



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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TITLE:

FY 19 VDOT Revenue Sharing Program Participation

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Resolutions authorizing participation in the VDOT Revenue Sharing Program and projects proposed for Revenue Sharing Funds

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

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PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

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BACKGROUND: The VDOT FY 19 Revenue Sharing Program application cycle opened on September 1, 2017 and closed on November 1, 2017. At the Board's direction, Albemarle County staff submitted applications for funding on four projects under this program. A requirement of this submittal is that Albemarle County adopt a Resolution supporting the application. This Resolution is due December 1, 2017. The Board has allocated \$1.72 million in the CIP for FY 17 and FY 18 to support the Transportation Revenue Sharing Program. The projects proposed for Revenue Sharing applications in this cycle were presented to the Board at its October 4 Board meeting at which time a vote was held to approve the recommended projects for the program.

STRATEGIC PLAN: *Critical Infrastructure:* Prioritize, plan, and invest in critical infrastructure that responds to past and future changes and improves the capacity to serve community needs.

DISCUSSION: County and VDOT staff have reviewed the current Revenue Sharing Program opportunities, requirements, and guidelines, along with the County's priority lists of transportation projects and the State transportation priorities for the region. On October 4, 2017, staff presented a list of proposed projects for the Board's consideration for submission for funding under the Revenue Sharing program. Following this presentation and discussion, and continued work to refine the projects, staff submitted the following applications for funding:

- **Commonwealth Dr./Dominion Dr. Pedestrian Improvements** - This project proposes to construct three segments of sidewalk: 1) on Commonwealth from Hydraulic to Peyton Place, 2) on Commonwealth Dr from Commonwealth Circle to Dominion Dr., and 3) on Dominion Dr from Commonwealth Dr to US 29. This is approximately one mile of sidewalk for a total cost of \$3,336,224 making the County's share of 50% under the Revenue Sharing program \$1,668,112. This project is located in an area that is a focus of the County's Strategic Goal to invest in aging urban neighborhoods.

- **Berkmar Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements** - This project proposes to construct a Shared-use Path from Hydraulic Road to Hilton Heights Road to connect to the new Shared-Use Path on Berkmar

Extended. It would be approximately 1.1 miles long and cost \$2,690,026. Under the Revenue Sharing grant the local contribution would be 50%, or \$1,345,013. This project builds on the success of the new Berkmar Extended Bicycle and Pedestrian Path and is also an important segment of the Northtown Trail, which is ranked at #2 in the County's Transportation Priority List and is also on the list of top-ranked Neighborhood Improvements Funding Initiative (NIFI) projects for the Rio Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

• **Library Avenue Extension** - This project proposes to extend Library Avenue from its current terminus through the Barnes Lumber property to connect to Hilltop Street in Parkside Village and Crozet Square. This is being proposed as a partnership with the developer of the Barnes Lumber property in which the developer would provide the local match necessary for the Revenue Sharing Program. The project is ranked at #11 on the County's Transportation Priorities and would be a catalyst for the redevelopment of downtown Crozet including the desired office and retail development that is envisioned in the Crozet Master Plan. To complete this project, a separate agreement will be necessary with the developer of the Barnes Lumber site to define roles and responsibilities. Cost for the project is \$4,986,700 and under the Revenue Sharing grant the local contribution, provided entirely by the developer, would be 50%, or \$2,493,350.

• **Crozet Square** - This project was previously discussed in combination with the Library Ave Extension project but subsequently staff determined this would be a better project if it were separated out from the broader scope of that project. Crozet Square was initiated as a NIFI project with the \$200,000 in Crozet's NIFI funds making up a portion of the required local match for the Revenue Sharing application. The total cost exceeded the amount available from NIFI and so the remainder to meet the 50% match, which comes to \$555,000 will come from the Transportation Revenue Sharing Program CIP funds. The project involves the reconstruction of Crozet Square to improve operations, parking, and pedestrian facilities and connect to the proposed road system of the Barnes Lumber Development. Crozet Square would be a one-way in road from Crozet Avenue and connect to an improved Oak Street or High Street depending on the timing of future development of the Barnes Lumber property. Cost for the project is \$1,510,000 and under the Revenue Sharing grant the local contribution would be 50%, or \$755,000.

BUDGET IMPACT: Participation in the VDOT Revenue Sharing Program leverages matching funds from VDOT to advance important transportation projects. The County has appropriated \$1.72 million for this program and the funds are available for local match for the FY19 Revenue Sharing request. The total cost of all four projects is \$12,522,950 of which the County is responsible for 50% or \$6,261,475 million. \$200,000 of this local match would come from the budgeted NIFI funds (assuming approval of the Crozet Square application) and the remainder would come from the Transportation Revenue Sharing line item in the adopted CIP.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the four attached Resolutions approving the County's participation in the Revenue Sharing Program for FY 19 for the above four projects and committing to provide up to \$6,261,475 in total for the four projects.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A - Commonwealth Dr./Dominion Dr. Pedestrian Improvements Resolution
- B - Berkmar Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Resolution
- C - Library Avenue Extension Resolution
- D - Crozet Square Resolution