

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2011

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: BRUCE JOHNSON, ACTING CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FUNDING FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF A PORTION OF DUKE STREET

ISSUE: Resolution authorizing the City's application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Revenue Sharing Program FY 2013 funding in the amount of \$300,000 for the rehabilitation of a section of Duke Street between North Quaker Lane and South Walker Street.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) Adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the City to apply for a FY 2013 Revenue Sharing Program funding allocation of \$300,000 request from the Virginia Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of Duke Street; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to submit this resolution, and, subject to the local match funding for this project included in the FY 2013 Adopted City Capital Improvement Program, enter into any agreements with the State that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved.

BACKGROUND: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Revenue Sharing Program provides additional funding for eligible jurisdictions to construct, maintain or improve their highway systems. Administered by VDOT, locality funds can be matched with State funds, with statutory limitations on the amount of State funds that can be allocated to any individual jurisdiction. Application for Revenue Sharing funds must be made by resolution of the governing body of the applicant jurisdiction, and funding is allocated by resolution of the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Revenue Sharing funding is intended to provide funding for relatively small, immediately needed improvements or to supplement funding for larger projects with current fiscal year funding shortfalls. In general, Revenue Sharing funds are expected to be expended in the same fiscal year in which they are awarded.

In 2006, the General Assembly approved several changes to the Revenue Sharing Program, including extending eligibility to participate in VDOT's Revenue Sharing Program to cities and towns that maintain their own street systems. Previously, only counties were eligible to participate in this program. Under the program guidelines revised August 9, 2011, localities may request up to \$1,000,000 of revenue sharing funds for eligible road projects, plus an additional amount up to \$9,000,000 (considered only after evaluation of the initial \$1,000,000) to match locality funds on a one-to-one basis.

The proposed application for funding the reconstruction of Duke Street is the fifth Revenue Sharing application submitted by the City. First, in FY 2009 the City was awarded \$1,000,000 in Revenue Sharing funds for the rehabilitation and repaving of Washington Street between Church Street and First Street, a distance of approximately 1.6 miles. That project involved high-visibility improvements including, extensive curb and gutter work, repaving that had not been done in 12 years, and installing updated traffic loop detectors, signs and signals to bring them all up to current standards.

In FY 2010 the City received another \$1,000,000 in Revenue Sharing funds to start the Edsall Road project. In FY 2011, due to statewide transportation funding problems, the City received a partially funded award for \$460,904 of a \$1,000,000 request. In FY 2012, the City applied for, but was not awarded, additional Revenue Sharing funds for the Edsall Road project.

DISCUSSION: The project for which revenue sharing funds are requested by the attached resolution is the rehabilitation of a section of Duke Street between North Quaker Lane and South Walker Street (Attachment 2), a stretch of roadway approximately 13,200 feet in length. The funds requested will allow for maintenance to a portion of the roadway between North Quaker Lane and South Walker Street, which will be determined once the City updates, in early 2012, its pavement management system data. Duke Street has required high maintenance over the past ten years and is in need of resurfacing due to damage and deterioration caused by cuts, cracks, and depressions. Heavy traffic and the age of the surface, in addition to numerous utility cuts, have made this paving project necessary.

City staff estimates that a total of \$3.7 million will be eventually required for the total length of this project. The funding requested will allow the City to rehabilitate the section of Duke Street which is identified as the highest priority in the planned update of the pavement management system data. This project is a new project for inclusion in the State's FY 2013 Revenue Sharing program for transportation projects in the amount of \$300,000 in State revenues to match City funds of \$300,000. The project may be submitted again into the FY 2014 Revenue Sharing Program for transportation projects should additional City funds for the required match be identified in the FY 2014 CIP.

The \$300,000 City local match for FY 2013 would derive from \$300,000 in prior year existing street construction monies already funded in prior CIPs. Whether or not additional City funding will be added to the FY 2014 CIP for further reconstruction of Duke Street will be determined as part of the FY 2013 budget process. To the degree that the local match eventually funded falls short of the proposed local match (or if the State funding falls short), the project will be reduced in scope as it is scalable.

The application must be submitted to VDOT by November 1, 2011. A Formal Council Resolution (Attachment 1) must be fully executed and submitted to VDOT by December 1, 2011. In the event Council does not approve the needed local match for FY 2013, the application to VDOT will either be withdrawn or scaled back accordingly.

FISCAL IMPACT: A total of \$300,000 is being requested through State Revenue Sharing. The required City match of \$300,000 has been approved in prior year CIPs. Additional City funding to leverage additional Revenue Sharing funding will be considered as part of the FY 2013 – FY 2022 CIP development process.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

Attachment 2: Project Area Map

STAFF:

Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager

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ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia held on October 25, 2011, on a motion by [name of Council member], seconded by [name of Council member], the following resolution was adopted by a vote of [#] to [#]:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds of \$300,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue Sharing Program; and

WHEREAS, \$300,000 of these funds are requested to fund the continued rehabilitation of Duke Street from North Quaker Lane to South Walker Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of \$300,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute project administration agreements for any approved revenue sharing projects.

