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TO: Ande Banks, City Manager  
FROM: Thomas Hartman, PE, Director of Public Works  
DATE: September 26, 2023  
RE: Resolution for VDOT Transportation Alternative Program Grant – Northend Greenway Connection

**Summary:**

The Public Works Department is requesting City Council to consider adopting a Resolution for the Northend Greenway Connection Project, which Public Works will submit a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application for funds to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

**Background:**

The TAP program is a reimbursement program administered by VDOT that may be used for projects that meet certain criteria for enhancing surface transportation for non-motorized modes of travel. The program funds up to 80% of the project and requires a 20% minimum match by the locality.

The project would construct a shared use path along the south side of Mt. Clinton Pike between Virginia Ave and the railroad tracks, constructs intersection improvements at Mt. Clinton Pike and Virginia Ave to facilitate path connectivity through the intersection and constructs a path crossing of the railroad tracks that is separated from the existing Mt. Clinton Pike roadway. Project fills a key path gap, approximately 500' in length, to improve safety and create a continuous Northend Greenway path extending over 1 mile in length.

The total estimated project cost is approximately \$2,000,000 with a required City match of \$500,000. Savings from earlier phases of Northend Greenway construction will be used to provide some of matching funds if the City is successful with the TAP grant request.

**Key Issues:**

N/A

**Environmental Impact:**

This project will follow the National Environmental Policy Act in order to determine and mitigate any potential environmental impacts.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Current Northend Greenway capital project balances will be utilized for a portion of the required matching funds.

**Prior Actions:**

City Council has taken many actions over the past 10 years related to the Northend Greenway project.

**Alternatives:**

N/A

**Community Engagement:**

As the project design progresses Public Works will host a Design Public Meeting, which will allow the public to provide feedback on the project.

**Recommendation:**

City staff recommends that City Council adopt the attached Resolution.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. Presentation

**Review:**