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TO: Eric Campbell, City Manager
FROM: Luanne Santangelo, Director
DATE: July 10, 2018
RE: Resolution for a VA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Recreational Trails Program Grant – Cale Trail

Summary: Consider a Resolution for consideration by City Council for the construction of the Cale Trail between Thomas Harrison Middle School and Westover Park, which will be funded through a VA DCR Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant.

Background: The Recreation Trails Program (RTP) is an 80-20 matching reimbursement grant program established for the purposes of providing and maintaining recreational trails. It is funded through the Federal Highway Administration which establishes a program for allocating funds to the States for Recreational trails. In Virginia these funds are administered through the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Department, in collaboration with the Harrisonburg Public Works Department, will submit an application requesting funding for the construction of 1880 feet of the proposed Cale Trail. The cost estimate for construction is \$465,000 with \$372,000 funded through the RTP grant and \$93,000 funded by the City with both in-kind engineering services and a cash match.

The Cale Trail is a community trail project connecting Thomas Harrison Middle School, Westover Park and the Garbers Church Shared Use Path. The proposed project will be constructed to City and AASHTO* standards. (*American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials)

This project will provide a safe, accessible walking/cycling route between City schools and parks. The trail will offer both passive (walking) and active (cycling/running) outdoor recreation experience for those in our community. The trail will meet ADA standards opening opportunities for exploration and discovery to those with developmental and physical disabilities.

The Cale Trail is also a recommendation in the City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan with trails being a top priority of surveyed participants in the 2013 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Key Issues: Funding match required by the City

Environmental Impact: None

Fiscal Impact: \$93,000 match by the City (\$20,000 in-kind match, \$73,000 local funds)



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Prior Actions: None

Alternatives: (a) Approve resolution; or
(b) Deny resolution

Community Engagement: Community engagement was held through the workshops during the update to the 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and 2013 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Attachments: 1. Draft resolution

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

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