

INTRODUCED: November 23, 2009

A RESOLUTION No. 2009-R190

To support the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' grant application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Transportation Enhancement grant funds for the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian commuter trail, family recreation and environmental education features, landscaping, and scenic beautification of the Cannon Creek Greenway; and to express the Council's commitment to work cooperatively with the City Administration to either identify appropriate matching funds in the current Capital Improvement Plan or to include such matching funds in the 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Plan.

Patrons – Vice President Robertson, Mr. Hilbert, President Graziano,
Mr. Conner and Mr. Jewell

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: January 11, 2010 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Council supports and encourages the development of greenways, bike ways and trails in the City of Richmond's public parks and open spaces and desires to be responsible stewards of the environment; and

WHEREAS, greenways and trails within the City of Richmond will benefit not only the citizens of the City of Richmond, but also citizens in the entire Richmond metropolitan area by serving walkers, bicyclists, hikers, and other non-motorized users; and

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: _____ REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, trails and greenways are known to provide alternative modes of transportation for the region, while also improving air quality, reducing roadway congestion and encouraging ecotourism; and

WHEREAS, the Cannon Creek Greenway will serve as a multi-use public space for commuter bicycle and pedestrian traffic and for recreation, including family and passive recreation and walking trails for nature study; and

WHEREAS, the Cannon Creek Greenway will serve as a natural habitat for native plants, birds, and small animals and a protected area for quiet relaxation serving a densely-populated residential area; and

WHEREAS, the Council hopes that the Cannon Creek Greenway's ten-foot wide bicycle and pedestrian trail, once completed, will be incorporated into the East Coast Greenway as it enters the northern portion of the City of Richmond, linking the Highland Park and Barton Heights communities to Shockoe Bottom, downtown Richmond and the Capital Trail along the James River; and

WHEREAS, the Cannon Creek Greenway will serve as the centerpiece community commons for the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority's planned redevelopment construction of 400 mixed-income family homes on sites adjacent to and near the Cannon Creek Greenway and will stimulate economic revitalization, increased community pride and improved quality of life in the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities desires to submit an application, under the project title "Cannon Creek Greenway Trail, Phase I", to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Transportation Enhancement grant funds; and

WHEREAS, as a prerequisite for an award of grant funds, the Transportation Enhancement Program requires a contribution of local matching funds of at least 20% of the funds requested on the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Council support the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' grant application for Transportation Enhancement grant funds and that matching funds be provided towards the cost of employing a civil engineering firm to complete the preliminary engineering study, including the design and environmental impact study, of the bicycle and pedestrian commuter trail and improvements to the Cannon Creek Greenway;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Council supports the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' grant application, under the project title "Cannon Creek Greenway Trail, Phase I", to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Transportation Enhancement grant funds for the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian commuter trail adjacent to the Richmond-Henrico Turnpike that runs through the Cannon Creek Greenway and for the construction of family recreation and environmental education features, landscaping, and scenic beautification of the Greenway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Council expresses its intent to work cooperatively with the City Administration to either identify appropriate matching funds in the current Capital Improvement Plan or to include such matching funds in the 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Plan for the Cannon Creek Greenway Trail, Phase I to employ a civil engineering firm to complete the

preliminary engineering study of the bicycle and pedestrian commuter trail and improvements to the Cannon Creek Greenway, including the design and environmental impact, such expenditure to serve in part or in its entirety as the local match required to qualify for the award of Transportation Enhancement grant funds.



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THROUGH Daisy E. Weaver, Council Chief of Staff *D.E. Weaver*

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COPY Ellen Robertson, Councilmember, Chris Hilbert, Councilmember, Kathy Graziano, Councilmember

DATE November 16, 2009

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TITLE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CANON CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL VDOT Grant

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Vice President Ellen Robertson;
Councilmember Chris Hilbert; President
Kathy Graziano

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Health, Human Services and Education

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

To support the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' grant application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Transportation Enhancement grant funds for the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian commuter trail.

BACKGROUND

On October 27, 2009, Res. No. 2008-R155-162 was adopted to support the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' grant application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Transportation Enhancement grant funds for the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian commuter trail for the 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Plan.

This request for Resolution is to amend Res. No. 2008-R155-162 to support the application for grant funds for the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian trail, family recreation and environmental education features, landscaping and scenic beautification of the Cannon Creek Greenway; and to express the Council's commitment to work cooperatively with the City Administration to either identify appropriate matching funds in the current Capital Improvement Plan or to include such matching funds in the 2011-2015 Capital Improvement plan.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ 0

Should the grant application be approved, a local match is required to qualify for the award of Transportation Enhancement grant funds. It is anticipated that these funds would be identified in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Attachment/s Yes No

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