



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Update to the Old Lynchburg Road/Moore's Creek Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Revenue Sharing Application Resolution

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: VDOT has requested an update to the previously approved Resolution for the Old Lynchburg Rd/Moore's Creek Greenway Revenue Sharing Application to address some identified issues.

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

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

PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: In September of 2019 the Board adopted a Resolution to participate in VDOT's Revenue Sharing program for Fiscal Year 2021 to support the Old Lynchburg Road/Moore's Creek Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements. VDOT has reviewed that application and is considering funding it. However, they found two minor issues with the previously adopted Resolution and have asked Albemarle County to provide a new Resolution that addresses those issues.

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

DISCUSSION: This project proposes to construct bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Old Lynchburg Road and construct a new paved, shared-use path greenway between Old Lynchburg Road and Sunset Ave adjacent to Moore's Creek. The project lies on the City/County line and involves development on City-owned property in the County. The improvements were a high priority recommendation from the Jefferson Area Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. County staff are in discussions with the City on potential partnerships related to funding, project development, and maintenance. Additionally, this project was identified as a Quality of Life project by the Board, and local share funding is intended to come from that source in the Capital Improvement Program.

There are still remaining questions regarding the cost estimate that will need to be worked out during the preliminary engineering stage, and therefore VDOT is requesting that the specific costs not be included in the Resolution in the event that the project cost aligns with the highest cost estimates. Even at the high end of the estimates, the overall cost to the County will be within the amount available for the project through the Quality of Life program, and once the engineering phase is underway, opportunities to reduce costs and scope will be explored.

The previously adopted Resolution also neglected to include an authorization for the County Executive to sign the project agreements if the project is awarded funding. This authorization has also been added to the updated Resolution.

BUDGET IMPACT: Staff recommended in September 2019 using County CIP funds to leverage against State funds to fully fund the identified transportation projects to completion. Funding for this project is available in the current CIP previously approved through the Quality of Life funding.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the revised Resolution (Attachment A) for the Old Lynchburg/Moore's Creek Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Revenue Sharing Grant application.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A- Revised Resolution