

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



Agenda Date:	December 21, 2020
Action Required:	Approval of Resolution
Presenter:	Jeanette Janiczek, UCI Program Manager
Staff Contacts:	Tony Edwards, Public Works Services Manager Jeanette Janiczek, UCI Program Manager
Title:	Reallocation of Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds - \$246,946.54

Background:

The City was awarded \$422,869 in Highway Safety Improvement Program funds to implement pedestrian improvements within the Hillcrest/Birdwood neighborhood. An additional \$694,753 was reallocated to this project from remaining State funding from completed transportation projects. A revised estimate for Hillcrest/Birdwood is projecting an excess of funds and it is proposed to transfer the following funds to two other Highway Safety Improvement Program projects - \$100,000 to the Washington Park/Madison Avenue Bicycle Connector Trail and \$146,946.54 to the Monticello Avenue and 2nd Street Intersection Pedestrian Improvements.

Discussion:

The Washington Park/Madison Avenue Bicycle Connector Trail's design has advanced to 60%/Right of Way plans and has a revised estimate showing a shortfall of \$100,000. Since project scoping, retaining walls have been added to the project to meet current ADA standards which accounts for the increased project estimate.

The Monticello Avenue and 2nd Street Intersection Pedestrian Improvements project's design has progressed to 90% and has a revised estimate showing a shortfall of \$146,946.54. Since project scoping, a traffic signal modification was included in the design to shorten the pedestrian crossing across Monticello Avenue, squaring up the intersection and improving signal efficiency/operation.

After reviewing the latest Hillcrest/Birdwood estimate, federal and state funds can be transferred to provide the needed funding for Washington Park/Madison Avenue Bicycle Connector Trail and the Monticello Avenue and 2nd Street Intersection Pedestrian Improvements projects. The

Virginia Department of Transportation has agreed to accommodate this request and this eliminates the need to reduce either project's scope or request additional local funds.

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 3 of the Strategic Plan, Beautiful Environment; 3.1 Engage in robust and context sensitive urban planning and implementation; 3.2 Provide reliable and high quality infrastructure and 3.3 Provide a variety of transportation and mobility options.

Community Engagement:

Each project has conducted public participation/involvement activities. By transferring these federal and state funds, each of the three projects can move forward with their current scopes/design.

Budgetary Impact:

No additional City funding is required for this project. Previously appropriated federal and state funding would be transferred to eliminate need to reduce scoping/design or request additional local funding.

On-going maintenance will be required once improvements are constructed.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval and transfer of the funds.

Alternatives:

Deny transfer of federal and state funding.

Attachments:

Resolution

RESOLUTION

Reallocation of Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds

\$246,946.54

WHEREAS, a total of \$246,946.54 in federal and state funds for the Highway Safety Improvement Program requires transfer; and

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

Transfer From

\$ 246,946.54 Fund: 427 WBS: P-00694 G/L Account: 561425

Transfer To

Revenue

\$ 80,000 Fund: 426 WBS: P-01052 G/L Account: 430120

\$ 20,000 Fund: 426 WBS: P-01052 G/L Account: 430080

\$ 117,557.23 Fund: 426 WBS: P-01007 G/L Account: 430120

\$ 29,389.31 Fund: 426 WBS: P-01007 G/L Account: 430080

Expense

\$ 100,000 Fund: 426 WBS: P-01052 G/L Account: 599999

\$ 146,946.54 Fund: 426 WBS: P-01007 G/L Account: 599999