



# Richmond City Council

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*Richmond, Virginia*

## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Land Use, Housing, & Transportation Standing Committee

June 18, 2024

### Legislative Summary

**Previous Meeting:** May 21, 2024

**Next Meeting:** July 23, 2024

### Committee Notes

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#### Presentation(s):

- Merrick Malone, Director of Housing and Community Development. Director Malone will be updating the Committee on programs helping residents to age in place, home repair programs, and rental assistance programs.
- Adrienne Torres, GRTC Chief Development Officer – Ms. Torres will discuss several items with the Committee including BRT, system connectivity, shelters at stops, dedicated lanes, and green buses.

#### Discussion Item(s):

- Steven Nesmith, CEO of RRHA will be present to discuss possible redevelopment of facilities using the RDC.

### Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

#### **1. Ordinance No. 2025-125**

**Patron** Mayor Avula

#### Key Points:

- Authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a City of Richmond Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and the James River Association for the purpose of implementing green infrastructure practices to increase stormwater detention as part of the Greening Richmond Public Libraries project at the Ginter Park Branch.
- Supports green infrastructure development with drainage improvements, permeable pavers, native trees, and plants to reduce erosion and urban heat island effects.



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- The city has entered such agreements/programs before at other libraries.
- Community meetings have occurred to inform the public.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes. \$154,000 will come from the Storm Water Utility Fund to support work by James River Association for green infrastructure.

### 2. Ordinance No. 2025-126

**Patron** Mayor Avula

Key Points:

- Authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Programmatic Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the State Historic Preservation Office for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in the performance of programs funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Agreement allows the city and its staff to conduct Section 106 reviews done when there is development in historically sensitive areas. This agreement allows the city to conduct the reviews instead of DHR which can save up to 60 days in review time for developments.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes. No fiscal impact anticipated.

### 3. Ordinance No. 2025-R024

**Patron** Mayor Avula

Key Points:

- Supports an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of funding the installation of a five-foot wide sidewalk westbound along German School Road from Glenway Drive to Blakemore Road and to commit to the required agreements of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program.
- Will construct some 600 feet of sidewalk along German School Road, pedestrian crossing improvements on Glenway Drive, curb extensions on both roads.



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- Impacted roadways are part of Vision Zero planning to reduce pedestrian injury and death.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes. The city is expected to match 20% to VDOT's 80% funding in future CIP funding. Administration's O&R expects \$250K in City costs.

### 4. Resolution No. 2024-R025

**Patrons** Mayor Avula

Key Points:

- Supports an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of funding the installation of five-foot wide sidewalk along Carnation Street from Hioaks Road to Warwick Road and to commit to the required agreements of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program.
- Contracts sidewalk along Carnation Street creating continuous sidewalk from Midlothian Turnpike to Hioaks Road.
- Also creates continuous sidewalk from Midlothian Turnpike to Jahnke Road along Carnation Street
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Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes. The Administration notes that the City must provide 20% of the costs, some \$185K to be funded in the CIP. UP to 80% will come through VDOT. Total costs are expected to be \$929K.

### 5. Resolution No. 2024-R026

**Patron** Mayor Avula

Key Points:

- Supports application to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of funding the installation of pedestrian crossing improvements along Forest Hill Avenue from Westover Hills Boulevard to Taylor Avenue and 48th Street and to commit to the required agreements of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program.
- The project installs curb extensions, rapid flashing beacons, high-visibility crosswalks, curb ramps along Forrest Hill Ave at Taylor Ave and includes rapid flashing beacons on Forest Hill Ave between Westover Hill Blvd and 48<sup>th</sup> Street, and shorter crossings.



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- Estimated costs are \$1,456,297.
- At the Committee Chair's requests, the Administration has been asked to be prepared to inform the Committee of the criteria used to determine which intersections get flashing signals.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes. The city will receive \$1.25M from VDOT and \$206K from CVTA. The Administration advises that the City's costs are 20 % in matching funds in upcoming CIP funds.

### 6. Resolution No. 2024-R029

**Patron** Mayor Avula

#### Key Points:

- Supports an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of funding the installation of protected bike lanes on Franklin Street from Belvidere Street to Lombardy Street and to commit to the required agreements of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program.
- City to receive improvement to bike lanes in downtown, extending them on Franklin Street, and connecting the lanes to the Fall Line Trail.
- At the Committee Chair's requests, Administration has been asked to be prepared to inform the Committee of criteria used to determine which streets get protected bike lanes and share data on usage of the existing lanes.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes. The city will receive \$1.M in federal matching dollars through VDOT and \$750K from CVTA. The Administration advises that the City's costs are 20 % in matching funds in upcoming CIP funds (\$250K).