



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

### County Board Agenda Item Meeting of November 17, 2012

**DATE:** October 22, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing Arlington County's participation in the Virginia Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2014 Revenue Sharing program.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the attached "Resolution Authorizing Arlington County's Participation in the Virginia Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2014 Revenue Sharing program."

**ISSUES:** County Board approval is required to participate in the Virginia Department of Transportation's Revenue Sharing program. No issues have been identified.

**SUMMARY:** The attached resolution (Attachment A) authorizes and directs that applications be submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for the Fiscal Year 2014 Revenue Sharing program in the total amount of \$3,382,777, and indicates the Board's support for the application. The VDOT Revenue Sharing program provides a dollar-for-dollar state match to qualifying local transportation projects, which can be used to leverage existing County funds. A 50 percent local match is required. It is recommended that Arlington apply to the program for six projects.

**BACKGROUND:** VDOT annually allocates State funds through this program to local governments for the purpose of constructing, maintaining or improving primary and secondary highways, including trails and bridges. Localities 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 localities were permitted to apply for up to a maximum amount of \$1,000,000 in capital program funds. In April 2011, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) revised the Revenue Sharing program guidelines to address the changes in Section 33.1-23.05 of the Code of Virginia approved by the General Assembly during the 2011 session. The legislation allows each locality to request up to a maximum amount of \$10,000,000, of which up to \$5,000,000 may be specified for maintenance projects.

County Manager:

County Attorney:

Staff: Dan Malouff, DES

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VDOT prioritizes applications based on the following criteria, funding all qualifying projects from each category in full before funding any from the next category.

State prioritization categories:

1. Construction projects requesting \$1 million or less.
2. Construction projects requesting between \$1 million and \$10 million.
3. Maintenance requests for \$1 million or less.
4. Maintenance requests for between \$1 million and \$10 million.
5. Other projects requesting \$1 million or less.
6. Other projects requesting between \$1 million and \$10 million.

Arlington has structured its request to fit the most eligible projects in order to maximize the likelihood of funding.

**DISCUSSION:** The attached resolution states that Arlington County will apply for funding in FY 2014 Revenue Sharing program for an amount of \$3,382,777. Upon appropriation, the funds received will be subject to a required 50 percent 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.

The Arlington County Transportation Commission will review this item at its meeting on November 8, 2012.

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

1. \$77,568 for Old Dominion Drive Improvements, which will construct curb, gutters, storm drain, and sidewalks on Old Dominion Drive.
2. \$536,243 for Carlin Springs Road Bridge, which will replace the deteriorating bridge at the intersection of Carlin Springs Drive and George Mason Drive.
3. \$110,587 for Route 110 Trail, which will construct a shared-use path along Route 110.
4. \$133,000 for Washington Boulevard Trail, which will construct a shared-use path along Washington Boulevard.
5. \$2,500,000 for Boundary Channel Drive Interchange, which will reconfigure the interchange of Boundary Channel and I-395 in order to support additional development at Long Bridge Park and in the Crystal City area.
6. \$25,379 for South Eads and South Fern Repaving, which will perform street maintenance on the sections of South Eads Street and South Fern Street where they pass under I-395.

These six projects together represent a request to VDOT for \$3,382,777 in Revenue Sharing funds, which must be matched by at least \$3,382,777 in County funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The requirement for a dollar-for-dollar local match limits the extent to which Arlington is able to participate in this program. Arlington's request for \$3,382,777 in State Revenue Sharing fund must be matched by \$3,382,777 in County funds, resulting in a fiscal impact of \$3,382,777. 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 the State's commitment.

The County's local match for these projects will be provided by a combination of General Obligation Bonds, PAYGo, and Transportation Capital Fund funds already programmed in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

**Attachment A**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY2014 REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia (“County Board”) desires to submit applications to the Virginia Department of Transportation for an allocation of \$3,382,777 in Fiscal Year 2014 Revenue Sharing funds for Old Dominion Drive Improvements, Carlin Springs Road Bridge, Route 110 Trail, Washington Boulevard Trail, Boundary Channel Drive Interchange, and the South Eads Street / South Fern Street Repaving Project.

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 \$3,382,777 of Fiscal Year 2014 Revenue Sharing funds for the above described projects, and further authorizes the County Manager to execute a project administration agreement for the approved projects, subject to approval of such agreement as to form by the County Attorney.

ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

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Chair