

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 3, 2011
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FUNDING FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF EDSALL ROAD

ISSUE: Resolution requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program FY 2012 funding in the amount of \$530,000 for the reconstruction of Edsall Road.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) Adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1) to apply for a FY 2011 Revenue Sharing Program funding allocation of \$530,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation for the continued planned reconstruction of Edsall Road; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to submit this resolution and enter into any agreements with the State that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved.

BACKGROUND: The Commonwealth of Virginia's Revenue Sharing Program provides additional funding for eligible jurisdictions to construct, maintain or improve their highway systems. Administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), locality funds are 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 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 April 20, 2011, localities may request up to \$1.0 million of revenue sharing funds, plus an additional amount up to \$9.0 million (considered only after evaluation of the initial \$1.0 million) to match locality funds on a one-to-one basis.

The proposed application for funding the reconstruction of Edsall Road is the fourth revenue sharing application submitted by the City. First, in FY 2009 the City was awarded \$1.0 million 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 \$1.0 million in revenue sharing funds to start the Edsall Road project. In FY 2011, due to Statewide cutbacks, the City received a partially funded award for \$460,904 of a \$1.0 million request. This left over \$530,000 in City funds not yet matched.

DISCUSSION: The project for which revenue sharing funds are requested at this time by the attached resolution is the reconstruction of Edsall Road from the western City limits eastward, a stretch of roadway exceeding 3,000 feet in length. The Edsall Road project is included in the approved FY 2011 City Capital Improvement Program (CIP), but is not fully funded. This additional State revenue sharing match will take this project closer to full funding. This project is proposed for funding as it is the only eligible City project where there are excess local funds not yet matched.

As Council is aware, Edsall Road has required high maintenance over the past ten years. Existing underground springs in the area, coupled with heavy traffic, are affecting the stability of the street subgrade in several areas of the roadway. The pavement is deteriorating and being pushed to the side of the travel lanes. Heaving, twisting and horizontal movement of the existing pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter is occurring particularly along the south side of the eastbound lane. The pavement, curb and gutters and sidewalks on the north side of Edsall Road are also showing signs of settlement. A concept study is complete and the cost estimate has been developed and escalated for inflation.

A total of \$4.5 million is needed for this project. The City participated in the State's revenue sharing program for transportation projects in FY 2010 and FY 2011, receiving a total of \$1,460,904 million in matched funds. While the City previously received State revenue sharing funds, the City is now planning for this reconstruction as a single project in FY 2011 when the second tranche of revenue sharing funds was received. However, some elements of the project are scalable and if additional revenue sharing funds are not awarded for FY 2012, the City can complete a large portion of the project for which there is sufficient funding, based on the prior awards.

A Formal Council Resolution (Attachment 1) must be fully executed and submitted to VDOT by May 20, 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total estimated cost for this project is \$4.5 million with \$2.0 million proposed to be funded by the State over a three-year period. Local funding needs are estimated at \$2.5 million, with the FY 2010 and FY 2011 City matches of \$2.0 million already appropriated in the Approved City CIP for FY 2011. With a total cost for this project of \$4.5 million and with \$3.46 million of State and City funding approved in FY 2010 and FY 2011, this leaves \$1.04 million currently unfunded. If the State awards the additional \$0.53 million, then the funding gap

will narrow to \$510,000. If this amount cannot be funded, the project will be scaled back accordingly.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

STAFF:

Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager

Bruce Johnson, Chief Financial Officer

Richard J. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services

Abi Lerner, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services

Emily Baker, City Engineer, Transportation and Environmental Services

ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia held on May 10, 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 \$530,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2011-12 Revenue Sharing Program; and

WHEREAS, \$530,000 of these funds are requested to fund the continued reconstruction of Edsall Road from the western City limits eastward;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Alexandria, hereby supports this application for an allocation of \$530,000 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 this 10th day of May, 2011.
City of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

William D. Euille
Mayor

Jackie M. Henderson, MMC
Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO. 2450

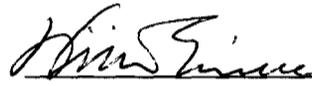
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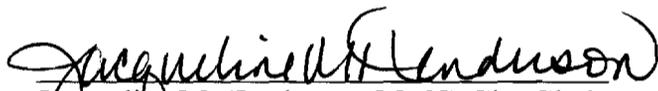
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WILLIAM D. EULLE MAYOR

ATTEST:



Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk

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Edsall Rd Reconstruction Project Project Location

