



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Small Area Plan Memorandum of Understanding

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Approval of Small Area Plan Memorandum of Understanding

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Walker, Kamptner

PRESENTER (S): Doug Walker

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Douglas C. Walker

BACKGROUND: The Small Area Plan process targets the geographic area that includes the Route 29 Hydraulic, Route 250 Bypass, and Hillsdale Highway intersections and the surrounding areas. At its March 1, 2017 meeting, the Board endorsed the vision for Phase 1 of the Small Area Plan. This vision included a joint effort by the City of Charlottesville (the City), the County of Albemarle (the County), and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the development of a Transportation and Land Use Development Plan to be completed by a planning consultant.

The purpose of the attached proposed Route 29 Solutions Hydraulic Planning Study Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Attachment A) is to provide a mechanism to manage the delivery of the Small Area Plan. It outlines the respective responsibilities of the City, the County, and the MPO for their participation in Phase 1 of the Small Area Plan. The Route 29 Solutions Hydraulic Planning Study MOU presents both the proposed scope of these planning efforts as well as an outline of the responsibilities of the County associated with participation.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Infrastructure Investment: Prioritize, plan, and invest in critical infrastructure that responds to past and future changes and improves the capacity to serve community needs; Thriving Development Areas: Attract quality employment, commercial, and high density residential uses into development areas by providing services and infrastructure that encourage redevelopment and private investment while protecting the quality of neighborhoods

DISCUSSION:

The proposed scope of the planning effort as set forth in the MOU is to develop a conceptual land use plan for the defined study area to reflect preferred models for growth and urban form in this area, and to inform transportation solutions to support this projected growth. The attached consulting scope of services (Attachment B) describes how these services will be provided by the consultant.

The attached MOU summarizes the responsibilities of the County in partnership with the City, the MPO, and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in providing a Transportation and Land Use Development

Plan for the “Small Area.” Those responsibilities would include:

- Appropriate and contribute \$30,000 of County funding to be included as part of the VDOT Budgeted Funds for Small Area Plan.
- Provide Representatives, assistance, and guidance to the Hydraulic Planning Advisory Panel.
- Review and comment by the County Planning Commission of draft small area plan work.
- Review, comment, and consideration for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors by the County Planning Commission of the final small area plan.

BUDGET IMPACT: The budget impact of this MOA is \$30,000, which is the County’s share of the cost to contract small area planning services. The Board approved an appropriation for this amount and purpose on April 5, 2017 (Appropriation #2017085).

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment C) approving the attached Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment A) between the County, the City, and the MPO.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: The Route 29 Solutions Hydraulic Planning Study Memorandum of Understanding

Attachment B: Consultant Scope of Work

Attachment C: Resolution