

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG
SMART SCALE ROUND 4 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrisonburg City Council held on Tuesday July 14, 2020, on a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of _____ to _____:

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia prioritizes transportation projects for funding based on the cost effectiveness of those projects to meet performance goals, as established by the Smart Scale program; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL desires to support the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization’s applications for the allocation of funds for the following projects under the Smart Scale prioritization program:

- Port Republic Rd Corridor Improvements
- Bluestone Trail Extension

WHEREAS, the above facilities are identified in the VTRANS 2040 Needs Assessment as part of the Regional Network; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL understands these projects to include the following:

Port Republic Rd Corridor Improvements - Project adds a traffic signal, including signalized crosswalks, at the Port Republic Rd/Bradley Dr intersection. Port Republic Rd will be widened to create a WB left-turn lane with approximately 100’ of storage and 100’ taper. Sidewalk and bike lane will be reconstructed. A 3’ wide concrete median will be constructed along the entire segment between the Bradley Dr and Devon Ln intersections. A channelizing island will be added at Hunters Rd/Port Republic Rd intersection to prohibit left turns.

Bluestone Trail Extension - The project closes a 0.7 mile gap between two sections of the Bluestone Trail, a 10’ wide paved shared use path, between its current terminus at Stone Spring Rd to a new high school that is currently under construction. Path construction on the high school campus extends the Bluestone Trail another 0.5 mile further south. The majority of this project is on independent alignment through city-owned property. A bridge over Blacks Run and the parallel railroad is needed to make this connection; and

WHEREAS, these improvements are adopted in the City’s 2018 Comprehensive Plan, as amended, and 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL hereby supports these applications for the improvements described to compete for state and federal funding under the Smart Scale program.

ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 2020.

Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Ulmer, City Clerk