

# COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b> Hydraulic / 29: Resolution	<b>AGENDA DATE:</b> April 17, 2018
<b>SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:</b> Approve Resolution of Intent for considering the Hydraulic/29 Small Area Plan as part of the Places 29 Master Plan and support a transportation funding request for associated road improvements	<b>ACTION:</b> X <b>INFORMATION:</b>
<b>STAFF CONTACT(S):</b> Graham, Blair, Cilimberg	<b>CONSENT AGENDA:</b> <b>ACTION:</b> <b>INFORMATION:</b>
<b>PRESENTER (S):</b> Graham	<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> Yes

### BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this work session is to consider a Resolution of Intent (ROI) for amending the Comprehensive Plan (CPA) to include a Hydraulic/29 Small Area Plan and to also consider a County interest in supporting a Smart Scale application for transportation improvements. This is a continuation of the work last reviewed by the Planning Commission on October 17, 2017 (Attachment A) and subsequently by the County Board on November 1, 2017 (Attachment B)

### DISCUSSION:

**Transportation Improvements** – The Hydraulic / 29 Advisory Panel has been working in cooperation with VDOT to develop a plan for multi-modal transportation improvements designed to assure an acceptable level of service in this area. That work has resulted in the transportation improvement plan provided as Attachment C, which has been endorsed by the Advisory Panel. This will be further discussed at the Planning Commission meeting, including visual modeling of how the improvements are intended to work. The planned improvements are intended to be the basis for a Smart Scale application submitted to VDOT by the Thomas Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) no later than the end of May. This work has been “fast tracked” by VDOT to ensure the Smart Scale application deadline is met, meaning there has not been the opportunity for the typical process that has check-ins along the way. This accelerated process was discussed with the Board and part of the direction to County representation on the advisory panel.

Associated with this work, the County currently has an Official Map to assure reservation of right of way for anticipated transportation improvements at the intersection of Hydraulic Road and Route 29. The currently proposed transportation improvements lack the necessary detail to consider possible changes to that Official Map but anticipated with preliminary engineering should the Smart Scale application be funded. However, staff notes this Official Map must be amended / re-adopted no later than November 5, 2019 in order to remain valid. Staff has incorporated the re-adoption of the Official map into the provided resolution, while noting no changes are possible until additional detail is provided for the proposed transportation improvements.

**Comprehensive Plan Amendment** – Per the previously considered work, both the Planning Commission and Board agreed that the Hydraulic / 29 Small Area Plan should be considered for adoption into the County's Comprehensive Plan. Since that time, VDOT has advised the Hydraulic / 29 Advisory Panel that a County resolution rather than an adopted CPA satisfies the needed support for a Smart Scale application. Staff discussed this with the Board in February, indicating a preference that the Small Area Plan be considered for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan as part of the next update for the Places 29 Master Plan. That process would help assure the Small Area Plan is consistent with other elements of Places 29 and provides the time for a public process to develop details typically included in the County's Comprehensive Plan, but not currently included in the Small Area Plan. Based on this, staff has developed the resolution provided as Attachment D to both serve as the ROI for amending the Comprehensive Plan and demonstrating support for the proposed Smart Scale application.

### BUDGET IMPACT:

Work on the CPA associated with the Small Area Plan is proposed to be incorporated into the next update of the Places 29 Master Plan. Any budget impacts associated with the CPA will be considered at the time a process is endorsed by the Planning Commission and Board for that work. It is anticipated the update of the Official Map will be minimal and done with available staff resources. The Smart Scale application will be developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization using the work of the Hydraulic / 29 Advisory Panel and County resources will be limited to those already assisting with proposed transportation projects.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff requests the Planning Commission approve the attached resolution (Attachment D) that will serve as a ROI for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and support for a Smart Scale application associated with the proposed transportation improvements.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A - [Oct 17, 2017 Planning Commission Executive Summary](#)
- B - [Nov 1, 2017 County Board Transmittal](#)
- C - [Hydraulic / 29 Transportation Improvement Plan](#)
- D – [Recommended Resolution](#)