



Legislation Text

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To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the preparation of an analysis for public review of the existing infrastructure along the proposed “North/South BRT” corridors for the purpose of ensuring that residents residing south of the James River have safe and serviceable access to existing and future public transit networks.

WHEREAS, the Council supported the development of a Vision Zero traffic safety program in the City of Richmond by Resolution No. 2016-R011, adopted March 7, 2016, and reaffirmed its support through Resolution No. 2017-R093, adopted March 12, 2018, to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries in road traffic to zero by the year 2030, through comprehensive planning including promoting improvements in surface transportation performance and safety for travelers; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2021-R032, adopted June 14, 2022, the Mayor and the Council expressed support for the City of Richmond’s Equity Agenda, which supports, among other things, efforts to secure funding for a “North/South BRT;” and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of the City of Richmond that the Council request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the preparation of an analysis for public review of the existing infrastructure along the proposed “North/South BRT” corridors for the purpose of ensuring that residents residing south of the James River have safe and serviceable access to existing and future public transit networks;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Chief Administrative Officer is requested to cause the preparation of an analysis for public review of the existing infrastructure along the proposed “North/South BRT” corridors for the purpose of ensuring that residents residing south of the James River have safe and serviceable access to existing and future public transit networks that

includes consideration of the following:

1. Adequate stormwater infrastructure.
2. Tree canopy improvements.
3. Street lighting.
4. Crosswalks.
5. Sidewalks.
6. Bicycle support.
7. Bus stop enhancements in alignment with the City's Complete Streets Policy, adopted by Resolution No. 2014-R172-170, adopted October 13, 2014, and the City's Vision Zero traffic safety program, which the Council supported by Resolution No. 2016-R011, adopted March 7, 2016, and for which the Council reaffirmed its support through Resolution No. 2017-R093, adopted March 12, 2018.
8. The implementation of high frequency public transit on Midlothian Turnpike and Hull Street that promotes access to essential needs and services for residents within a 15-minute time frame.
9. The implementation of a transit map for the city of Richmond and the surrounding areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Council also hereby requests that the Chief Administrative Officer designate the appropriate City personnel to work with the Central Virginia Transportation Authority, the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and the Commonwealth Transportation Board to identify best planning practices and primary funding sources for the expedient implementation of projects that ensure that residents residing south of the James River have safe and serviceable access to existing and future public transit networks that include consideration of the items outlined in this

resolution.