

INTRODUCED: September 11, 2017

A RESOLUTION No. 2017-R064

To support a project to provide funding to install new sidewalks along Whitehead Road from its intersection with Elmbridge Road to its intersection with Daytona Drive in the vicinity of G.H. Reid Elementary School and the City's application in relation thereto to the Virginia Department of Transportation for \$320,000 from the federal Transportation Alternatives Program.

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Patrons – Mayor Stoney and Mr. Jones

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: SEPT 25 2017 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond desires to submit an application for \$320,000 for a project to provide funding to install new sidewalks along Whitehead Road from its intersection with Elmbridge Road to its intersection with Daytona Drive in the vicinity of G.H. Reid Elementary School from the federal Transportation Alternatives Program through the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the procedures of the Virginia Department of Transportation require that the Council of the City of Richmond adopt a resolution in support of the project that includes a

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commitment to provide the required 20 percent local match in funds or in-kind contributions and to provide for future maintenance and upkeep of the completed project;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Council of the City of Richmond supports a project to provide funding to install new sidewalks along Whitehead Road from its intersection with Elmbridge Road to its intersection with Daytona Drive in the vicinity of G.H. Reid Elementary School and the City's application in relation thereto to the Virginia Department of Transportation for \$320,000 from the federal Transportation Alternatives Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City agrees to provide the required 20 percent local match in funds or in-kind contributions and to provide for future maintenance and upkeep of the completed project.



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O & R REQUEST

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Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

O&R REQUEST

DATE: August 8, 2017

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

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THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney; Mayor

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THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn; Chief Administrative Officer

OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

THROUGH: Robert C. Steidel, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

THROUGH: Bobby Vincent; Director of Public Works

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

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

FROM: Kevin T. Newcomb, P.E., Project Manager

RE: APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) REQUESTING PROJECT FUNDING FROM THE BIENNIAL FY2019-FY2020 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL - WHITEHEAD ROAD PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY FROM ELMBRIDGE ROAD TO G.H. REID ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

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 a pedestrian walkway on Whitehead Road from Elmbridge Road to G.H. Reid Elementary School for FY20 of the FY2019-FY2020 federal Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program.

REASON: In accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), 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. This year VDOT is requiring a biennial application submittal for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 for Transportation Alternatives Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Department of Public Works recommends approval.

**BACKGROUND:** The Transportation Enhancement (TE) program established under 'SEFTY – LU' was replaced by the Transportation Alternative (TA) program with the passage of MAP-21.

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act or "FAST Act" eliminates the MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and replaces it with a set-aside of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funding for Transportation Alternatives (TA). These set-aside funds include all projects and activities eligible under TAP, encompassing a variety of smaller-scale non-motorized transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity. There are 10 eligible activities under this program.

The FAST Act requires all TA projects to be funded through a competitive process. This funding program mandates 20% in matching funds to be supplied by the applicant and the City be responsible for operating and maintenance cost of the TA improvements.

This year VDOT is requiring a biennial application submittal for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 for the Transportation Alternatives Program. This is a change from previous years' application submittals.

In 2012, the city constructed the Whitehead Road Pedestrian Access project- Phase I: Hull Street to Elmbridge Road. This Whitehead Road pedestrian walkway project (the application) will complete the walkway connection to the school by providing a pedestrian walkway along Whitehead Road from the intersection of Elmbridge Road to G.H Reid Elementary School. Currently no sidewalks exist in this area to allow for safe passage along these streets. The installation of new sidewalks will improve pedestrian mobility and safety.

The total project cost is estimated at \$400,000. The amount of \$320,000 (80%) is being requested for FY20 of the FY2019-FY2020 TA Program. This program requires a 20% City match. If federal funding for this project is received, the City will need to budget matching fund in the amount of \$80,000 through the upcoming 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, 2017, the application deadline.

**FISCAL IMPACT / COST:** If federal funding for this project is received for FY2020, the City's share will be 20% of the total project cost in the amount of \$80,000 that will be budgeted 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:** No

**REVENUE TO CITY:** FY20 - \$320,000 if federal Transportation Alternative Funds are approved by VDOT.

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption.

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** September 11, 2017.

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** September 25, 2017.

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent Agenda

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee (LUHTSC) on September 19, 2017

**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 (Levar M. Stoney); Chief Administrative Officer (Selena Cuffee-Glenn); and Robert C. Steidel, Acting Deputy CAO of Operations.

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** None

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Sample Resolution

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