



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of September 13, 2008**

**DATE:** August 29, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Endorsing State Transportation Revenue Sharing Application

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the attached resolution supporting an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for allocation of state funds through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 Revenue Sharing Program, and pledge a County-funded match of \$1,050,000.

**ISSUE:** The County Board is being asked to endorse a list of projects to submit for \$1,000,000 in state Revenue Sharing Program funding, and pledge the County-funded match of \$1,050,000.

**SUMMARY:** The County Board is being asked to adopt a resolution endorsing priorities for submission to the VDOT Revenue Sharing Program. The four recommended projects are as follows:

- Countywide Light Emitting Diode (LED) Change-Out (\$250,000)
- Columbia Pike – Wakefield to Four Mile Run (\$1,150,000)
- Old Dominion Drive Phase II (\$450,000)
- Kirkwood Road Pedestrian Improvements (\$200,000)

The total amount requested from the State is \$1,000,000 with a County-funded match of \$1,050,000; the overmatch is being provided to ensure that these projects are considered in the top tier. The funding for the County match has already been appropriated in the FY 09 budget.

**BACKGROUND:** For many years, VDOT allocated \$10 million of State funds through the Program for projects in counties, for which counties provided a 50 percent match, up to a maximum of \$500,000 from the state. Recent changes made to the program allow cities and towns to participate, double the amount that a locality may receive, and gives priority to localities that provide greater than a 50 percent match. Eligibility requirements were also changed and favor projects that have received revenue sharing funding in the past or are in the state's Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP). Legislation passed in the 2008 General Assembly session will make locally administered revenue sharing projects a top priority next year, but for this round of applications those submissions that provide an overmatch are still ranked the highest.

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**DISCUSSION:** Revenue sharing funding from the 2008-2009 program is recommended for four projects:

- Countywide Light Emitting Diode (LED) Change-Out – This will allow a change out of existing incandescent lamps to LEDs at vehicular/pedestrian signals throughout the County. Funding was provided in the FY07-08 Revenue Sharing Program cycle to do the first phase of this project; \$250,000 will fund LEDs at the remainder of the signals.
- Columbia Pike – Wakefield to Four Mile Run – This project includes streetscape improvements and utility undergrounding on Columbia Pike from South Wakefield Street to Four Mile Run. Some existing local funds (\$575,000) programmed for this project would be used to leverage \$575,000 in revenue sharing funding. This additional funding will cover the increased costs for undergrounding the overhead utilities.
- Old Dominion Drive Phase II – The project scope includes the installation of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and storm drainage facilities from the Fairfax County Line to Lee Highway. Transportation Investment Fund money currently allocated to the project (\$225,000) would be used to leverage \$225,000 in state revenue sharing funding.
- Kirkwood Road Pedestrian Improvements – This project will construct sidewalk and accessible curb ramps on the west side of Kirkwood Road from 14<sup>th</sup> Street North to Lee Highway. The project currently has \$100,000 in local bond funding; these funds would be used with \$100,000 in Revenue Sharing funding to completely fund this project.

The attached resolution states that Arlington County intends to participate in the FY 2008-09 Program up to the maximum amount of \$1,000,000, with a local match of \$1,050,000.

The first three projects have all received revenue sharing funding in the past, making them good candidates to leverage the state funding in this cycle. In addition, all four projects meet the Program guidelines that the funded phase of the project must be completed in one year and that each phase of the project must be fully funded.

Table 1 is a summary of the project funding requests and proposed matching amounts for the four projects.

**Table 1: Recommended Revenue Sharing Requests**

	<b>Proposed Requested State Funding</b>	<b>Proposed Matching Local Funding</b>
Countywide LED Change-out	\$100,000	\$150,000
Columbia Pike – Wakefield to Four Mile Run	\$575,000	\$575,000
Old Dominion Drive Phase II	\$225,000	\$225,000
Kirkwood Road Pedestrian Improvements	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,050,000</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The County can request up to the maximum amount of \$1,000,000 from the Program. The requested amount must be matched by local funds, on a dollar-for-dollar basis at a minimum. However, providing more than a fifty percent match ensures that the application will be considered “Tier I,” so as to increase the likelihood that Arlington will receive revenue sharing funds. Therefore, the total potential fiscal impact is \$1,050,000 for the FY 2008-09 application, which will come from local PAYGO funds, residential utility tax (for the County-wide LED change-out only) and commercial real estate transportation funding. The funding for the match has already been appropriated in the FY 09 budget.

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING REVENUE SHARING APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Arlington County Board desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds of up to \$2,050,000 (\$1,050,000 in local funds and \$1,000,000 in state funds) through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Revenue Sharing Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, these funds are requested to fund the following projects:

- Countywide Light Emitting Diode (LED) Change-Out (\$250,000)
- Columbia Pike – Wakefield to Four Mile Run (\$1,150,000)
- Old Dominion Drive Phase II (\$450,000)
- Kirkwood Road Pedestrian Improvements (\$200,000)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Arlington County Board hereby supports this application for an allocation of \$2,050,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program.

Adopted by the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia on this 13th day of September, 2008.

County Board of Arlington County, Virginia

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to the County Board