

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG
SMART SCALE ROUND 4 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrisonburg City Council held on Tuesday July 14, 2020, on a motion by Christopher Jones, seconded by George Hirschmann, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 :

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:

- S. Main Street Safety Improvements
- S. Main and I-81 Exit 243 Interchange Improvements
- Port Republic Road Turn Lane and Sidewalk
- Pear St/Erickson Ave Modified RCUT; and

WHEREAS, the above facilities are identified in the VTRANS 2040 Needs Assessment as part of the Regional Network; and

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

S. Main Street Safety Improvements - The project adds a 3' wide concrete median on S. Main Street from just south of Mosby Rd to the intersection with Stone Spring Rd/Erickson Ave, with a break in the median to maintain a full access entrance to Dukes Plaza. The median will prevent left turns into and out of many commercial entrances along this high crash corridor. The project adds a 5' wide sidewalk on the east side of the road, and shelters at three bus stops, to improve multimodal access on the corridor.

S. Main and I-81 Exit 243 Interchange Improvements - On US 11 at the I-81 Exit 243/Covenant Dr. intersection, widen SB approach and on-ramp to allow dual LTLs from US 11 onto on-ramp; extend SB LTLs storage. Widen WB approach to allow dual LTLs onto SB US-11; extend WB LTL storage and clarify yield and merge conditions. Offset NB LTL to maintain permissive movement (no widening). Add overhead wayfinding signage for I-81 on US-11. Close 0.26 mile sidewalk gap. Add signalized crosswalk across Covenant Dr, Pleasant Valley Rd, and US 11.


Port Republic Road Turn Lane and Sidewalk - Project extends the EB Port Republic Road. left turn lane at Bluestone Drive. from 100' of storage to 300'. Road widening and sidewalk reconstruction on the north side of the road, supported by approximately 275' of retaining wall, will provide the needed space for the new turn lane length. About 450' of 5' wide sidewalk will be constructed on the south side of the project, including retaining wall for most of its length. A median will be constructed in the functional area of the intersection.

Pear Street/Erickson Avenue Modified RCUT - Project creates a modified RCUT at the intersection of Pear Street. and Erickson Avenue. as an alternative to a warranted traffic signal. 3 out of 4 left turns, as well as the through movements on the minor approaches are redirected to signalized U-turns. A 2-phase signal will be added at the new U-turn location. A bulb-out design at the new U-turn will accommodate buses. Marked crosswalks will be provided at the Pear St intersection, including a pedestrian refuge and RRFB to cross Erickson Avenue; and

WHEREAS, these improvements are adopted in the City's 2018 Comprehensive Plan, as amended;

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 14th day of July, 2020.



Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST:



Pam Ulmer, City Clerk