

INTRODUCED: September 12, 2016

A RESOLUTION No. 2016-R068

To support a project to provide funding to make traffic calming and other pedestrian safety infrastructure improvements adjacent to Oak Grove Elementary School and the City's application in relation thereto to the Virginia Department of Transportation for \$100,000 from the federal Transportation Alternatives Program.

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Patron – Mayor Jones and President Mosby

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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 \$100,000 for a project to provide funding for traffic calming and other pedestrian safety infrastructure improvements adjacent to Oak Grove 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

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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 traffic calming and other pedestrian safety infrastructure improvements adjacent to Oak Grove Elementary School and the City's application in relation thereto to the Virginia Department of Transportation for \$100,000 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.

# O & R REQUEST



## CITY OF RICHMOND INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

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Chief Administration Office  
City of Richmond  
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**RE-**  
**QUEST**

**DATE:** August 2, 2016

**EDITION:** 1

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**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:** Maritza Feliz-Reyes, Project Manager

**RE:** APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) REQUESTING PROJECT FUNDING FROM THE FY 2018 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR TRAFFIC CALMING AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

**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 traffic calming on Royal Ave and pedestrian crossing improvements on neighborhood streets near Oak Grove 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.

Traffic calming improvements include the following:

- Residential traffic circle at Royal Ave and Lynhaven Ave
- Speed tables
  - o Royal Ave between Gunn St and Ridgemont Rd
  - o Royal Ave between Krouse St and Thaxton St

Pedestrian safety improvements include sidewalks and ADA ramps on neighborhood streets

The total project cost is estimated at \$125,000. The amount of \$100,000 (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 \$25,000 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 \$25,000. 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:** \$100,000 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

**STAFF:** Lamont L. Benjamin, PE, Capital Projects Administrator, DPW, 646-6339  
Maritza Feliz-Reyes, Project Manager, DPW 646-5402