Eastern Avenue Roadway

Project Highlights:

Funding Request Status: Resubmitted Project Type: Construction-Road

Request Origin: Policy/Plan PMD Assistance: Yes

Fiscal Agent: County Project

Project Description

This project would construct the southern portion (Phase 1) of Eastern Avenue to connect the portions that have been constructed as part of the Westhall and Foothills Crossing Developments across Lickinghole Creek to the Cory Farms Development and on to US 250. This new road connection would provide a new access point to the rapidly growing residential neighborhoods east of Crozet Avenue in the Crozet Development Area. The new roadway would be a two-lane roadway with sidewalks and bike lanes and include street trees. The bridge over Lickinghole Creek would be the most substantial feature of the roadway and the costliest.

This funding request is for the full A/E cost in 2020 to allow the County to begin advancing the project at our earliest possible ability. This would set the application for success in either a Smart Scale Grant in due in FY21 and funded in FY22 or a Revenue Sharing grant due in FY22 and funded in FY23. It is assumed the county will need to provide a 50% match to insure the competitiveness of either of these grants.

Project Justification

This project is ranked at #12 on the Albemarle County Transportation Priorities List which was approved by the Board of Supervisors in August 2017. It is a recommendation from the Crozet Area Master Plan and has been a priority of the county for many years now. If constructed this road would relieve traffic on Crozet Avenue and at the two intersections at Three Notch'd Road and 250 which have existing congestion and safety concerns. Further it would improve response time for emergency services to reach the residential areas surrounding Westhall. The project would help meet the strategic goals of Infrastructure Investment: Prioritize, plan, and invest in critical infrastructure that responds to past and future changes and improves the capacity to serve community needs.

The funding under this request will provide a local contribution to increase the competiveness of any request for State or Federal grants. The changing landscape of State and Federal transportation funding has decreased the likelihood of having projects funded through those sources especially without the locality showing some level of commitment through funding to help move the project forward. This request is an attempt to show that local commitment to achieve this priority transportation project.

Project Schedule

- Timeframe: Start: July 2020 Finish: June 2026
- Phasing:
 - o Spring 2020-Spring 2022: Design and preliminary engineering
 - Fall 2023: Right of Way and Utilities
 - Spring 2025: Construction Begin
 - o Fall 2026: Construction Complete

Project Revenues

The request reflects the County's share only which is supported by borrowed proceeds at 80% and the other portion equity. This project is eligible for proffer revenue.

Potential sources of funding for this project request are a blend of state, federal, and local revenues. State and federal portions will be sought through Smart Scale Program or a Revenue Sharing request. Local funding will be used to leverage state and federal grant sources or to advance the project to make it more competitive in grant applications. The CIP funding request is for the full A/E cost in 2020 to allow the County to begin advancing the project at our earliest possible ability. This would set the application for success in either a Smart Scale Grant in due in FY21 and funded in FY22 or a Revenue Sharing grant due in FY22 and funded in FY23. It is assumed the county will need to provide a 50% match to insure the competitiveness of either of these grants. At least a 50% match is required for the Revenue Sharing grant.

Operating Impacts:

This roadway would be constructed to state standards and therefore brought into the state system for long and short-term maintenance. Therefore, there would be no operating impacts born by the county.

Request Information:

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Department/Agency Ranking:

	Priority #	of	Total # Requested
Non-Maint/Repl:	6	of	8
Maintenance/Replacement:		of	

Attachments:

Preliminary Cost Estimate (Attach1)

• Preliminary Design (Attach2)

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