

INTRODUCED: September 12, 2016

A RESOLUTION No. 2016-R064

To support a project to provide funding to make pedestrian access and safety infrastructure improvements to Belvidere Street at its intersections with Idlewood Avenue, Spring Street, and Rowe Street and the City's application in relation thereto to the Virginia Department of Transportation for \$574,400 from the federal Transportation Alternatives Program.

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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: SEPT 26 2016 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond desires to submit an application for \$574,400 for a project to provide funding for pedestrian access and safety infrastructure improvements to Belvidere Street at its intersections with Idlewood Avenue, Spring Street, and Rowe Street from the federal Transportation Alternatives Program through the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the procedures of the Virginia Department of Transportation require that the Council of the City of Richmond adopt a resolution in support of the project that includes a

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ADOPTED:    SEPT 26 2016    REJECTED:                    \_\_\_\_\_    STRICKEN:                    \_\_\_\_\_

commitment to provide the required 20 percent local match in funds or in-kind contributions and to provide for future maintenance and upkeep of the completed project;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Council of the City of Richmond supports a project to provide funding for pedestrian access and safety infrastructure improvements to Belvidere Street at its intersections with Idlewood Avenue, Spring Street, and Rowe Street and the City's application in relation thereto to the Virginia Department of Transportation for \$574,400 from the federal Transportation Alternatives Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City agrees to provide the required 20 percent local match in funds or in-kind contributions and to provide for future maintenance and upkeep of the completed project.



# CITY OF RICHMOND

## INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

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DATE: August 2, 2016

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

### O & R REQUEST

THROUGH: The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor

THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn; Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: John J. Buturla, Interim Deputy CAO of Operations

THROUGH: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran; Director of Public Works

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

THROUGH: Lamont L. Benjamin, P.E; Capital Projects Administrator

FROM: Manouchehr Nosrati; Project Manager

AUG 9 2016  
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Chief Administration Office  
City of Richmond

### RECEIVED

AUG 24 2016

OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

RE: **APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) REQUESTING PROJECT FUNDING FROM THE FY 2018 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR "BELVIDERE STREET GATEWAY – PHASE IV (IDLEWOOD AVENUE, SPRING STREET AND ROWE STREET) INTERSECTION PROJECT"**

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

**PURPOSE:** To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or designee, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to formally request funding from VDOT for the Belvidere Street gateway – Phase IV (Idlewood Avenue, Spring Street and Rowe Street) intersection project from FY 2018 federal transportation alternatives program.

**REASON:** In accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), it is required that a supporting resolution and a City Council public hearing of the resolution be held for the application to be considered for awarding of TA funds.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Department of Public Works recommends approval.

**BACKGROUND:** The Transportation Enhancement (TE) program established under 'SEFTY – LU' was replaced by the Transportation Alternative (TA) program with the passage of MAP-21.

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act or "FAST Act" eliminates the MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and replaces it with a set-aside of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funding for Transportation Alternatives (TA). These set-aside funds include all projects and activities eligible under TAP, encompassing a variety of smaller-scale non-motorized transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity. There are 10 eligible activities under this program.

The FAST Act requires all TA projects to be funded through a competitive process. This funding program mandates 20% in matching funds to be supplied by the applicant.

Belvidere Street Gateway – Phase IV candidate project will improve pedestrian access and safety along Belvidere Street at the intersection of Idlewood Avenue, Spring Street and Rowe Street. These improvements will provide enhanced pedestrian access to the Oregon Hill residential neighborhood, the Virginia Commonwealth University campus, the Virginia World War Memorial, and the Historic Tredegar Iron Works Visitor Center. The project will consist of installing concrete paver crosswalks, pavement markings, pedestrian signal head indicators, a pedestrian hybrid beacon at Rowe St. and ADA approved wheelchair ramps.

The total project cost for the three (3) intersections is estimated at \$718,000. The amount of (\$574,400 = 80%) is being requested under the FY18 (TA) Set – Aside of (STBG) Program. This program requires a 20% City match. If federal funding for this project is received, the City will need to budget matching funds in the amount of \$143,600 through the CIP budget.

The TA application process requires a Council Public Hearing of the Resolution to be held and submitted to VDOT prior to November 1, 2016, the application deadline.

**FISCAL IMPACT / COST:** If federal funding for this project is received, the City's share will be 20% of the total project cost in the amount of \$143,600. The City will need to fund this via future CIP budgets upon federal grant approval.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** Not adopting this resolution will not allow the project to compete for the Federal Transportation Alternatives funds.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY:** No

**REVENUE TO CITY:** \$574,400 if federal Transportation Alternative Funds approved by VDOT.

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption.

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** September 12, 2016.

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** September 26, 2016.

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent Agenda

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee (LUHTSC) on September 20, 2016

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** 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 (Dwight C. Jones); Chief Administrative Officer (Selena Cuffee-Glenn); and John J. Buturla, Interim Deputy CAO of Operations

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** No. 99 - R271- 00-2, January 10, 2000 and Resolution No. 2014-R173-171 dated September 08, 2014

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** Small maintenance costs are expected in the future years after construction is completed.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

**STAFF:** Lamont L. Benjamin, PE, Capital Projects Administrator, DPW, 646-6339  
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