



STAFF REPORT **ACTION ITEM**

Item # 12.f.

SUBJECT: Resolution 21-09-03 Supporting VDOT Transportation Alternatives for FY23 & FY24 for the G Street pedestrian linkage (D. Lehnig)

DATE OF MEETING: September 14, 2021

STAFF CONTACT(S): Dale E. Lehnig, PE, CFM
Planning & Development

Director of Engineering,

SUMMARY and RECOMMENDATIONS:

The application cycle for Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program is open until October 1, 2021. Application submittal is for fiscal year 23. On July 1, 2021, Staff submitted a pre-application for the design and construction of a sidewalk extension along G Street, between E Street to 604 East G Street under the Safe Routes to Schools Transportation Alternatives Program. This type of grant is a Federal Grant that provides 80% of the funding, with a Town match of 20%. As part of the final application, a Town Council resolution supporting the project must be included. Resolution 21-09-03 is attached (Attachment 1) for the consideration and approval of the Town Council.

BACKGROUND:

The proposed 5-foot wide sidewalk will provide a linkage from existing sidewalks along E Street, G Street and 12th Street, to an existing sidewalk on the eastern end of G Street. The existing sidewalk on G Street connects to sidewalks along S. Maple Avenue, and also to a walkway in the Gardner Meadows subdivision. Further, sidewalks in Gardner Meadows connect to the newly completed A Street multiuse trail along A Street, which provides a direct walk/bike route to Blue Ridge Middle School (BRMS). Students would also have the option of crossing BRMS sports field property, which abuts G Street, in order to get to the BRMS. The proposed project will include ADA compliant ramps, curb & cutter, in addition to the 5-foot wide sidewalk. Attachment 2 shows the conceptual plan for the proposed sidewalk.

The total estimated cost for this project is \$2,580,913. The funding request for a Transportation Alternatives Grant is \$2,064,731, with a required Town matching funding of \$516,182. The matching funding would be provided through the NVTAF funding that the Town receives.

A tentative schedule for this project is:

August, 2022	PE (Survey, Environmental, Design)
March, 2023	RW (Right of Way and Easement Acquisition, Utility Relocation)
April, 2026	Construction, Oversight, Contingencies
November, 2026	Project Completion

ISSUES:

Council may choose to not pass the attached resolution, and not proceed with the application to VDOT for the Transportation Alternatives (Safe Routes to Schools Category) Grants. However, this will result in overall delays to improvements proposed with these projects, and potentially higher costs to the Town for the projects to move forward.

CORRELATION TO STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Strategic Initiative "Promote Community & Economic Well-Being", Tier One. Addresses long-range transportation needs of Purcellville by providing alternate means of access to the Blue Ridge Middle School.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This type of grant is a Federal Grant that provides 80% of the funding, with a Town match of 20%. We anticipate using 20% matching funding from NVTA local share funds.

MOTION(S):

“I move that the Town Council approve staff to move forward with requesting VDOT Transportation Alternatives (SRTS Category) grant funding for the G Street Sidewalk Improvements, and approve the attached Resolution Number 21-09-03 and authorize the Town Manager to execute said application for funds and to execute all project administration agreements for any approved revenue sharing projects.”

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

[Attachment #1 resolution 21-09-03](#)

[Attachment #2 G Street concept plan](#)

**TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE
IN
LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

RESOLUTION NO 21-09-03

PRESENTED: September 14, 2021

ADOPTED: _____

A RESOLUTION: SUPPORTING A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS, SRTS, CATEGORY) APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE G STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS RELATING TO SUCH FUNDS

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Purcellville Town Council held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, on a motion by [name of Council or Board member], seconded by [name of Council or Board member], the following resolution was adopted by a vote of [#] to [#]:

WHEREAS, the Town of Purcellville Town Council desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds of up to \$2,580,913 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2023, Transportation Alternatives Program (SRTS Category); and,

WHEREAS, \$2,580,913 of these funds are requested to fund the G Street Sidewalk Improvements between E Street and 604 E. G Street and associated drainage and other improvements; and,

WHEREAS: The Town of Purcellville Town Council hereby supports this application for an allocation of \$2,580,913 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation Alternatives Program (SRTS Category).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Town of Purcellville hereby commits to fund its local share of preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction (as applicable) of the project(s) under agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation in accordance with the project financial document(s).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to execute all agreements and/or addendums for any approved projects with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

**A RESOLUTION: SUPPORTING A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS)
APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE G
STREET PEDESTRIAN SIDEWALK AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY
FOR AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS RELATING TO SUCH FUNDS**

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021

Kwasi A. Fraser, Mayor
Town of Purcellville

ATTEST:

Diana Hays, Town Clerk

