



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review ***Staff Report***

ORD. 2026-006: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$960,896.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation, to amend Ord. No. 2025-058, adopted May 12, 2025, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and determined a means of financing the same, to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Major Bridge Improvement Program project in the Transportation – Federal/State/Regional category by \$960,896.00 for the purpose of funding the East Richmond Road Over Gillies Creek bridge replacement project.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: January 20, 2026

PETITIONER

City of Richmond

LOCATION

The bridge on East Richmond Road over Gillies Creek.

SUMMARY

This ordinance is to authorize the CAO, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$960,896.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation. The accepted funds would be used for replacement of the bridge on East Richmond Road over Gillies Creek.

The new bridge will be widened to add space for future pedestrian infrastructure and tie back into the existing roadway. The project is currently under construction and is scheduled to be completed by December 2026.

The estimated total project cost is \$4,094,183.

Recommendation

The City Administration recommends approval of this ordinance.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Site Description

The bridge is located on East Richmond Road, just south of Oakwood Cemetery, at the eastern edge of the 7th District.

Proposed Use

New bridge over Gillies Creek.

Master Plan

The City's Richmond 300 Master Plan designates a future land use for the subject property as Public Open Space, which is defined as public and quasi-public parks, recreation areas, open spaces, and cemeteries.

Development Style: Includes passive and active recreation, natural habitats, cemeteries, and large plazas.

Ground Floor: Not applicable.

Access: Designed in a manner to allow access by all modes of transportation, while emphasizing connections to bicycle and pedestrian amenities, such as sidewalks, bike lanes, and shared-use paths. Bike parking and other such amenities are provided as well.

Density/Height: Not applicable.

Primary Uses: Open space.

Secondary Uses: Cultural, institutional, and governmental.

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