

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**  
**Application for Virginia Department of Transportation**  
**Transportation Alternatives Program Grant for**  
**Federal Street Shared Use Path**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by resolution be received from the sponsoring jurisdiction in order that the Virginia Department of Transportation establish a project under Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21)'s Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) in the City of Harrisonburg; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Harrisonburg has an adopted Harrisonburg Downtown Streetscape Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan that recognize the importance of providing safe and adequate pedestrian facilities; and

**WHEREAS**; The City of Harrisonburg, Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance, and other partners have collaborated successfully to complete Downtown Streetscape Phase I in 2009 and Phase II in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Street Shared Use Path will include design and construction of a shared use path on Federal Street, from E. Market Street to E. Elizabeth Street, as the first step in transitioning Federal Street from a two-way local street in downtown Harrisonburg with substandard biking and walking features, to a one-way local street with a shared use path on the west side and sidewalk on the east side. 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 use on this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Harrisonburg requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a project for the improvement of the Federal Street Shared Use Path Project;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Harrisonburg hereby agrees to provide a minimum 20 percent of the total cost for planning and design, right of way, and construction of this project;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Harrisonburg hereby agrees to enter into an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide oversight that ensures the project is developed in accordance with all state and federal requirements for design, right of way acquisition, and construction of a federally funded transportation project;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Harrisonburg will be responsible for maintenance, upkeep and operating costs of any facility constructed with Enhancement Program funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the City of Harrisonburg subsequently elects to cancel this project the City of Harrisonburg hereby agrees to reimburse the Virginia Department of Transportation for the total amount of costs expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation. The City of Harrisonburg also agrees to repay any funds previously reimbursed that are later deemed ineligible by the Federal Highway Administration.

Adopted this, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

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Mayor Deanna Reed

Attest:

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Pamela Ulmer, Deputy City Clerk