

**RESOLUTION NO. 13657-23**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, FOR A GRANT FOR FIVE PROJECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM (TA-SA).

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is currently accepting applications for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA-SA) Funds; and

WHEREAS, at Council's September 12, 2023 meeting Council will determine to request funds for five (5) potential projects as screened out during pre-application; and

WHEREAS, the TA-SA Federal Grant Program provides localities funding to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities, Council is being requested to adopt a resolution endorsing the City's application of \$6,445,600.00 in TA-SA federal grant funds for five (5) Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside projects ("the Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the program requires a 20% City match; and

WHEREAS, the Projects are identified as:

1. VDOT UPC 121105: Washington Avenue and 25th Street Pedestrian Improvements with a total project allocation of \$1,875,000, comprising federal grant request of \$1,500,000 and a 20% City match of \$375,000; and
2. VDOT UPC 121108: Birthplace of America Trail (BoAT) Multi-Use Path (MUP) – Newport News Park to Yorktown Road at Chelsea Place, with a total project allocation of \$1,875,000, comprising federal grant request of \$1,500,000 and a 20% City match of \$375,000; and
3. VDOT UPC 121110: Birthplace of America Trail (BoAT) MUP – Yorktown Road at Chelsea Place to Elmhurst Street to Warwick Boulevard at Falls Reach Parkway, with a total project allocation of \$1,843,000, comprising federal grant request of \$1,474,000 and a 20% City match of \$368,600; and
4. VDOT UPC 121111: Bates Drive and Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) MUP, with a total project allocation of \$2,169,000, comprising federal grant request of \$1,735,200 and a 20% City match of \$433,800; and
5. Healthy and Safe Routes to School (Non-infrastructure SRTS), with a total project allocation of \$295,000, comprising federal grant request of \$236,000 and a 20% City match of \$59,000; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, City Council is requested to approve a resolution applying for \$8,057,000 in FY 2025 and FY 2026 VDOT TA-SA Federal Grant Program funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That it hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to submit an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation under TA-SA Program Grants for funding the programming of the Projects set forth in this resolution in the total amount of \$8,057,000.

2. That it further authorizes the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest on behalf of the City of Newport News, any and all agreements or documents necessary to effectuate the design, construction and administration of the Projects; provided that all such agreements and documents shall first have been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

3. That it hereby resolves to fund its local share of preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction (as applicable) of the Projects under agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation in accordance with the project financial documents.

4. That this resolution shall be in effect on and after the date of its adoption, September 12, 2023.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC  
City Clerk

Phillip D. Jones  
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk