

K. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM: ENDORSEMENT OF PROJECT PROPOSAL

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), established under MAP-21, provides funding for a variety of transportation activities that were previously eligible for funding under separate programs under SAFETEA-LU, including Transportation Enhancements (TE), Recreational Trails, and Safe Routes to School. The VDOT Local Assistance Division (LAD) coordinates the TAP in Virginia.

Each year VDOT requests applications for candidate projects for TAP funding. Each proposed project must receive endorsement by the appropriate metropolitan planning organization. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has recommended HRTPO Board endorsement of the following:

- **Williamsburg – Monticello Avenue Multi-Use Trail**

This pedestrian/bicycle facility will provide a safe critical link between two primary mixed-use developments – “High Street/Midtown” and “New Town” along Monticello Avenue. Monticello Avenue (RT 321) is a woods-lined, narrow two lane road with no streetlights. Pedestrians, many of them students from William and Mary College, are forced to walk in the on-street four foot bike lane. With a 45 mph speed limit, the road is dangerous for walkers and bicyclists, especially at night. This project would consist of a ten-foot wide asphalt trail and lighting. Both ends of the trail would connect to existing pedestrian/bike facilities. The multi-use trail is 0.8 miles in length.

Project cost: \$1,249,000

TAP Funding Request: \$999,200

Attachment 14-K

Recommended Action:

Endorse the TAP project proposal.



CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG

Office of the City Manager

October 30, 2014

Ms. Camelia Ravanbakht
Interim Executive Director
HRTPO
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

Dear Ms. Ravanbakht:

The City of Williamsburg is requesting the HRTPO to endorse the following proposed project as a candidate project for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP):

- Monticello Avenue Multi-Use Trail

This pedestrian/bicycle facility will provide a safe critical link between two (2) primary mixed-use developments – “High Street/Midtown” and “New Town” along Monticello Avenue. Monticello Avenue (Rte. 321) is a woods-lined narrow 2 lane road with no streetlights. Pedestrians, many of them students of William and Mary College, are forced to walk in the on-street 4 foot bike lane. With a 45 mph speed limit, the road is dangerous for walkers and even bikers especially at night. The facility would be a 10 foot wide asphalt trail and lighting would be a critical element of the project. Both ends of the trail would connect to existing pedestrian/bike facilities. The multi-trail is .8 miles in length and the estimated total cost is \$1,249,000.

We understand this request is coming to you after the November 1, 2014 application submittal deadline, so, if approved, we will be submitting it as a follow up to the application which we have noted on the application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jackson C. Tuttle
City Manager

cc : Reed Nester, Planning Director
Dan Clayton, Public Works Director
Anna Martin, College of William and Mary
Jeremy Martin, College of William and Mary
Angela Rico, VDOT-LAD
Rossie Carroll, VDOT Residency Administrator

