

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**  
**Application for Virginia Department of Transportation**  
**Transportation Alternatives Program Grant for**  
**Safe Routes to School – Spotswood Elementary School Project**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by resolution be received from the sponsoring jurisdiction in order that the Virginia Department of Transportation establish a project under Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21)'s Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) in the City of Harrisonburg; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Harrisonburg recognizes the health and safety of our children is a concern to the citizens of Harrisonburg;

**WHEREAS**; being able to walk to school along safe routes to schools offers an opportunity to build healthful physical activity into daily routine and arrive at school ready to learn;

**WHEREAS**; safe routes to schools can contribute to a positive connection between schools and neighborhoods by creating beneficial interaction between children and adults;

**WHEREAS**, the Spotswood Elementary School project will include sidewalk to be constructed on the east side of Reservoir Street between Hawkins Street and Kenmore Street, and a Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) crosswalk with push-button actuation to be installed at the intersection of Norwood Street;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Harrisonburg requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a project for the improvement of the Safe Routes to School – Spotswood Elementary School Project;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Harrisonburg hereby agrees to provide a minimum 20 percent of the total cost for planning and design, right of way, and construction of this project;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Harrisonburg hereby agrees to enter into an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide oversight that ensures the project is developed in accordance with all state and federal requirements for design, right of way acquisition, and construction of a federally funded transportation project;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Harrisonburg will be responsible for maintenance, upkeep and operating costs of any facility constructed with Enhancement Program funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the City of Harrisonburg subsequently elects to cancel this project the City of Harrisonburg hereby agrees to reimburse the Virginia Department of Transportation for the total amount of costs expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation. The City of Harrisonburg also agrees to repay any funds previously reimbursed that are later deemed ineligible by the Federal Highway Administration.

Adopted this, the 27 day of October 2015.

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Mayor Chris Jones

Attest:

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Erica Kann, City Clerk