

INTRODUCED: January 22, 2024

AN ORDINANCE No. 2024-027

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the total amount of \$4,000,000.00 from CSX Transportation, Inc., 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 increasing estimated revenues from the funds received from CSX Transportation, Inc. and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Arthur Ashe Boulevard Bridge Replacement project in the Transportation – G.O. Bonds category by \$4,000,000.00, all for the purpose of funding the replacement of the Arthur Ashe Boulevard bridge.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 12 2024 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, is authorized to accept funds in the total amount of \$4,000,000.00 from CSX Transportation, Inc., for the purpose of funding the replacement of the Arthur Ashe Boulevard bridge.

§ 2. That Ordinance No. 2023-073, adopted May 8, 2023, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, and ending

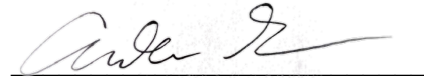
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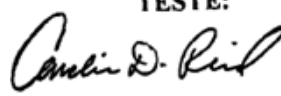
June 30, 2024, and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and determined a means of financing the same, be and is hereby amended by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated for expenditures by \$4,000,000.00, and allotting such sum to the Department of Public Works' Arthur Ashe Boulevard Bridge Replacement project in the Transportation – G.O. Bonds category by \$4,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the replacement of the Arthur Ashe Boulevard bridge.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney's Office

A TRUE COPY:
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City Clerk



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City of Richmond

Intracity Correspondence

O&R Transmittal

DATE: December 1, 2023

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

THROUGH: J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Sheila White; Director of Finance

THROUGH: Meghan K. Brown; Acting Director of Budget & Strategic Planning

THROUGH: Bobby Vincent Jr.; Director of Public Works

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

RE: TO AMEND THE FY 2024 ADOPTED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE CSX TRANSPORTATION INC (CSXT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 4,000,000.00 FOR THE “ARTHUR ASHE BOULEVARD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT” PROJECT (PROJECT # 108670).

ORD. OR RES. No.

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 \$ 4,000,000.00 from the CSX Transportation Inc. (CSXT) and appropriate the revenues by amending the FY2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget in Transportation category for the NEW ‘Arthur Ashe Blvd Bridge Replacement’ project (Project # 108670).

BACKGROUND: The Arthur Ashe Blvd bridge extends over a CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) railroad and is structurally deficient with emergency temporary supports recently installed and it has sub-standard vertical clearances over CSXT. The bridge provides a critical connection between the City of Richmond’s urban and commercial centers and regional transportation infrastructure, including interstate highways I-95 and I-64. The bridge is also an essential component of the City’s planned redevelopment of the Diamond District, a 67-acre site into a mixed-use, mixed-income, transit-oriented

neighborhood anchored by green space and a new minor league baseball stadium. The replacement of the Arthur Ashe Boulevard Bridge will allow the City to ensure that the NHS route remains in operation at its full load carrying capacity and provides safe passage for the traveling public over the heavily used CSXT railway corridor.

The bridge consists of a northern half over then Seaboard Airline railroad company and a southern half over then RF&P railroad company. CSXT merged both railroad companies in 1980 and 1991 respectively and inherited the bridge maintenance responsibilities.

The Department of Public Works submitted Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant application in April 2022 that will focus on the replacement of the Arthur Ashe Boulevard over CSXT Bridge.

The RAISE Grant application was approved in September 2022 and funded the project for a total of \$18,400,000. The estimated total project cost is \$23,000,000. CSX Transportation Inc. is committed to offer a one-time contribution of \$4,000,000.00 to the project so that the City may assume the right, ownership and all maintenance responsibilities for the new bridge.

The CSXT contribution (\$4,000,000) needs to be accepted as a budget amendment of the FY2024-FY2028 City Capital Budget to have the funds for the project.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: The City of Richmond has worked closely with key project stakeholders to gain support for the Arthur Ashe Blvd Bridge RAISE project to enhance the safety and efficiency of the transportation network and promote the Diamond District redevelopment. These include elected officials, public agencies such as GRTC, Central Virginia Planning District Commission, and Diamond District Developers. On March 28, 2022 the City Council adopted resolution No 2022-R20 to support the City's participation in the RAISE Grant funding program for the Arthur Ashe Boulevard Bridge. Additional public hearing/engagement will be through the City Planning Commission (CPC) meeting and City Council meeting on this Ordinance request.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL: The Arthur Ashe Boulevard Bridge project supports the RVA300 Master Plan, objectives of Street, Bridge & Connections, that seeks to build and improve the City's streets and bridges to expand connectivity for all users.

City Planning Commission (CPC) will review and approve the Ordinance request.

FISCAL IMPACT: The FY2024-FY2028 will be amended to accept and appropriate \$ 4,000,000.00 of CSXT contribution funds to the Capital Budget in Transportation category for the NEW 'Arthur Ashe Blvd Bridge Replacement' project (Project #108670).

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption.

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: January 22, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: February 12, 2024.

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: 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 (J.E. Lincoln Saunders); Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Operation (Robert Steidel); and City Attorney (2).

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:

- Amends Ord. No. 2023-073 Adopted May 8, 2023.
- Resolution No. 2022- R20 Adopted March 28, 2022

ATTACHMENTS: RAISE 2022 Award Letter-VA Arthur Ashe Boulevard Bridge Replacement; 2023.03.14 CSX Funding Commitment Letter for Arthur Ashe Bridge

STAFF: Lamont L. Benjamin, P.E.; Capital Projects Administrator 804-646-6339.
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March 14, 2023

J.E. Lincoln Saunders
Chief Administrative Officer
City of Richmond
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Richmond, VA 23219

SUBJECT: Richmond, VA – Proposed Replacement of Arthur Ashe Boulevard over CSXT; Milepost SRN 3.90;
Southern East Zone, Richmond Terminal Subdivision

CSX Funding Commitment to Replacement and Ownership Transfer of Overhead Highway Bridge

Mr. Saunders,

Reference is made to the City's September 6, 2022 email requesting CSX's contribution towards replacement of the subject structure and USDOT's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (R.A.I.S.E.) Grant award towards replacement of the subject structure. We understand that the replacement of the existing roadway structure with a modern multi modal bridge that meets current standards and clearances is critical to the futures of both the City of Richmond and CSX. CSX is committed to continued partnership with the City towards a common goal of moving this replacement project forward. In interest of advancing this project forward, CSX is offering to provide a one-time contribution of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00)

Please accept this letter of commitment as an indication of funding support from CSX Transportation for the improvement of transportation infrastructure. We thank you for your consideration and partnership in the replacement of Arthur Ashe Boulevard Bridge.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (804) 226-7718.

Sincerely,

Michael Liebelt
Project Manager

cc (via email):

Tony Bellamy, CSX
Will Roseborough, CSX
Randy Marcus, CSX
Regina Jeter, CSX
John Kim, City of Richmond



U.S. Department of Transportation

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Project Name: Arthur Ashe Boulevard Bridge Replacement

Applicant: City of Richmond

RAISE Grant Funding: \$18,400,000

Estimated Total Project Costs: \$23,000,000

Project Description: This project will replace an existing multimodal bridge structure in the City of Richmond, Virginia over the CSX Railroad at the City's crossroads with the eastern seaboard interstate highway corridor.

Congratulations! The project above was selected to receive an FY 2022 RAISE grant.

The USDOT Operating Administration overseeing your project will contact you in September regarding next steps to complete the relevant requirements before executing a grant agreement.

This letter DOES NOT authorize the applicant to incur costs to carry out the project. The execution of the grant agreement will obligate RAISE grant funding, making it available to reimburse eligible expenses for the awarded project. Unless authorized by USDOT in writing, any costs incurred prior to that obligation of funds for a project (i.e., "pre-award costs") are ineligible for reimbursement and may be ineligible to count towards non-Federal match requirements. This letter DOES NOT authorize pre-award costs to be eligible. The Department expects all RAISE funding be obligated by September 30, 2026 and expended by September 30, 2031.

If you have any questions about this award, please contact the RAISE Grants Team at raisegrants@dot.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Augustine".

John Augustine

Director, Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
Office of the Secretary