

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to Appropriate Additional Funds for Emmet Street Corridor Streetscape Project - \$1,436,519 (2nd reading)
Staff Contact(s):	Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget, Colin Porter, Project Manager
Presenter:	Michael Goddard, Deputy Director
Date of Proposed Action:	August 4, 2025

Issue

Additional funds need to be appropriated for the Emmet Streetscape project.

Background / Rule

On June 16, 2025, a public hearing was held to discuss the resolution requesting appropriation of additional funds for multiple projects within the City's Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) project portfolio. Funding for the Emmet Streetscape project was included in that resolution. However, staff also noted in the funding summary that a separate resolution would be presented at a later date to request the remaining local match that is required to leverage the total amount of VDOT funding awarded for this project. An additional match of \$1,436,519 in local funds is needed.

Analysis

The current scope of this project is estimated to cost \$23 million to construct. A total of \$17.4 million is being funded by VDOT with a local match requirement of just over \$5.6 million. In 2023, the University of Virginia committed a total of \$5 million dollars for the Emmett Streetscape project and the Fontaine Street project. In June of 2023, City Council appropriated \$4,183,586 of the \$5 million to Emmet Street and \$816,414 to a streetscape project on Fontaine Avenue. VDOT has taken over the management of the Fontaine project and local match has now been reduced to \$750,000. This resolution requests that Council reprogram \$66,414 of the UVA funds to the Emmet Street project from the Fontaine project. Additionally, \$1,370,105 is being requested as a transfer from the previously appropriated underground utility account. This resolution seeks to move two previously appropriated funding sources into the one Emmet Streetscape project account for ease of accounting by keeping all the related project costs in one account.

Financial Impact

The required local matches are being transferred from previously appropriated funds in a separate accounts which will now be combined into the appropriate VDOT accounts.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I make a motion adopting the attached Resolution appropriating additional funds for the Emmett Streetscape project."

Attachments

1. VDOT Resolution - Emmet - July 21
2. VDOT Funding Summary - Emmet July 21 Agenda

3. Barracks and Emmet Intersection-UPC111796-Appendix A