ADOPTED: _____

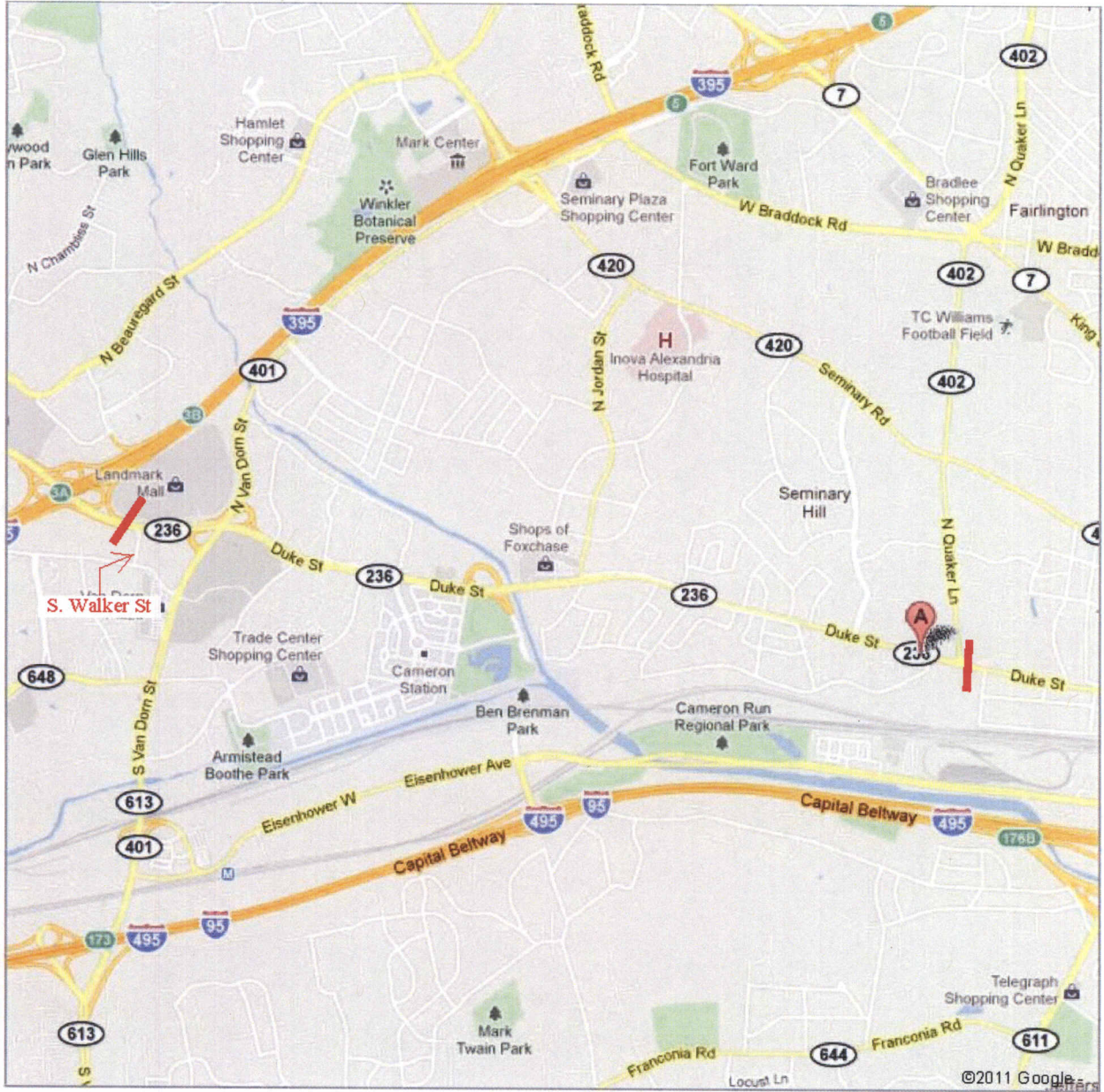
WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

JACQUELINE M. HENDERSON CITY CLERK

ATTACHMENT 2

DUKE STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT AREA MAP
(Duke Street, from North Quaker Lane to South Walker Street)



RESOLUTION NO. 2476

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia held on October 25, 2011, on a motion by Councilwoman Hughes, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 6 to 0:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds of \$300,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue Sharing Program; and

WHEREAS, \$300,000 of these funds are requested to fund the rehabilitation of a portion of Duke Street from North Quaker Lane to South Walker Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of \$300,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program.

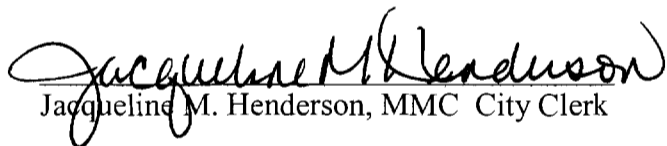
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Adopted: October 25, 2011
City of Alexandria, Virginia



WILLIAM D. EULLE MAYOR

ATTEST:


Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk