

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**  
**Application for Virginia Department of Transportation**  
**Transportation Alternatives Program Grant for**  
**Park Road Pedestrian Improvements**

**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**, Eastern Mennonite University is a major generator of pedestrian traffic on Park Road; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Harrisonburg recognizes the importance of providing safe and adequate pedestrian facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park Road Pedestrian Improvements Project will include the enhancement of Park Road with aesthetic and safety features through the Eastern Mennonite University campus to ultimately create a safer and more attractive environment for pedestrians in this high pedestrian volume area. Specific improvements include the widening of two decorative stamped asphalt crosswalks, upgrading of two additional crosswalks to decorative style, and the addition of one new crosswalk, all with ADA compliant curb ramps, and all crosswalk sign posts to include retroreflective panels. Also included are flashing beacons on school zone advanced warning signs at the perimeter of campus, and a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon with passive detection at the highest volume crosswalk.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Harrisonburg requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a project for the improvement of the Park Road Pedestrian Improvements 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

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Mayor Deanna Reed

Attest:

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Pamela Ulmer, Deputy City Clerk