



**City Of Richmond, Virginia
Office of the City Clerk**

Request to Withdraw Legislation

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Chief Patron: Councilor Kim Gray

Introduction Date: November 13, 2017

Chief Patron Signature: Kimberly B. Gray

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Attestation: Ameli D. Reed

Effective Date: 4/12/2018

INTRODUCED: November 13, 2017

A RESOLUTION No. 2017-R089

To request that the Mayor petition the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide businesses in certain areas affected by the construction of the Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit project with financial assistance to compensate for declining customer traffic and sales due to extended construction activities and impediments resulting from the construction of the Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit project.

Patron – Ms. Gray

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 11 2017 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Transportation Bid Proposal and Contract between the Virginia Department of Transportation and The Lane Construction Corporation dated April 18, 2016, for the Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit project stipulates a completion date of June 30, 2018, and requires that the Virginia Department of Transportation pay to The Lane Construction Corporation \$1,000,035 for meeting an early final completion date of December 30, 2017, for the project; and

WHEREAS, upon the City Council's information and belief, The Lane Construction Corporation has indicated and the project partners have acknowledged that the early final

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completion date of December 30, 2017, for the Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit project will not be met and, as such, the financial incentive will not be awarded; and

WHEREAS, local media outlets have reported that numerous businesses have been adversely affected by the project's construction activities and impediments consisting of noise; traffic barriers; lane, shoulder, and road closings; inaccessible parking spaces; and increased traffic accidents, all leading to significant declines in customer traffic and sales revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond believes that the anticipated continuation of the project to its contractual end date of June 30, 2018, coupled with the adverse effects of the construction activities and impediments suffered to date, as reported by the media, impose undue financial hardship on business owners within certain areas from the City's corporate boundary on East Main Street to the intersection of East Main Street and North 14th Street and along East Broad Street to the City's corporate boundary just west of Staples Mill Road; and

WHEREAS, the Council is of the opinion that the Mayor should petition the Virginia Department of Transportation for financial assistance for businesses located within these areas that have been adversely affected financially by construction activities and impediments resulting from the construction of the Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit project from any unexpended project funds budgeted to provide the incentive to the contractor for early final completion of the project by December 30, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Mayor is hereby requested to petition the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide financial assistance to businesses within the areas comprising the Pulse Corridor Plan adversely affected by the extended construction activities and impediments resulting from the

construction of the Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit project from any unexpended project funds budgeted to provide the contractor with an early completion incentive.



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THROUGH Lou Brown Ali, Council Chief of Staff *LB*

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DATE October 6, 2017

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TITLE Provide Financial Assistance to Businesses along the GRTC Pulse Corridor.

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Kimberly Gray

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Finance and Economic Development

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron requests a resolution petitioning Mayor Stoney and the Administration to ask the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to provide financial assistance to businesses along the Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC) Pulse corridor; particularly those along West Broad Street, that have been negatively impacted by the lengthy process for construction of the new GRTC Pulse system. Local media has reported that numerous businesses are losing money due to lack of parking, street and lane closings, and other impediments resulting from the construction. VDOT is responsible for the administration of the construction contract.

BACKGROUND

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Commonwealth of Virginia (Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation - DRPT and Virginia Department of Transportation - VDOT), the City of Richmond and Henrico County, GRTC will develop a Bus Rapid Transit System, dubbed the Pulse, to improve commerce transit within the City.

GRTC Pulse is a modern, high capacity rapid transit system that will serve a 7.6 mile route along Broad Street and Main Street, from Rocketts landing in the City of Richmond to Willow Lawn in Henrico County. The system is expected to provide frequent, reliable transit service that allows a greater movement of

people along the corridor without depending solely on cars and parking.

The early incentive completion date of the GRTC Pulse project is December 30, 2017. Now however, it has been acknowledged that the contractor for the project, Lane Construction, will not meet its deadline. The contractual fixed project deadline has a final completion date of June 30, 2018. Businesses along the corridor have expressed grief that contending with traffic barriers, lost parking and other construction issues have negatively impacted their sales. Some owners have claimed a decline in sales as great as 20 percent.

As stated previously, this resolution seeks to address this issue by requesting VDOT, which is managing the project to consider using a portion of the \$3.25 million early completion incentive (to Lane Construction) to help businesses struggling with sales.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact:

Staff time and resources will be required to work with VDOT to facilitate discussions and administrative duties necessary to address this issue.

Attachment/s Yes No