

INTRODUCED: September 12, 2016

A RESOLUTION No. 2016-R066

To support a project to provide funding to install new sidewalks and pedestrian crossing improvements adjacent to E.S.H. Greene Elementary School and the City’s application in relation thereto to the Virginia Department of Transportation for \$480,000 from the federal Transportation Alternatives Program.

Patrons – Mayor Jones and President Mosby

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: SEPT 26 2016 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond desires to submit an application for \$480,000 for a project to provide funding for the installation of new sidewalks and pedestrian crossing improvements adjacent to E.S.H. Greene Elementary School 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 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,

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: SEPT 26 2016 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

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 the installation of new sidewalks and pedestrian crossing improvements adjacent to E.S.H. Greene Elementary School and the City's application in relation thereto to the Virginia Department of Transportation for \$480,000 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.

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CITY OF RICHMOND INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: August 2, 2016

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

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THROUGH: The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor

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THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn; Chief Administrative Officer

OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

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: Todd Loney, P.E; Project Manager

RE: **APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) REQUESTING PROJECT FUNDING FROM THE FY 2018 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW SIDEWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF E. S. H. GREENE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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 new sidewalks and pedestrian crossing improvements on neighborhood streets near E. S. H. Greene Elementary School from the 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.

Pedestrian safety improvements include sidewalks and ADA ramps on neighborhood streets near E. S. H. Greene Elementary School including Catalina Dr, Cranford Ave, Kinsey Ave and Clarkson Rd.

This is an area with a high density population where numerous multi-dwelling units are located. Currently no sidewalks exist in this area to allow for safe passage along these streets. The installation of new sidewalks on will improve pedestrian mobility and safety while travelling to E. S. H. Green Elementary School. By providing sidewalk, we can increase the number of trips made by walking, particularly in areas with mixed land uses.

The total project cost is estimated at \$600,000. The amount of \$480,000 (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 fund in the amount of \$120,000 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 \$120,000. 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: \$480,000 if federal Transportation Alternative Funds are 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.: None

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

ATTACHMENTS: None

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