

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	August 3, 2020
Action Required:	Appropriation
Presenter:	Jeanette Janiczek, UCI Program Manager
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Title:	Belmont Bridge Replacement Project – Appropriation of \$15,263,257.41

Background: On May 16, 2005, the City entered into an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation to participate in the Urban Construction Initiative (“First Cities”) Program (UCI). Through this program, the City is responsible for administering its urban system construction program – design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, and construction. In addition, accounting of the UCI program funds must reconcile with the VDOT six-year plan. This appropriation involves the state, federal and local funds necessary to fund the City’s projects as outlined in the VDOT six-year plan.

Some state funds have been received upfront from the state based on the previously used urban allocation based on the City’s population and size. The remaining state and federal funding, however, must be spent first by the City and is later reimbursed by the Virginia Department of Transportation. Reimbursement requests are submitted to VDOT on a quarterly basis.

Discussion: Preliminary Engineering (PE) is the phase of the roadway project “that includes all project initiation and development activities undertaken after its inclusion in the approved State Transportation Improvement Program through the completion of (construction bid submittal). It may include preliminary Right of Way engineering and investigations necessary to complete the environmental document.” Activities include design, plan development, environmental evaluation and public participation process. Right of Way (ROW) is the phase of the roadway project that “includes the work necessary to appraise and acquire project right of way, relocate individuals or businesses, and revise or relocate utilities.” Construction is the phase of the roadway project that includes “the management of all construction activities necessary to ensure the completion of a high quality product meeting all contract specifications, and applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.”

To date, \$2,788,170.59 has been received in reimbursement for this project in the preliminary engineering and right of way phases. This appropriation reconciles and applies the remaining federal and state funding allocations previously awarded to the City. Additional local funding is planned for FY21 and FY22 totaling \$7,500,000 which fully funds this project based on the current engineering estimate.

Funding Allocations	Federal	State	Local	GRAND TOTAL
	3,181,234	14,870,194	13,048,615	31,100,043

Available Balance & Projected Capital Improvement Project Budget	Federal	State	Local	
			4,851,572	Available Balance
			5,000,000	Projected CIP FY21
			2,500,000	Projected CIP FY22
			12,351,572	

Past Reimbursements	Federal	State	Local	
	17,314	2,770,857	697,043	
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Current Appropriation	Federal	State	Local	
	3,163,920	12,099,337		

Current Status: The Belmont Bridge Replacement project is currently in the Right of Way phase acquiring necessary property rights to construct the improvements as well as design of relocation of private utilities. Final design has been reviewed by City Staff as well as the Virginia Department of Transportation and comments are being addressed. Final Construction Documents, including revised final plans addressing comments, is under development with a planned advertisement date of Fall 2020.

Alignment with City Council’s Vision Areas and Strategic Plan: Approval of this agenda item upholds the City’s commitment to create “a connected community” by improving upon our existing transportation infrastructure. In addition, it would contribute to Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan, Be a safe, equitable, thriving, and beautiful community; Objectives 2.3. Provide reliable and high quality infrastructure and 2.6. Engage in robust and context sensitive urban planning.

Community Engagement: There has been significant engagement throughout project planning through a Steering Committee, project specific public meetings, coordination with City boards/commissions and public surveys. A Design Public Hearing was held on May 24, 2018 and its results were accepted by City Council on July 16, 2018. A Certificate of Appropriateness was granted by the Board of Architectural Review on August 20, 2019. A Citizen Information Meeting will be advertised and held in the coming months to discuss maintenance of traffic for both vehicles and pedestrians, construction schedule and sequencing. Progress reports, future traffic notices as well as historical meeting information can be found on www.belmontbridge.org.

Budgetary Impact: None. Appropriation is composed of the remaining state and federal allocations that are reimbursed once expended. Local funds were previously approved and funded through the CIP from FY03 to FY21 with a planned contribution in FY22.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval and appropriation of the funds.

Alternatives: N/A

Attachments: Appropriation

APPROPRIATION
Belmont Bridge Replacement Project –
\$15,263,257.41

WHEREAS, a total of \$3,163,920.41 in federal funds for the Belmont Bridge Replacement project requires appropriation;

WHEREAS, a total of \$12,099,337 in state funds for the Belmont Bridge Replacement project requires appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the following is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues

\$3,163,920.41	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00436	G/L Account: 430120
\$12,099,337	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00436	G/L Account: 430080

Expenditures

\$3,163,920.41	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00436	G/L Account: 599999
\$12,099,337	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00436	G/L Account: 599999