

INTRODUCED: February 22, 2016

A RESOLUTION No. 2016-R010

To support the City of Richmond's application for the United States Department of Transportation Smart City Challenge for a grant of up to \$50,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding projects designed to use advanced technologies to address transportation for disadvantaged populations and improving access to jobs.

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Patron – Mayor Jones

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: MAR 7 2016 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond has submitted an application to the United States Department of Transportation to compete with other localities across the United States for a grant in the United States Department of Transportation's Smart City Challenge; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Smart City Challenge is to provide a grant to a single qualifying locality to fund the development and implementation of an integrated approach to improve surface transportation performance, reduce congestion, promote safety for travelers, protect the environment, respond to climate change, connect underserved communities, and

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support economic vitality within the selected locality, using advanced data and intelligent transportation systems technologies; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation will select from among the grant applicants five finalists to receive a grant of \$100,000 each for concept development, and from those finalists, one locality to receive a grant of \$40,000,000, plus an additional \$10,000,000 through the Department's partnership with Vulcan Philanthropy, for a total grant amount of \$50,000,000; and

WHEREAS, if the City is selected as one of the five finalists, the City must, among other things, identify the transportation challenges and the needs of the citizens and businesses in the city, and demonstrate how advanced technologies can be used to address issues involving safety, mobility, and climate change;

WHEREAS, the successful candidate for the grant funds must submit bold, data-driven ideas formulated to improve the lives of its citizens by making transportation safer, easier, and more reliable; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that it is in a unique position to meet this challenge and exceed all expectations in demonstrating a successful and integrated approach to improving surface transportation for the citizens of the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the City's commitment to the welfare of its citizens and to social and economic transformation in the communities of the city make the City an ideal candidate for the Smart City Challenge;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Council supports the City of Richmond's application for the United States Department of Transportation Smart City Challenge.



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INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
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O&R REQUEST

DATE: January 28, 2016

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

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THROUGH: Dwight C. Jones, Mayor [Signature]

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THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer

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OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

FROM: John J. Buturla, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

RE: Smart City Challenge Grant Application - Resolution of Support

ORD. OR RES. No. \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE: To request a resolution of support for the City and its application for the United States Department of Transportation Smart City Challenge.

REASON: The City would be at the forefront of using advanced technologies to address transportation disadvantaged populations and improving access to jobs through a one-time \$50 million award from the United States Department of Transportation to the winning city.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Council is urged to strongly support this resolution.

BACKGROUND: The USDOT's vision for the Smart City Challenge is to identify one urbanized area where advanced technologies are integrated into the aspects of a city and play a critical role in helping cities and their citizens address challenges in safety, mobility, sustainability, economic vitality, and address climate change. These challenges in transportation will be met by advancements in ITS, connected and automated vehicles, to name a few. Management systems within a smart city - both within transportation and across other sectors of a city - share information and data to communicate between cities and their citizens allowing citizens to achieve benefits by maximizing efficiencies based on the intelligent management of assets and sharing information using integrated technology solutions and use of this information by the public and industry.

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption.

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** February 22, 2016

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** February 22, 2016

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent Agenda

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** None

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** N/A

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** N/A

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** None.

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** None.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**STAFF:** John J. Buturla, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Emmanuel Adediran, Director of Public Works  
M.S. Khara, City Engineer  
Michael Sawyer, City Transportation Engineer  
Christopher Johnston, Grants Coordinator