

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to authorize the reallocation of \$1,854,818 previously appropriated CIP funding to alternative infrastructure projects with budget gaps (2nd reading)
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Date of Proposed Action:	May 4, 2026

Issue

The Meadow Creek Trail project has been in varying stages of design for multiple years and cost escalation has challenged the project being completed as budgets have increased beyond available funding. The project is complicated with significant issues with existing infrastructure and terrain having to be accommodated. The project has been re-bid and is currently \$1.5M short of the required budget to deliver the project in the next 12-18 months.

The Pollocks Branch Bridge project has been stalled since construction of South 1st Street began and site conditions have warranted a relocation of the previously designed project. This move has caused cost increases that now require an additional \$300,000 to bring the project to completion in the next 24 months.

Background / Rule

The new roof at Charlottesville High School was completed with a balance of \$750,000 previously allocated funds that will not be spent. The funding remains in the CIP as a project line item that will be closed once a re-appropriation of funding is approved.

In 2023, City Hall suffered a major water leak that led to significant damages on multiple floors of the building. After completion of all repairs and applying all insurance proceeds, the remains \$1,104,818 in previously allocated funds that will now not need to be spent. The CIP project line item will be closed once a re-appropriation of funding is approved. \$1,050,000 will be used to reallocate to these projects and \$54,818 will be returned to the CIP Contingency account.

Analysis

Reallocating the existing funds within the CIP to fill the budget gaps of the Meadowcreek Trail and Pollocks Branch projects are both appropriate and reasonable actions for Council using existing funds to fill new gaps identified in the planning of these projects.

Financial Impact

No additional impact as this is a reallocation of existing unspent project funds.

Recommendation

Recommend approval to reallocate \$1.8M in existing unspent CIP funds to fill budget gaps in projects planned for Meadowcreek Trail and Pollocks Branch

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I move to approve the resolution to reallocate \$1,854,818 in CIP funds to alternative infrastructure projects with budget gaps."

Attachments

1. Resolution to reallocate \$1.8M to Meadowcreek and Pollacks