

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to appropriate additional funds for the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City") Project Portfolio (\$23,317,263) (2nd reading)
Staff Contact(s):	Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget, Colin Porter, Capital Development Division Project Manager
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Date of Proposed Action:	July 7, 2025

Issue

Background / Rule

VDOT has secured additional funds for seven (7) projects: the Barracks Emmet Streetscape Project UPC 111796, Emmet Streetscape Project (UPC 109551), Dairy Road Bridge Replacement Project (UPC 118295), East High Streetscape Project (UPC 109480), Preston Harris Pedestrian Improvements (UPC 113918), 10th and Grady Bike/Pedestrian Improvements (UPC 113916), and Washington Park Bike/Pedestrian Improvements (UPC 113861); ("Projects"). These funds need to be appropriated as part of the Projects' Budget.

Analysis

With the continued rise in construction costs, the City's VDOT representative sought and secured additional funds for the Projects. VDOT has approved the allocations of the additional VDOT funds on these Projects and has issued new Appendix "A's", which have been signed.

The scope of the Barracks Emmet Streetscape Project was reduced to limit Right-of-Way ("ROW") impacts, which also reduced construction costs. The original scope was estimated to cost \$17 million to construct. The reduced scope consists of shortening the Shared Use Path up Barracks Road from 10' to 6' which, allows construction to largely remain in the City's ROW and eliminates retaining walls along the properties up Barracks Road. Even with the reduced scope, an additional \$495,738 has been awarded by VDOT to complete this Project.

The scopes of the Emmet Streetscape Project, Dairy Road Bridge Replacement Project, East High Streetscape Project, Preston Harris Project, and the 10th and Grady Project have not changed. The East High Street Project and the Washington Park Bike/Pedestrian Projects are the only Projects requiring additional local funds with this Resolution. All the other Projects included here are 100% funded using VDOT funds. The Emmet Streetscape Project will also require additional local funds, which will be transferred from a previously appropriated account. That item will be presented for City Council approval as a separate Resolution.

The attached Funding Summary includes a funding reconciliation for each Project. This Agenda item aligns with City Council's strategic outcome areas of Organizational Excellence, Partnerships, and Transportation of the Strategic Plan.

Financial Impact

A large portion of these Projects are funded by funds the City will receive from VDOT. The required local matches are being transferred from previously appropriated funds in a separate account for undergrounding utility work, which will now be combined into the appropriate VDOT accounts.

Recommendation

Following conducting the legally required Public Hearing, City Staff recommends adoption of the attached Resolution appropriating additional funds for the City's VDOT Projects.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I make a Motion adopting the attached Resolution appropriating additional funds for the City's VDOT Projects."

Attachments

1. VDOT Resolution - June 16
2. VDOT Funding Summary - May 19 Agenda Item
3. Appendix A - Barracks and Emmett Intersection (UPC 111796)
4. Appendix A - Emmet St Corridor Streetscape (UPC 109551)
5. Appendix A - Dairy Rd (UPC 118295)
6. Appendix A - East High Street (UPC 109480)
7. Appendix A - Preston and Harris (UPC 113918)
8. Appendix A - 10th and Grady (UPC 113916)
9. Appendix A - Bike Ped- Washington Park (UPC 113861)