



City of Richmond

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Legislation Text

File #: ORD. 2014-109-82, **Version:** 1

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of certain fee simple interests, permanent drainage easements, and temporary construction easements for the public purpose of constructing multimodal transportation and drainage improvements along Jahnke Road between its intersection with Blakemore Road and its intersection with Forest Hill Avenue.

O&R REQUEST

DATE: March 11, 2014 **EDITION:** 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor

THROUGH: Byron C. Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Christopher L. Beschler, Deputy CAO of Operations

THROUGH: James A. Jackson, Director of Public Works

FROM: M. S. Khara, PE, City Engineer

RE: TO DECLARE THAT A PUBLIC NECESSITY EXISTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS FOR THE JAHNKE ROAD CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM BLAKEMORE ROAD TO FOREST HILL AVENUE.

ORD. OR RES. NO: _____

PURPOSE: To declare that a public necessity exists for the acquisition of right-of-way and easements for the construction of improvements on Jahnke Road from Blakemore Road to Forest Hill Avenue, as shown in plats prepared by NXL Consulting designated as DPW Drawing. No. O-28563, sheets 1 to 28.

REASON: Jahnke Road from Blakemore Road to Forest Hill Avenue is an improvement project that is funded with RSTP (Regional Surface Transportation Program) funds. Additional right of way and easements are required to construct the proposed improvements.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Department of Public Works recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND: Jahnke Road is an urban minor arterial road serving regional traffic, surrounding neighborhoods, and surrounding businesses. This project will provide a safe, multi-modal corridor for all users, and will improve livability.

Through coordination with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), this project is funded primarily with RSTP (Regional Surface Transportation Program) funds. These improvements were designed by CH2M HILL Consulting Engineers as construction plans noted as DPW Drawing No. 0-28396.

Project improvements consist of two travel lanes with a grass median. A continuous 5 ft sidewalk on the south side of the project corridor, and an 8 ft shared use path along the north side of the corridor that extends from Newell Road to the CSX rail crossing, to the existing sidewalk that continues to Forest Hill Avenue. A green space for landscaping is provided on both sides of the project corridor. The green space is 6 ft adjacent to the sidewalk and 8 ft adjacent to the shared use path. The total project cost is estimated at \$14,000,000.00.

These improvements require additional right-of-way, temporary easements, permanent easements and utility easements for eighty-four (84) parcels, as part of the project. Utility companies require their own easement documents for the relocation of their utilities. These acquisitions are shown in the attached plats prepared by NXL Consulting designated as DPW Drawing. No. O-28563, sheets 1 to 28, attached. The estimated cost of the ROW acquisition is \$600,000.00. The project construction schedule is spring 2016. In addition, the project cost is 100% reimbursable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. Funds are budgeted in adopted/approved CIP.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: None

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: No.

COST TO THE CITY: The actual acquisition cost is to be negotiated by the right-of-way consultant, Stantec Consulting Engineers, and will be set at fair market value as determined by appropriate Federal, State and local regulations. Acquisition cost is 100% reimbursable.

REVENUE TO CITY: None

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: April 14, 2014

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: April 28, 2014

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing, and Transportation
Standing Committee meeting (April 22, 2014)

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Public Works, Law Department, Planning & Community Development, Economic Development, Public Utilities, Finance Department, Budget and Strategic Planning. Copies also sent to: City Mayor (Honorable Dwight C. Jones); Chief Administrative Officer (Byron C. Marshall), Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operation (Chris Beschler), and City Attorney (2)

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES: Feasibility Study City/State Agreement was authorized by City Council on January 14, 2002 (Ordinance No. 2001-391-2002-17).

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM (S): None

ATTACHMENTS: DPW Drawing. No. O-28563, sheets 1 to 28.

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