TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA

Town Council Regular Meeting
Agenda Item 6.f.

Agenda Item: **Resolution 26-G-03 affirming commitment to fund the locality share of the South Elden Street Corridor Improvements (UPC 115669) Project, under agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation, and to provide signature authority (rescheduled from January 27, 2026)**

Meeting Date: February 3, 2026

Category: Consent

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Description:
This resolution is required for the Town to fully execute a project agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation for the local administration of the South Elden Street Corridor Improvements project. The resolution agrees that the Town is responsible for a local funding match of up to $7,775,810 against a total project funding of approximately $24,000,000. The resolution also authorizes the Mayor to execute the funding commitment on behalf of the Town.

Background/Timing Impact:
The South Elden Street Corridor Improvements Project is part of the Town's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The planned improvements for this project are for a 0.4-mile section between Sterling Road and Herndon Parkway. Safety is a critical component of this project, emphasizing a seamless and safer multimodal environment for pedestrians and cyclists. The project scope is to add an 8-foot shared-use path and to reconstruct the existing 5-lane section to be a 4-lane section with a raised median and dedicated turning lanes. Other improvements include LED traffic/bike/pedestrian signalization, street-lighting, ADA curb cuts, sidewalks and paver crosswalk enhancements.

The purpose of this project is to enhance safety and multimodal traffic circulation for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders, while facilitating access to local and regional destinations. Additionally, two Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lines are planned to run along the entire length of this section of Elden Street and to continue onto Innovation Metrorail Station. The scope of this project envisions BRT facilities, such as bus shelters and a recommended bus pull-off bay, as well as signal modifications necessary for the future proposed BRT.

Outside funding sources are anticipated to cover part or all of the local funding

commitment, but grant application statuses are unknown until Spring 2026.

Timing Impact:
Town Staff and the Virginia Department of Transportation are scheduled to complete a fully-executed project agreement in January 2026 for the South Elden Street Corridor Improvements project. Execution of this contract in January 2026 is required to maintain the project schedule as described in the Town's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the State's Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP).

Strategic Focus Area:
Secure and Interconnected Community
Good Governance

Fiscal Impact:
This resolution obligates the Town for up to $7,775,810 as local matching funding based on current project funding in the CIP and SYIP. At this time, the Town has submitted for additional funding to cover local costs through the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) Regional Funding Program and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Revenue Sharing Program. This impact is consistent with past resolutions for both NVTA and VDOT grant applications (Resolution 25-G-54 and Resolution 25-G-38, respectively). If both funding applications are successful, 100% of the Town's $7,775,810 local obligation will be covered by these outside funding programs.

Legal Impact:
Actions resulting from this resolution enter the Town into an agreement with the State. The agreement holds the Town accountable for providing funding for a specific project and within a specific timeline regardless of external funding sources.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Staff recommends Town Council adopt the Resolution Affirming Commitment to Fund Local Share of South Elden Street Corridor Improvements Project Under Agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation and Provide Signature Authority.

Attachments:
1. Resolution (Proposed)