

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG
RAISE GRANT APPLICATION**

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrisonburg City Council held on Tuesday February 14, 2023, on a motion by Vice Mayor Dent, seconded by Council Member Robinson, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 :

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) authorized and appropriated funds to be awarded by the United States Department of Transportation for Local and Regional Project Assistance Program Grants, known as the RAISE Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL desires to submit an application for the allocation of Planning funds for the Connecting Active Transportation Infrastructure: Evaluation of Key Corridors project; and

WHEREAS, the project seeks to advance shared use path, sidewalk, and bike lane concept designs on key corridors in the City that, when implemented, will provide safe infrastructure for bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users for transportation, including safe routes to school, and other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the project's evaluation of the identified corridors will also consider changes necessary to enhance safety and operations for motorized travel; and

WHEREAS, the project supports Harrisonburg's vision to be more environmentally sustainable and advances strategies identified in the City's Environmental Action Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and Transit Development Plan by planning desirable infrastructure for non-motorized travel and public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the project improves the quality of life by planning for a safe space for active transportation, suitable for people of all ages, abilities, incomes, and ethnicities to travel by modes that are affordable and also good for health and wellness, and

WHEREAS, the project improves economic competitiveness and opportunity by adding to and/or augmenting existing transportation choices for the workforce to reach employment centers, thereby increasing accessibility to both work and non-work destinations, and creating community assets that attract and retain individuals and companies seeking a high quality of life, and


WHEREAS, the project contributes to the state of good repair by planning shared use path, sidewalk, and bike lane concepts along existing street corridors that will necessitate improvements to the streets, such as drainage improvements, curb ramp relocation, associated signal/pedestrian signal upgrades, pavement marking replacement, and potentially other improvements; and

WHEREAS, the project is supported by a growing partnership with the Harrisonburg City Public Schools to assist the City with a more robust public involvement process than it could accomplish on its own; and

WHEREAS, the project demonstrates innovation by tapping into the Harrisonburg City Public Schools' newly created Department of Family and Community Engagement, which specializes in engaging families and constituencies that are typically difficult to reach for input on community and transportation planning topics; and by focusing on multiple corridors simultaneously, so that plans for this infrastructure are ready when opportunities arise for their implementation through private development, federal, state, local, and other funding sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL hereby supports this application for the RAISE Grant Program.

ADOPTED this 14th day of February, 2023.


Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pam Ulmer, City Clerk