

## **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG SMART SCALE ROUND 6 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrisonburg City Council held on Tuesday July 23, 2024, on a motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia prioritizes transportation projects for funding based on the cost effectiveness of those projects to meet performance goals, as established by the SMART SCALE program; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL desires to submit applications for the allocation of funds for the following projects under the SMART SCALE prioritization program:

- Bluestone Trail Extension
- Mount Clinton Pike Corridor Improvements
- Reservoir Street Median
- S. Main Street Phase 3
- Port Republic Road at I-81 Exit 245; and

WHEREAS, the above facilities are identified in the VTRANS Needs Assessment as part of the Regional Network; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL understands these projects to include the following:

*Bluestone Trail Extension* - The project extends the Bluestone Trail, a 10' wide paved shared use path, from its current endpoint at Stone Spring Road to Rocktown High School. The path will follow Beery Road and Blacks Run, with a bridge necessary to cross Blacks Run and the railroad tracks. Shared use paths constructed on the high school site extend the Bluestone Trail further south and provide connections to S. Main Street.

*Mt. Clinton Pike Corridor Safety* - A single-lane roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of Mount Clinton Pike and Acorn Drive. A sidewalk will be added along the east side of Acorn Drive and the north side of Mount Clinton Pike to fill gaps in the network. The extension of the Northend Greenway from its current terminus at the railroad tracks to Virginia Avenue will also be completed. This will include construction of a safe path crossing over the railroad tracks, adjacent to Mount Clinton Pike, and curb ramps and crosswalk improvements at the Virginia Avenue intersection.

*Reservoir Street Median* - The project will construct a variable width concrete median on Reservoir Street, between University Boulevard and Neff Avenue. The project does not require roadway widening, and where the median is full width, landscaped plantings will be installed in the median. The project will modify a private entrance to one business to ensure the entrance operates safely in the new configuration.

*S. Main Street Phase 3* - The project will construct median on S. Main Street from Southgate Court to Baxter Drive. The project will add multiple segments of new sidewalk along S. Main Street; constructing nearly 1000 linear feet of sidewalk on the west side of the road and approximately 3600 linear feet of sidewalk on the east side of the road. An accessible boarding and alighting concrete pad will be constructed at the 1 bus stop located along the new sidewalk.

*Port Republic Road at I-81 Exit 245* - The project will construct a second left turn lane on Forest Hill Road at Port Republic Road, resulting in the approach having one right turn lane and two left turn lanes. The project will construct a right turn lane on Port Republic Road at Forest Hill Road. The project will re-construct sidewalk impacted by the project, and will add sidewalk on Forest Hill Rd. The project will construct a concrete median on Port Republic Road from Forest Hill Road to Hunters Road. The project will construct a shared use path on a parallel alignment behind two properties, connecting bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to be constructed by other projects. A boarding and alighting area will be constructed for the bus stop on the east side of Port Republic Road. A pedestrian refuge island will be installed at the intersection with the I-81 NB on-ramp.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL hereby supports these applications for the improvements described to compete for state and federal funding under the SMART SCALE program.

ADOPTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2024.

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Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pam Ulmer, City Clerk