



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Ord. No. 2014-202: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$2,027,729 from the Virginia Department of Transportation and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Midlothian Turnpike U.S. 60/Belt Boulevard Bridge/Interchange Improvement - RSTP project in the Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance category by \$2,027,729 for the purpose of funding the rehabilitation of the bridge carrying Midlothian Turnpike over Belt Boulevard.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: October 20, 2014

PETITIONER

M. S. Khara, PE, City Engineer, Department of Public Works
City of Richmond

LOCATION

900 East Broad Street

PURPOSE

To accept and appropriate \$2,027,729.00 for the Midlothian Turnpike bridge over Belt Boulevard from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

The Virginia Department of Transportation via the Richmond Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) initially allocated a total of \$300,000.00 in reimbursable Federal STP funds to this project for FY 2010 to perform a traffic study of the interchange and preliminary engineering plans for the bridges over Belt Blvd and CSX. In previous years, the City has applied to the MPO for funds to finance projects eligible to receive federal funding via Regional STP funds (TEA-21). This program requires no matching funds from the City. The Midlothian Turnpike and Belt Boulevard bridge project has begun the engineering for the rehabilitation of the bridge previously evaluated in the original study. The Midlothian Turnpike Bridge over Belt Boulevard and CSX plans for repair/rehabilitation evaluation are ongoing. The previous study addressed the needs associated the immediate, short term, and long term repairs. The repairs are intended to eventually address the long term improvements to the bridges.

The Department of Public Work recommends approval of this ordinance.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Site Description

The subject sites consist of bridges where Midlothian Turnpike crosses over Belt Boulevard and CSX railway.

Proposed Use of the Property

The Midlothian Turnpike and Belt Boulevard bridge project has begun the engineering for the rehabilitation of the bridge previously evaluated in the original study. The repairs are intended to eventually address the long term improvements to the bridges.

Master Plan

The Master Plan designates the crossing over Belt Boulevard as General Commercial and the site where Midlothian Turnpike crosses over the CSX railway is designated as an Economic Opportunity Area.

Zoning & Ordinance Conditions

The property is zoned B-3 General Business District.

Surrounding Area

The surrounding properties are zoned B-3 General Business District and are occupied by a mix of commercial uses and undeveloped public rights-of-way.

Neighborhood Participation

There has been no neighborhood participation associated with this request.

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