



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

### County Board Agenda Item Meeting of May 14, 2011

**DATE:** April 22, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Arlington County's Participation in the Virginia Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2012 Revenue Sharing Program.

#### **C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Adopt the attached "Resolution Authorizing Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for FY2012 Revenue Sharing Program Funds" to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT").

**ISSUE:** County Board approval is required to participate in VDOT's Revenue Sharing Program to help fund County transportation projects. No issues have been identified.

**SUMMARY:** The attached Resolution (Attachment A) authorizes and directs that applications be submitted to VDOT for the Fiscal Year 2012 Revenue Sharing Program ("Program") in the total amount of \$1,060,000 and indicates the Board's support for the application. The County will need to provide a dollar-for-dollar local match for any funds received through the Program. It is recommended that the combination of Program funds and the County's local match be used for construction of sidewalk and street improvements along Old Dominion Drive and at the Five Points intersection, and for trail improvements parallel to Washington Boulevard and Joyce Street.

**BACKGROUND:** VDOT annually allocates State funds through the Program to local governments for the purpose of constructing, maintaining or improving primary and secondary highways, including trails. Counties that participate in the Program must provide a dollar-for-dollar local match for money received through the Program.

Traditionally local governing bodies of eligible counties were permitted to apply for up to a maximum amount of \$1,000,000 in Program funds. This year, the Virginia General Assembly authorized VDOT to accept applications for up to a maximum amount of \$10,000,000. However, the overall amount of funding available for the Program has not changed; therefore VDOT has

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indicated that projects requesting under \$1,000,000 will be considered higher priority than those requesting larger amounts, and that localities should expect to receive about \$1,000,000 in total from the Program. Additionally, VDOT has indicated that projects which can be fully completed using Program funds will be considered a higher funding priority than those that do not.

**DISCUSSION:** The attached Resolution states that Arlington County will participate in the FY 2012 Program for an amount of \$1,060,000. Upon appropriation, the funds received will be subject to a required local match.

Since Program funds must be used for improvements to the highway network (including trails), the County is limited in the type of projects that can be submitted for funding. Transit capital and operations, for example, are typically not eligible. Additionally, VDOT has identified two criteria for ranking proposals submitted under the Program this year:

- Submissions for projects requesting less than \$1,000,000 will be considered high priority.
- Submissions for projects that can be fully constructed will be considered high priority, with existing projects that can be advanced to a further stage of completion considered medium priority, and new projects considered low.

Due to these criteria, the highest overall priority will be given to projects requesting less than \$1,000,000 that can be fully constructed using Program funds. Arlington's recommendations are structured to maximize the likelihood of funding for the County.

The Arlington County Transportation Commission reviewed this item at its meeting on March 31, 2011. By a vote of 10-0 the Commission approved a motion to recommend that the County Board adopt the proposed Resolution Authorizing Application to the Program (Attachment B).

It is recommended that Program funds be sought for the following projects:

- **Old Dominion Drive Phase 2:** Construction of curb, gutters, storm drains, and sidewalks on Old Dominion Drive between North Glebe Road and 38<sup>th</sup> Street North. The project can be fully completed with \$1,000,000 in additional funding, proposed as \$500,000 from the Program with a \$500,000 local match.
- **Washington Boulevard Trail Phase 2:** Construction of a trail parallel to Washington Boulevard from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South to Columbia Pike. The project can be fully completed with \$340,000 in additional funding, proposed as \$170,000 from the Program with a \$170,000 local match.
- **Five Points Intersection Improvements:** Construction of improvements to sidewalks and street crossings at the intersection of Old Dominion Drive, Lee Highway, Military Road, and North Quincy Street. The project can be fully completed with \$450,000 in additional funding, proposed as \$225,000 from the Program with a \$225,000 local match.
- **Kirkwood Road Sidewalk:** Construction of new sidewalk along the west side of Kirkwood Road from 17<sup>th</sup> Street North to Lee Highway. The project can be fully

completed with \$80,000 in additional funding proposed as \$40,000 from the Program with a \$40,000 local match.

