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TO: Eric Campbell, City Manager
FROM: Thomas Hartman, PE, Director of Public Works
DATE: June 22, 2021
RE: Resolution for VDOT Revenue Sharing Grant – University Boulevard Relocation Project

Summary:

The Public Works Department is requesting City Council to consider adopting a Resolution for the University Boulevard Relocation Project, which Public Works will submit a Revenue Sharing grant application for supplemental funds to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

Background:

The VDOT Revenue Sharing Program is a grant program that allows localities to request 50% of project development costs from VDOT for transportation related capital projects. The University Boulevard Relocation Project will be conducted in partnership with James Madison University (JMU), and JMU will be providing nearly all of the required 50% matching funds. The Public Works Department will manage the planning and construction of the project.

The current project cost estimate is \$10,422,222. The City applied for and was awarded \$3,947,675 in FY22 Revenue Sharing funds, with JMU providing the required \$3,947,675 in local matching funds, which equals a total budget of \$7,895,350. This leaves a balance of \$2,526,872 to fully fund this project.

Public Works will apply for the balance of funds to execute the project in the FY2023-24 funding year with a Revenue Sharing grant request of \$1,263,436. JMU has committed to provide a total of \$5,000,000 for this project, with \$3,947,675 already being provided, that leaves \$1,052,325 in JMU funds that can be used towards the required matching funds of \$1,263,436. This will require the City to contribute \$211,111 in FY24 in order to fully fund this project, and at that time Public Works will work through the budget process to allocate these funds.

Key Issues:

N/A

Environmental Impact:

This project will follow the State Environmental Review Process in order to determine and mitigate any potential environmental impacts.

Fiscal Impact:

JMU will be providing the required matching funds up to \$5,000,000, and the City will contribute any additional funds as stated above.

Prior Actions:

In 2019, City Council adopted a resolution supporting the original funding application as described above.

Alternatives:

Other variations of this design were considered in the feasibility study for this project, but the project presented was determined to be the preferred alternative.

Community Engagement:

As the project design progresses Public Works will host a Design Public Meeting, which will allow the public to provide feedback on the project.

Recommendation:

City staff recommends that City Council adopt the attached Resolution

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Presentation

Review: