



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Ord. No. 2017-084: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$115,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation; and to appropriate the amount of \$115,000 to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Traffic Control Installation project in the Transportation category by \$115,000 for the purpose of the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Williamsburg Avenue and Nicholson Street.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: May 1, 2017

PETITIONER

Michael B. Sawyer, P.E., City Transportation Engineer

LOCATION

Nicholson Street and Williamsburg Avenue

PURPOSE

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept \$115,000 for the "Nicholson St and Williamsburg Ave Traffic Signal" project from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and to amend the FY2017 Capital Improvement (CIP) Budget by appropriating \$115,000 to project (Award # 500289).

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

The Reason for this request is for the Chief Administrative Officer to accept \$115,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for the "Nicholson St and Williamsburg Ave Traffic Signal project.

The VDOT Six Year Improvement Program (UPC#107867), funded the E. Main St (Route 5) bridge replacement project over the Norfolk Southern Railroad using state funds and Norfolk Southern Railroad funds. VDOT is administering the bridge project.

E. Main St. is currently closed between Williamsburg Ave and Nicholson St. while VDOT rebuilds the bridge. The detoured traffic justified a new traffic signal at the intersection of Williamsburg Ave. and Nicholson St. The intersection will have accommodations for wheelchair accessibility and pedestrian head indicators. The City administered the traffic signal project and has taken ownership.

The total budget for the signal project is \$167,000. VDOT will reimburse the City \$115,000 from the Route 5 bridge replacement project (UPC 107867) payable when the signal is operational, which was on December 16, 2016. City's part of the cost (\$52,000) was funded from "Traffic Control Installations Citywide" (Award #500289). This Ordinance will amend the FY17 CIP budget to accept VDOT funds in the amount of \$115,000 and encumber into "Nicholson St and Williamsburg Ave" (Award #500289).

The Department of Public Works recommends approval of this ordinance.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Site Description

Intersection of Nicholson Street and Williamsburg Avenue

Proposed Use

Traffic signalization within public right-of-way

Master Plan and Zoning

The City's Master Plan recommends industrial and public & open space land uses in the vicinity of the intersection. M-1 Light Industrial, R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential, and R-48 Multi-Family Residential Districts are present in the vicinity of the intersection.

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