



MEMORANDUM

TO: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
FROM: Mark Whitley, Assistant City Manager
RE: FY 2022 Budget Amendment – Local Funding for Safety Improvements for Plank Road Near Altoona Drive
DATE: July 7, 2021 (for the July 13, 2021 Council Meeting)

ISSUE

Shall City Council approve a budget amendment for FY 2022 for local funding to advance timing of planned safety improvements to Plank Road near Altoona Drive?

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution on first reading. The resolution will require two readings for approval.

BACKGROUND

Recently, concerns have been raised about turning movements from the driveway of the Royal Farms convenience store west-bound (left) onto Plank Road, towards Interstate 95. The Virginia Department of Transportation has offered to include and advance part of a larger VDOT project to accomplish safety improvements – in particular, a curbed median – that will prevent motorists from making west-bound turns onto Plank Road. (This median work would generally conform to the attached June 2017 schematic.) Traffic will instead need to access the traffic signal at Altoona Drive in order to head west bound.

VDOT has plans to perform some paving work on Route 3 in this area this September as part of a different project. VDOT has advised the City that local funds could be added to the September paving work to allow for inclusion of safety median improvements. The proposed local funding serves to advance part of a different project – a longer-term Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) project – that has been approved for the area into the short-term paving project.

FISCAL IMPACT

The attached resolution requests \$100,000 in funding from the General Fund balance assigned to capital, transferred to the Public Works Capital Fund, for this work. The City has a preliminary estimate from VDOT that the cost would be approximately \$75,000, but the funding request is slightly higher to allow for contingencies and the preliminary nature of that estimate.

Attachments: Appropriation Resolution, June 2017 VDOT Schematic



July 13, 2021
Regular Meeting
Resolution 21-

MOTION:

SECOND:

RE: Amending the FY 2022 Budget to Appropriate Funds for Safety Improvements to Plank Road near Altoona Drive

ACTION:

The City Council wishes to amend the FY 2022 budget to fund safety improvements to Plank Road in the vicinity of Altoona Drive.

The Virginia Department of Transportation has a project for improvements to Plank Road in this area, and are willing to assist the City by advancing certain safety improvements as part of the project.

Therefore, the City Council resolves that that an appropriation of \$100,000 be made in the General Fund for an interfund transfer and a further appropriation of \$100,000 be made in the Public Works Capital Fund for this project, as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Sources

Fund Balance Assigned to Capital	0100 361012	\$ 100,000
Total Sources		<u>\$ 100,000</u>

Uses

Transfer to Capital	100 93100 492040	\$ 100,000
Total Uses		<u>\$ 100,000</u>

PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL FUND

Sources

Transfer from General Fund	0302 341050	\$ 100,000
Total Sources		<u>\$ 100,000</u>

Uses

Plank Road / Altoona Drive Safety Improvements		
Services from Other Governments	30294961 438400	\$ 100,000
Total Uses		<u>\$ 100,000</u>

The City Council further resolves that the appropriations made shall become available for expenditures July 1, 2021 and shall expire June 30, 2022.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

Clerk's Certificate

I certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 21-__, adopted at a meeting of the City Council held July 13, 2021, at which a quorum was present and voted.

Tonya B. Lacey, MMC
Clerk of Council

Close Entrance

Install New Mast Arm

Install Stop Bar and Stop Sign (R1-1) Closer to Roadway; Replace Channelizing Island

Convert Existing Right Turn Lane into Shared Through / Right Lane (Eradicate Existing Gore and Arrow Markings)

MATCHLINE SHEET 1






MATCHLINE SHEET 3

Partially Close Entrance to Allow Right-ins Only

Install New Raised Median

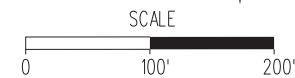
Close Entrance

Legend:

-  Proposed Raised Median
-  Proposed Pavement
-  Demo
-  Proposed Pedestrian Bridge
-  Existing Signal

Final Conceptual Layout:

- Eradicate Existing Gore and Arrow pavement markings on westbound Route 3 approaching Mahone Street to convert outside lane into shared through / right turn lane
- Eradicate Existing Gore and Arrow pavement markings eastbound Route 3 from Gateway Boulevard to Huntington Hills Lane to convert the outside lane into shared through / right turn and end as a trap lane at Huntington Hills Lane
- Install new mast arm with signal heads on westbound Route 3



JUNE 2017

FINAL CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT

ROUTE 3 (PLANK RD. / WILLIAM ST. / BLUE & GRAY PKWY.) CORRIDOR STUDY



FIGURE 26