



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Ord. No. 2016-286: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$1,085,372 from the Virginia Department of Transportation; to amend the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget by establishing a new project in the Transportation Category called the Broad Street Streetscape project; and to appropriate the amount of \$1,085,372 to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Broad Street Streetscape project by \$1,085,372 for the purpose of installing sidewalk and landscaping on West Broad Street between North Hamilton Street and North Laurel Street.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: December 5, 2016

PETITIONER

City of Richmond, Department of Public Works

LOCATION

West Broad Street between North Hamilton Street and North Laurel Street

PURPOSE

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SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

The 2014 Virginia General Assembly approved HB 2, a state-wide prioritization process for project selection. HB 2 amends the Code of Virginia by adding 1.1 of Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 a section number 33.1-23.5:5 relating to allocations within highway construction districts by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB). HB 2 provides for the development of a prioritization process for projects funded by the CTB. Such prioritization shall weigh factors such as congestion mitigation, economic development, accessibility, safety and environmental quality and be applied within each highway construction district. The Broad Street streetscape project was selected as a HB 2 project.

The proposed project would install streetscape on Broad Street from Laurel Street to Hamilton Street. The streetscape project will complement the BRT project on US 250 and benefit all users (the BRT vehicle, pedestrians and other vehicles). This project addresses key design components that the BRT project could not address due to funding from Laurel Street to Hamilton Street. The BRT project is a regional collaboration between the Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC),

the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), the City of Richmond, Henrico County and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The “Broad Street Streetscape” project was selected as a HB 2 project in June 2016. A total of \$6,020,287 was allocated to the Six Year Improvement Program from FY17 – FY20 (FY17-\$1,085,372; FY18-\$915,480; FY19-\$1,003,631; and FY20-\$3,015,804). This Ordinance will amend FY17 CIP to accept FY17 VDOT funds in the amount of \$1,085,372 and encumber in ‘Broad Street Streetscape’ project account (Award # New). Future year allocations will be budgeted using City’s FY18-FY22 CIP budget cycle.

Public Works staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Site Description

West Broad Street between North Hamilton Street and North Laurel Street

Master Plan & Zoning

The Downtown Plan designates a portion of the area as an Urban Center Area, characterized by higher density, mixed-use development. The remaining portions of the area are designated by the Master Plan as Institutional, Community Commercial, General Commercial, and Transitional Office.

Properties within the area are zoned in the B-3 General Business District, B-4 Central Business District, B-5 Central Business District, B-7 Mixed-Use Business District, M-1 Light Industrial District, UB-PO4 – Urban Business – West Broad Street Parking Overlay,

A mix of commercial, institutional, mixed-use, industrial, office, public-open space, government, vacant, and multifamily residential land uses are present in the area.

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