



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 1/15/2020

TITLE:

Resolution to utilize Secondary Six Year Plan (SSYP) funding for two permanent radar devices on Earlysville Road

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Resolution to fund two permanent radar devices on Earlysville Road

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Filardo, Herrick, McCulley, McDermott, Butch

PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

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BACKGROUND: With the number of accidents and near-misses at the intersection of Earlysville Road (Rt 743) and Reas Ford Road (Rt 660), staff and VDOT explored opportunities to improve public safety. Engineering analysis is underway by VDOT on longer-term solutions such as the potential for a Small-Scale or Revenue Sharing grant-funded roundabout for this intersection. However, the funding and completion of this solution is several years away.

Community Development staff and VDOT considered various options and have agreed two permanent radar speed signs, one in each direction that flashes when the maximum speed is exceeded, is the best solution for this interim period until the intersection can be improved.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Mission: To enhance the well-being of all citizens through the provision of the highest level of public service.

DISCUSSION: While staff initially anticipated requesting that the Board consider use of reserve funding for this project, we later recognized that this project is aligned with the SSYP fund for Countywide Traffic Services. Proceeding this way will have VDOT lead the acquisition of easements (if needed for electric power as opposed to solar) as well as installation and maintenance of the radar speed sign. This will be a more expeditious and appropriate means for a project that relates to safety on public roads. With this funding and VDOT leading, the radar sign may be installed more quickly and will be maintained by VDOT as with other signals in the right-of-way.

BUDGET IMPACT: There is no anticipated budgetary impact associated with this change.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment A).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution to Utilize SSYP Funds for Radar Installation