request.

FINDINGS OF FACT

SITE DESCRIPTION

Citywide

PROPOSED USE FOR THE PROPERTY

Citywide – Safe Street and Vision Zero programming

MASTER PLAN

Richmond 300 Master Plan speaks to road safety in several different ways, the most directly related to this application includes the following. The Plan states that Richmond is a Vision Zero city, but traffic deaths and injuries are a continuing problem.

Goal 7 Vision Zero: Systemically change the built environment to shift our safety culture and ensure that individuals are not killed or seriously injured on city streets.

Objective 7.1 Reduce all traffic-related deaths and serious injuries to zero by implementing the Vision Zero Action Plan.

- a. Prioritize and implement safety treatments on the high-injury street network, especially those aimed to reduce speeding (per the Vision Zero Action Plan).
- b. Provide safe and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant access to transit stops in the high-injury street network as determined by GRTC (per the Vision Zero Action Plan).
- c. Conduct engineering surveys to determine the appropriate level of traffic control required for pedestrians to cross at intersections.
- d. Expand the Safe Routes to Schools program to all schools and conduct formal audits.

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