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TO: Eric Campbell, City Manager

FROM: Thomas Hartman, PE, Director of Public Works

DATE: October 8, 2019

RE: Resolution for VDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Grants – Federal Street Path, Block 2

Summary: The Public Works Department is requesting City Council consider adopting a Resolution for the Federal Street Path, Block 2 Project to compete for a VDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants.

Background: The TAP program is a reimbursement program administered by VDOT that may be used for projects that meet certain criteria for enhancing surface transportation for non-motorized modes of travel. The program funds up to 80% of the project and requires a 20% minimum match by the locality.

The Federal Street Shared Use Path would be constructed along Federal Street between East Market Street and Water Street. This project will continue the transition of Federal Street from a two-way facility to a one-way local street and improved bicycle and pedestrian corridor. The Federal Street Shared Use Path is planned to connect the Northend Greenway to the Bluestone Trail by way of downtown, to eventually provide a seamless, dedicated north/south bicycle and pedestrian route in the City of Harrisonburg. Design elements specified in the Downtown Streetscape Plan will be used on this project

The total project cost is \$539,975 with \$431,908 being requested from VDOT TAP Grant and \$107,995 being the City funds required.

Key Issues: None.

Environmental Impact: None foreseen. An environmental document will be prepared for the project, as the funds are of federal origin.

Fiscal Impact: The 20% local match amount of \$107,995 is currently provided in the City Budget.

Prior Actions: None.

Alternatives: None.

Community Engagement: Extensive public outreach was conducted in 2015-2016 to collect the pedestrian infrastructure needs of the community for inclusion in the 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution.

Attachments: Resolution, Presentation, and Federal Street Path, Block 2 conceptual sketch.

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

Federal Street Shared Use Path:

