

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to allocate \$650,000 of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Contingency Funds for an Infrastructure Study and Model (2nd reading)
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Presenter:	James Freas, Deputy City Manager
Date of Proposed Action:	November 3, 2025

Issue

To prepare for the impacts of growth and development in Charlottesville, city staff is proposing a consultant supported infrastructure study and model. This project will provide detailed population growth and development projections and modeling to allow the assessment of projected growth on city infrastructure systems.

Background / Rule

As the Charlottesville population grows, it is incumbent upon city government to both consider and assess the impacts that this projected growth is likely to have on critical city infrastructure systems such as transportation, stormwater management, sanitary sewers, water, school facilities, parks, etc.

Towards that goal, city staff has engaged with on-call contractor/consultant, 3TP Ventures, to assemble a project team of experts to assist city staff in conducting a thorough analysis of the likely growth scenarios over the next decades and to then create a model that will allow staff to assess the likely impacts of those growth scenarios on city infrastructure systems. The model that this project will build is to be dynamic and interactive so that this tool will be an important new component in assessing and preparing for the impacts of growth and development well into the future.

This project will consider and assess both the impacts of Charlottesville Development Code together with projected population growth and this project is inclusive of the transportation study necessary to meet the terms of the settlement agreement relative to the *White v. Charlottesville* case.

Analysis

This project supports and aligns with the imperatives of effective city operations, specifically the management of city infrastructure, and the project aligns with the city's strategic initiatives in particular in transportation, climate action, recreation, and education.

Financial Impact

The budgetary impact of this Resolution will be an appropriation of \$650,000 of expenditures from the CIP Contingency Funds.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this resolution that will fund this scope of work and the proposed project.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

I move to approve the Resolution as presented to appropriate \$650,000 from the CIP Contingency Fund to fund the infrastructure studies and modeling project.

Attachments

1. CIP Contingency Allocation - October 2025