- **Design for S. Joyce Street / Army Navy Drive Phase 2:** Completion of Preliminary Engineering (PE) for Phase 2 of a 3-phase project making multi-modal improvements to S. Joyce Street and Army Navy Drive. The project will reconstruct the street to move the median, install enhanced pedestrian and bicycle travelways (including a cycle-track on Army Navy Drive), and align the street to allow for future addition of a streetcar. Phase 1 of the project is along S. Joyce Street from Columbia Pike to Army Navy Drive. Phase 2 is along Army Navy Drive from S. Joyce Street to S. Hayes Street. Phase 3 is along Army Navy Drive from Hayes Street to Eads Street. Phase 1 is being managed and funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Phases 2 and 3 are being brought to 30% design by FHWA, but will be Arlington's responsibility to finish. Completion of PE for Phase 2 is anticipated to cost \$250,000, proposed as \$125,000 from the Program with a \$125,000 local match.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** It is recommended that the County apply for a total of \$1,060,000 in State Revenue Sharing funds. The State requires that all Program funds be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis, requiring a local match and total potential fiscal impact to the County of up to \$1,060,000. In the event that the State only partially funds Arlington's request, the required local match and fiscal impact to the County would drop to an amount equal to the State's commitment. The County's local match is anticipated to be provided by previously approved County bond funds.

**Attachment A**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY2012 REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia (“County Board”) desires to submit an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for an allocation of \$1,060,000 in Fiscal Year 2012 Revenue Sharing Program funds; and

WHEREAS, \$500,000 of these funds will be requested for the construction of the Old Dominion Drive Phase 2 street improvements project, between North Glebe Road and 38<sup>th</sup> Street North; and

WHEREAS, \$170,000 of these funds will be requested for the construction of the Washington Boulevard Phase 2 trail project, between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South and Columbia Pike; and

WHEREAS, \$225,000 of these funds will be requested for improvements to the Five Points intersection; and

WHEREAS, \$40,000 of these funds will be requested for construction of a new sidewalk along the west side of Kirkwood Road, between 17<sup>th</sup> Street North and Lee Highway; and

WHEREAS, \$125,000 of these funds will be requested for preliminary engineering of improvements to the South Joyce Street/Army Navy Drive Phase 2 project, from South Joyce Street to South Hayes Street along Army Navy Drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County Board hereby supports the making of applications and authorizes and directs the County Manager to make applications to the Virginia Department of Transportation for \$1,060,000 of Fiscal Year 2012 Revenue Sharing Program funds for the above described projects, and further authorizes the County Manager to execute project administration agreements for any approved revenue sharing projects subject to approval of such agreements as to form by the County Attorney.

ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

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Chair



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RE: Resolution Authorizing Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation  
for FY 2012 Revenue Sharing Program Funds

Dear Chairman Zimmerman:

I am writing to express the views of the Transportation Commission with regard to the County Manager's recommendation to adopt the proposed Resolution Authorizing Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for FY 2012 Revenue Sharing Program Funds.

**The Transportation Commission, by a vote of 10-0, approved a motion to recommend that the County Board adopt the proposed Resolution Authorizing Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for FY 2012 Revenue Sharing Program Funds.**

The Commission heard this item at its meeting on March 31, 2011. The Commission received a presentation from staff; there were no public speakers. Present at the meeting and voting were Commissioners Gearhart, Areizaga-Soto, Armbruster, Everline, Grant, Hubbard, Lynott, Ortiz, Serie, and Torma.

In discussion Commissioners noted that each of the four projects for which funding is being sought are already underway in some form and are all important to the County's transportation infrastructure. In particular, Commissioners noted that the projects would improve driver and/or pedestrian safety in two areas along Old Dominion Drive, extend the Washington Boulevard bicycle trail to Columbia Pike, and fund preliminary engineering for reconstruction of sections of South Joyce Street and Army Navy Drive that will facilitate safer pedestrian and bicyclist use and align the street for future streetcar use.

I would be glad to answer any questions (703-522-2276).

Sincerely,

Bill Gearhart  
Chairman