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TO: Eric D. Campbell, City Manager
FROM: Thomas Hartman, PE, Assistant Director of Public Works
DATE: January 23, 2018
RE: Garbers Church Road Shared Use Path Project – Right of Way Authorization

Summary: Consider granting Right of Way Authorization for the Garbers Church Road Shared Use Path Project.

Background:

The Garbers Church Road Shared Use Path project began as an initiative to connect schools, parks, and residential neighborhoods on the southwest side of the City. On November 9, 2017, the Department of Public Works (DPW) held a design public hearing at Bluestone Elementary School. This design public hearing was an opportunity for DPW staff to share with citizens the right of way plans for this project and collect comments from citizens concerning this project. The attached report is a summarization of those comments and responses from DPW for City Council's consideration.

Key Issues: None.

Environmental Impact: To be determined through the required environmental review process.

Fiscal Impact: City matching funds have been identified for this project. Project has been awarded a \$1,500,000 VDOT Revenue Sharing, and an addition \$600,000 VDOT Revenue Sharing grant is currently being reviewed by VDOT.

Prior Actions: City Council has passed resolutions of support for VDOT Revenue Sharing grants, and has received updates from Public Works on the development of the project.

Alternatives: Stated in the attached staff report.

Community Engagement: A Citizen Information Meeting was held on January 11, 2017, and a Design Public Hearing was held on November 11, 2017.

Recommendation: Staff recommends City Council grant Right of Way Authorization for this project along the recommend alignment.

Attachments: Public Meeting Summary, Public Comment & Responses, Shared Use Path Alignment, Project Renderings, and Council Presentation.

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

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