



City of Richmond

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Legislation Text

File #: ORD. 2025-193, **Version:** 1

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of funding the FLT - Kanawha Plaza Multi Use Trail project.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, be and is hereby authorized to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of funding the FLT - Kanawha Plaza Multi-Use Trail project. The Standard Project Administration Agreement shall be approved as to form by the City Attorney and shall be substantially in the form of the document attached to this ordinance.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

City of Richmond Intracity Correspondence

O&R Transmittal

DATE: June 10, 2025 **EDITION:** 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Dr. Danny Avula, Mayor

THROUGH: Odie Donald II, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Bobby Vincent, Director of Public Works

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

RE: TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OR

**DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A STANDARD CITY/STATE AGREEMENT
FOR FALL LINE TRAIL (FLT) - KANAWHA PLAZA MULTI USE TRAIL PROJECT.**

ORD. OR RES. No.

PURPOSE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a standard City/State agreement for Fall Line Trail (FLT) - Kanawha Plaza Multi use Trail project.

BACKGROUND: The Fall Line Trail (FLT) is an approximately 43.6 Mile of paved multi - use trail currently under development from a northern terminus in Ashland, Virginia to a Southern terminus in Petersburg, Virginia. The trail has developed as a collaborative effort in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the seven localities and other stakeholders. From Ashland to Petersburg, the Fall Line alignment will provide a connection to the areas of significant historical and cultural impact through the Central Virginia.

This project will provide:

- multimodal safety operational improvement to the 0.6 miles of shared used path through the Kanawha Plaza site as a trail head for users of the FLT with a minimum of 10FT wide asphalt paved multi-use path.
- Provide for the construction of curb and gutter, ADA accessible ramp improvements, pedestrian crossing improvements, access management, signal modifications, and other streetscape amenities to collectively improve transportation, land use, and health over a public active transportation network.
- Satisfy Segment 5A-R of the Fall Line Trail heading South from South 7th St. and East Canal St. through Kanawha Plaza to South 9th St. and East Byrd St., following the preferred corridor as identified in VDOT's Ashland to Petersburg trail study.

The estimated total project cost is \$4,500,000 for this segment 5A-R. State has approved this budget funding through budget process. The project preliminary design will be shared with the public for their inputs.

The project design will go through the City Planning Commission and Public Hearing process.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: This project has been discussed as a part of VDOT's Ashland and Petersburg Study conducted since 2019. A public meeting was held on September 19th, 2022, 6:30-8:00pm at Linwood Holton Elementary School. The Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility also published this project in Richmond's Fall Line Trail Public Engagement as a level one project that required public outreach with key stakeholders. Staff will hold meetings in the immediate future with area neighborhood associations to secure the favor of the alignment and overall project design.

Additional public engagement will be through the City Council Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on this Ordinance.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL: This project conforms to Goal 8- Equitable Transportation in the Richmond 300 master plan by expanding and improving walking and biking infrastructure. The Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility engaged the public in an intensive, equity focused, planning process from Spring 2021 to Winter 2024 while completing the Path to Equity: *Policy Guide for*

Richmond Connects and the Richmond Connects Strategic and Action Plans.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$4,500,000 Revenue to the City. 100% reimbursable to the City.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: September 8, 2025

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: September 22, 2025

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing, and Transportation Standing Committee meeting

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Public Works, Law Department, Department of Park, Recreation & Community Facilities, Planning & Community Development, Economic Development, Finance Department, Budget and Strategic Planning. Copies also sent to: City Mayor (Dr. Danny Avula); Interim Chief Administrative Officer (Sharon L. Ebert) and City Attorney (2)

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

ATTACHMENTS: Standard City/State Agreement - FLT Kanawha Plaza Multi-use Trail project (UPC126511)

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