


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 6, 2008

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 REHABILITATION AND REPAVING OF WASHINGTON STREET

ISSUE: A resolution applying to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Revenue Sharing Program funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the rehabilitation and repaving of Washington Street.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) Adopt the attached resolution to apply for an FY 2009 Revenue Sharing Program funding allocation from the Virginia Department of Transportation for the repaving and rehabilitation of Washington Street; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to submit this resolution and funding application, and enter into any agreements with the state that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved.

BACKGROUND: The State of Virginia's Revenue Sharing Program provides additional funding for eligible jurisdictions to construct, maintain or improve their highway systems. Administered by the Department of Transportation, 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 current program guidelines, localities may request up to \$1,000,000 of revenue sharing funds to

match locality funds on a one-to-one basis. Applications from localities committing more than \$1,000,000 in general funds to match \$1,000,000 in revenue sharing funds are considered for tier 1 funding, which is fully funded before lower tier applications are considered.

The proposed application for funding the rehabilitation and repaving of Washington Street is the first revenue sharing application submitted by the City. The application is due on March 20.

DISCUSSION: The project for which revenue sharing funds are requested by the attached resolution is the rehabilitation and repaving of Washington Street between Church Street and First Street, a distance of approximately 1.6 miles. This project is in the proposed FY 2009 Capital Improvement Program budget and was discussed with Council during the recent CIP work session.

As Council is aware, Washington Street is a high volume arterial and major commuter route carrying north-south traffic in the City. This street has several highly active pedestrian crossings as it traverses Old Town and four designated on-street bicycle routes cross Washington Street within the project limits. It has been over 12 years since Washington Street was repaved. Its pavement base and riding surface, curb and gutter, sidewalks, pavement markings, traffic loop detectors, signs and signals need extensive rehabilitation to bring them up to current standards.

Rehabilitation will require rebuilding several portions of the curb lane where heavy truck and bus traffic have deteriorated the base of the street. Portions of curb and gutter and all handicap assessable ramps will be reconstructed to meet current engineering and ADA standards. In several areas, the existing pavement is heavily distressed with surface rutting and shoving. Milling the existing surface and repaving is necessary. In order to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, all crosswalks will be striped with highly visible pavement markings. Long life street pavement markings will delineate the traffic lanes and any turning lanes. Traffic marking symbols will be added for turning lanes and HOV lanes. Traffic signals will be upgraded with countdown pedestrian displays and ADA-compliant audible pedestrian crossing indicators. Traffic signal loop detectors and street signs will be replaced to complete the work proposed for this project.

The estimated cost of this work on Washington Street is \$2,150,000, which was planned in the FY 2009 proposed budget to be funded by the revenue sharing allocation that is requested in this application, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) revenues, and portions of the proposed FY 2009 budget for street, bridge and pedestrian improvements. If approved, this work will not reduce funding for the City's annual street repaving program. The operating budget includes approximately \$2,000,000 each year for street repaving, which is funded by our street maintenance reimbursement from the state. During FY 2009, about 40 lane miles be repaved on 15 street segments (Attachment 3).

Subsequent to the presentation of the FY 2009 proposed budget, the State Supreme Court struck down the NVTa revenue sources, thereby eliminating (along with other NVTa revenues) the \$800,000 NVTa revenue source that was planned for this paving program. However, it is recommended that this application proceed as proposed, and if Council in its budget discussions

does not provide \$800,00 in replacement funds from City sources, then the State application would either be amended or withdrawn.

FISCAL IMPACT: The estimated cost of this work is \$2,150,000. This revenue sharing application requests an allocation of \$1,000,000. Local funding is to be provided by anticipated NVTAs revenues (\$800,000) and budgeted FY 2009 CIP funds for street, bridge and pedestrian improvements (\$350,000).

ATTACHMENT: Revenue Sharing Application Resolution

STAFF:

Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager

Bruce Johnson, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Richard J. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services

Doug McCobb, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services

RESOLUTION NO. _____

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia held on March 11, 2008, 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 \$1,000,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2009-2010, Revenue Sharing Program; and

WHEREAS, \$1,000,000 of these funds are requested to fund the rehabilitation and repaving of Washington Street (VA 400) from Church Street to First Street; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The City Council of the City of Alexandria, hereby support this application for an allocation of \$1,000,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program.

ADOPTED this 11th day of March 2008.
City of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

William D. Euille
Mayor

Jackie M. Henderson
Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO. 2270

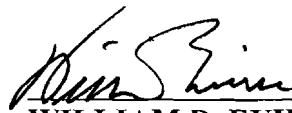
At a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia held on March 11, 2008, on a motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilman Gaines, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 7 to 0; and

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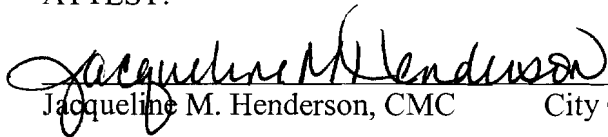
ADOPTED: March 11, 2008



WILLIAM D. EUILLE

MAYOR

ATTEST:



Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC

City Clerk