TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA

# Town Council Regular Meeting
## Agenda Item 6.e.

**Agenda Item:** **Resolution 25-G-71 to approve and authorize the submission of two funding applications to the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC) of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for Fiscal Year 2032 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Congestion Mitigation - Air Quality (CMAQ) funding**

**Meeting Date:** December 9, 2025

**Category:** Consent

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**Description:**
Staff proposes submitting one RSTP application and one CMAQ application to the NVTA - RJACC. The deadline for application submittals is January 16, 2025. The proposed projects and their respective funding requests are listed below, with project details provided on the following pages.

RSTP proposed project (funding criteria: roadway projects that improve the region's transportation network and facilitate alternative modes of transportation):

- Sterling Road Multi-Modal Improvements (VDOT-T25325) (CIP# 03-CD-16-002), Funding application request up to $1,500,000

CMAQ proposed project (funding criteria: advancing cost-effective transportation projects that reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality for regional benefit):

- Locust Street ADA Sidewalk Improvements (VDOT-T28877) (CIP# 03-CD-24-002), Funding application request up to $1,000,000

**Background:**
**RSTP project: Sterling Road Multi-Modal Improvements (VDOT-T25325):**
This project envisions the reconfiguration of approximately 0.9 miles of Sterling Road, between Elden Street and Rock Hill Road, and includes the intersections of Herndon Parkway, Crestview Drive, and Elden Street. This project intends to reflect the town's current plans for traffic access management and multimodal circulation along this residential street. The concept design includes ADA-accessible sidewalks and

proposed bike lanes along the entire length of the project. The project objective is to implement access management and multimodal measures, improve traffic signalization, and add applicable turning lanes, all with the goal of increasing safety, reducing congestion, as well as enhancing circulation and connectivity while retaining the residential character of the Sterling Road corridor. The Sterling Road Multi-Modal Improvements project is included in the town's Capital Improvement Program and Comprehensive Plan. It is also listed in the NVTA TransAction plan and VDOT's Six-Year Improvement Program. The project has accumulated $1,486,000 of previous federal RSTP funding.

**CMAQ project: Locust Street ADA Sidewalk Improvements (VDOT-T28877)**:
This project involves 0.48 miles of 5-foot ADA-accessible sidewalk improvements along both sides of Locust Street, from Spring Street to Elden Street. This project also proposes new street lighting, curb and gutter, ADA curb cuts, and crosswalks to provide safer pedestrian access and connectivity between Herndon Middle School, downtown, and surrounding residential areas. Constructing continuous and ADA-compliant sidewalks aligns with the town's 2030 Comprehensive Plan's goals and objectives of integrating pedestrian and bike facilities with the street and transit network. The Locust Street ADA Sidewalk Improvements project is included in the town's Capital Improvement Program and Comprehensive Plan. It is also listed in VDOT's Six-Year Improvement Program. The project has accumulated $3,656,092 of VDOT Revenue Sharing funding and $500,000 of previous federal CMAQ funding.

**Timing Impact:**
The application deadline is January 17th, 2026. Funds will be allocated in FY 2032.

**Strategic Focus Area:**
Secure and Interconnected Community

**Fiscal Impact:**
No local match is required for town projects under the federal RSTP and CMAQ funding programs. If approved, this resolution will permit staff to apply for federal funds as an alternative to using town general funds for capital improvement projects. However, grant recipients will not receive a lump sum cash disbursement at the time of the award announcement. Instead, projects receive federal funds through a reimbursement process, in which the recipient must make expenditures before receiving any funds. Therefore, jurisdictions must have access to sufficient town general funding sources to manage the cash flow associated with the project.

**Legal Impact:**
Both projects will require the acquisition of right-of-way.

**Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:**
Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution authorizing the submission of the funding applications to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for

Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for fiscal year 2032 for the projects titled ‘Sterling Road Multi-Modal Improvements’ and ‘Locust Street ADA Sidewalk Improvements’.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution (Proposed)