

RESOLUTION NO. 13658-23

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS AND EQUITY PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY GREENWAY RECONNECTOR.

WHEREAS, the City of Newport News ("City") is aware of grants available as set forth fully below, and one of the federal requirements is that City Council endorse the application for such grants; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to apply for the Reconnecting Communities Program ("RCP") and Neighborhood Access and Equity Program ("NAE") grant for one planning study to complete a feasibility study and an environmental impact analysis in support of the Southeast Community Greenway Reconnector; and

WHEREAS, the RCP and NAE grant programs provide funding to provide non-vehicular modes of transportation and reconnect communities divided by the construction of major infrastructure such as the interstate or railroad; and

WHEREAS, the NAE program also focuses on mitigating air pollution, noise pollution, stormwater, heat, or other burdens on transportation facilities located in a disadvantaged or underserved community.

WHEREAS, the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA") provides opportunities for both the RCP and the NAE grant programs; and

WHEREAS, both programs require a 20% City match; and

WHEREAS, the RCP and NAE grant provides funding at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000.00, with the federal share being \$800,000.00 and the City share being \$200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the application for the RCP and NAE grant must be submitted to Federal Highways by September 28, 2023.

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

1. That it hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest, on behalf of the City of Newport News, Virginia, any and all documents necessary to apply for the grant, and to execute any additional documents to complete the programs set forth herein.

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

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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