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To: Ande Banks, City Manager  
From: Thomas Hartman, PE, PMP, LEED AP, Director of Public Works  
Date: February 14, 2023  
Re: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Application – Downtown Harrisonburg Streetscape and Mobility Transformation Project

**Summary:**

Consider adopting a Resolution of Support for a RAISE grant to construct a cycle track, and underground overhead utility lines along Liberty Street in Downtown.

**Background:**

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) authorized and appropriated \$1.5 billion to be awarded by the Department of Transportation (DOT) for FY 2023 for Local and Regional Project Assistance Program Grants, known as the RAISE Grants program. RAISE Grants are for investments in surface transportation that will have a significant local or regional impact. Per the IIJA, in addition to capital awards, DOT will award at least \$75 million for eligible planning, preparation or design of projects eligible for RAISE Grants that do not result in construction with FY2023 RAISE funding.

The project will reconfigure US 11 – Liberty Street and Noll Drive – in Downtown Harrisonburg to replace a vehicle lane with a two-way separated bike lane (cycle track) between the intersection of Main St & Noll Dr and the intersection of Main St & Liberty St. Improvements will be made at all intersections, including addition of traffic signals for people walking and biking. A shared use path will be constructed to connect the new bicycle lanes with the existing Bluestone Trail that begins on the JMU campus.

Other transportation improvements will be made along the corridor, including installing curb bump outs, replacing curb ramps and crosswalks as well as rebuilding sidewalk at two locations. The project will also reconfigure the intersection of S. Main Street, Liberty Street and Grattan Street to improve safety and a northbound bike lane will be created on S. Main Street between MLK Jr Way and Grattan Street.

**Key Issues:**

N/A

**Environmental Impact:**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

The City is classified as a Rural Area under the RAISE Program and there is not a local match requirement.

**Prior Actions:**

N/A

**Alternatives:**

N/A

**Community Engagement:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends City Council adopting the proposed Resolution.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. Presentation

**Review:**