



A Resolution of the Harrisonburg Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization

in Support of the South Main Street (US Route 11) and Martin Luther King Jr. Way Improvements

WHEREAS, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) is the designated regional transportation planning organization and has the responsibility for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has now adopted a project prioritization program under House Bill 2 (HB2) whereby transportation projects are selected for funding based on the cost effectiveness of those projects to meet performance goals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisonburg intends to submit the South Main Street (US Route 11 [US11]) and Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Way Improvements for consideration for funding under the HB2 prioritization program; and

WHEREAS, US 11 and activity centers located in Downtown Harrisonburg and James Madison University, where this project is located, have identified Regional Network Needs in the VTRANS 2040 Needs Assessment that this project is intended to address; and

WHEREAS, the HRMPO Policy Board understands this project to include the construction of a right turn lane from northbound S Main St to MLK Way and left turn lanes on MLK Way onto north and southbound Mason St, the construction of a new Shared Use Path on MLK Way from S Main St to Mason St and replacement of the signals at both the S Main St/MLK Way and MLK Way/Mason St intersections; and

WHEREAS, these improvements were identified on the Vision list of the HRMPO 2035 Long-range Transportation Plan and have been on the City's Capital Improvement Since 2012 and have increased in priority as a result of the proposed construction of a new hotel and conference center at this location.



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HARRISONBURG - ROCKINGHAM MPO POLICY BOARD that it does hereby endorse, on this the 20th day of August 2015, the proposed South Main Street (US 11) and Martin Luther King Jr. Way improvements as described to compete for state and federal funding under the new HB2 program.

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Rick Chandler in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Rick Chandler,
Chairman
Harrisonburg-Rockingham Policy Board

Handwritten signature of Kevin McDermott in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Kevin McDermott
Transportation Program Manager
Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO