

**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 12, 2022, 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 submit applications for the allocation of funds for the following projects under the Smart Scale prioritization program:

- Bluestone Trail Extension
- N. Main St Sidewalk and Bike Lanes
- Downtown Liberty Street Cycle Track
- Reservoir Street Sidewalk
- S. Main Street Corridor Safety Improvements
- Mount Clinton Pike Corridor Improvements
- Pear Street and Erickson Avenue RCUT; and

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:

Bluestone Trail Extension - The project extends the Bluestone Trail, a 10' wide paved shared use path, from its current endpoint at Stone Spring Road to Rocktown High School, which is currently under construction. The path will follow Beery Road and Blacks Run, with a bridge necessary to cross Blacks Run and the railroad tracks. Shared use paths are being constructed on the high school site that extend the Bluestone Trail further south and provide connections to S. Main Street.

N. Main Street Sidewalk and Bike Lanes - The project will construct sidewalk along the west side and bike lanes on both sides of N. Main Street between Charles Street and Mt. Clinton Pike, with pavement widening and curb and gutter constructed to create the bike lanes.

Downtown Liberty Street Cycle Track - The project will reconfigure southbound US 11 (Liberty Street and Noll Drive) in Downtown Harrisonburg to replace a vehicle lane with a two-way separated bicycle track (a bike lane in each direction), as recommended in the Downtown Master Plan. The reconfiguration will be completed on the entire corridor between the intersection of Main Street & Noll Drive and the intersection of Main Street & Liberty Street. Improvements will be made to the signalized intersections to provide signals for people walking and biking, and

improvements at unsignalized intersections and path beginning/end points will ensure safe ingress/egress for people biking.

Reservoir Street sidewalk - The project will construct a sidewalk along the east side of Reservoir Street in the locations where sidewalk is not currently present between Dutch Mill Court and Evelyn Byrd Avenue (the entrance to Harrisonburg Crossing).

S. Main Street Corridor Safety Improvements - The project will include multiple improvements resulting from the Project Pipeline study nearing completion for the corridor of S. Main Street between Mosby Road and Pleasant Valley Road. project is focused on access management and multimodal improvements to improve safety for all road users. Primary changes include construction of a median and left turn lanes, with breaks in the median at strategic locations to allow left turns and U-turns to maintain access to business; a two-stage left turn accommodation for eastbound left turns from Pointe Drive; the addition of sidewalk and bus stop enhancements; and added capacity for the Pleasant Valley Road approach to S. Main Street.

Mt. Clinton Pike Corridor - A single-lane roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of Mount Clinton Pike and Acorn Drive. A sidewalk will be added along the east side of Acorn Drive and the north side of Mount Clinton Pike to fill gaps in the network. The extension of the Northend Greenway from its current terminus at the railroad tracks to Virginia Avenue, and construction of a safe greenway crossing over the railroad tracks, adjacent to Mount Clinton Pike will also be completed.

Pear Street and Erickson Avenue RCUT - The project will improve safety and operations at the intersection of Pear Street and Erickson Avenue by reducing the number of vehicles that try to make northbound left turns without an adequate gap in traffic from both directions to do so. As some movements through the intersection will be restricted, these movements will be accommodated through addition of a location for U-turns. Crosswalks will be provided, including a pedestrian refuge and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) for the crossing of Erickson Avenue; and

WHEREAS, these improvements are adopted in the City's 2018 Comprehensive Plan, as amended;

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 12th day of July, 2022.

Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Ulmer, Deputy City Clerk