



City of Richmond

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Legislation Text

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To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$323,248 from the Virginia Department of Transportation and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' TEA 21 Safety Improvements project in the Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance category by \$323,248 for the purpose of funding the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Brookland Park Boulevard, Dill Avenue, 2nd Avenue and Meadowbridge Road.

O & R Request

DATE: September 11, 2014

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor

THROUGH: Christopher Beschler, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Norman D. Butts, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Finance & Administration

THROUGH: Wayne Lassiter, Acting Director, Department of Finance

THROUGH: Jay Brown, Acting Director, Department of Budget & Strategic Planning

THROUGH: James A. Jackson, Director, Department of Public Works

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

FROM: Thomas E. Flynn, P.E., PTOE, City Transportation Engineer

RE: TO AMEND FY 15 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$323,248 FOR BROOKLAND PARK BOULEVARD ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

ORD. or RES. No.

PURPOSE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept and appropriate the amount of **\$323,248** for Brookland Park Boulevard Roundabout Project from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to the City of Richmond's FY 15 CIP Budget and to amend the

FY 15 CIP Budget (TEA-21 Safety Improvements Account 500132/500302) by **\$323,248** to reflect this increase.

REASON: To accept an additional **\$323,248** funds for Brookland Park Boulevard Roundabout Project allocated in VDOT's Six Year Improvement Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The adoption of this ordinance is recommended by the Department of Public Works.

BACKGROUND: On August 10, 2005, the President signed into law the **Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users** (SAFETEA-LU) with guaranteed funding for highways, highway safety, and public transportation totaling \$244.1 billion, SAFETEA-LU represents the largest surface transportation investment in our Nation's history. SAFETEA-LU builds on the initiatives established by ISTEA and TEA-21. This legislation stresses mobility and protection of the environment, community preservation, sustainability and livability. The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is offered to the localities by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) through a competitive grant program. An application was completed and VDOT subsequently approved the installation of a new roundabout at the intersection Brookland Park Boulevard, Dill Avenue, 2nd Avenue and Meadowbridge Road. This project is in the VDOT Six-Year Improvement Program. The "Six Points Roundabout Project" provides for the construction of a modern roundabout, pedestrian crosswalk markings, handicap ramps and new signage at this six-leg intersection.

Brookland Park Boulevard is functionally classified as an "urban minor arterial". This signalized intersection operates with a very old span wire signal system. This location experienced 20 crashes in a three-year period. Vehicle and pedestrian conflict points will be reduced and slower operating speeds attained through the intersection by installing a modern roundabout at this location.

The total project cost estimate is \$1,239,000. The amount of \$785,000 was previously approved and accepted by O&R 2012-179-169, as well as the amount of \$130,752 from Six Intersection Highway Safety Improvement Project (500132/500302). The additional amount of \$323,248 (this paper) is being funded through VDOT Highway Safety Improvement Funds. See attached Appendix A-1 (Revision #1).

This project design is completed, and right of way is being finalized.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. Project funds are 100% reimbursable.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Not accepting these funds will result in a loss of revenue and a loss of safety improvement at this intersection.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: Yes, the FY15 CIP budget will be amended for \$323,248 in the category of Infrastructure Improvements TEA-21 Safety Improvements Account 500132/500302.

COST TO CITY: None.

REVENUE TO CITY: \$323,248 in Federal reimbursable funds.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption.

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: October 13, 2014.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: October 27, 2014.

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Finance Committee on October 16, 2014.

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER ENTITIES: None.

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of Public Works; Department of Public Utilities; Finance; Budget and Strategic Planning; Law Department; Planning and Community Development. Copies also sent to: City Mayor (Honorable Dwight C. Jones); Interim Chief Administrative Officer (Christopher Beschler); Assistant to Chief Administrative Officer (Wanda Marable); and City Attorney (2 copies).

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: 2012-R19-38 and 2012-179-169.

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None.

ATTACHMENTS: Appendix A-1 (Revision #1)

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