TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA

Town Council Regular Meeting
Agenda Item 7.a.

Agenda Item: **FY29-FY30 VDOT Revenue Sharing Program Transportation Funding Resolutions**

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Category: Consent

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Description:
This is a request to adopt resolutions to approve and authorize the submission of three funding applications to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for the allocation of FY29 and FY30 Revenue Sharing funds to be directed towards:

- South Elden Street Corridor Improvements (Sterling Road to Herndon Parkway) - Funding request of up to $10 million evenly divided across FY2029 and FY2030 ($5,000,000 per fiscal year funding request);
- Herndon Parkway at Sunset Park Drive Intersection - Funding request of up to $4 million evenly divided across FY2029 and FY2030 ($2,000,000 per fiscal year funding request); and
- Locust Street ADA Sidewalk Improvements - Funding request of up to $5 million evenly divided across FY2029 and FY2030 ($2,500,000 per fiscal year funding request).

The funding request comprises both VDOT's funding allocation and the town's 50% local match. The town's funding request totals up to $19.0 million, which consists of the state's funding allocation of up to $9.5 million and the town's local match of up to $9.5 million. The details of each project are described below.

Background:
The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) administers the Revenue Sharing program to support localities in funding critical transportation infrastructure projects. The program offers matching funds—requiring a 50% local match—for eligible roadway construction, improvement, or maintenance projects.

The Town of Herndon is pursuing funding through this program to support several capital improvement projects aimed at enhancing multimodal transportation, pedestrian safety, and traffic circulation. Town staff submitted three pre-applications to VDOT for

eligibility determination with funding requests totaling $19 million, which consists of the state's funding allocation of up to $9.5 million and the town's local match of up to $9.5 million.

VDOT requires an adopted resolution to be submitted prior to the final application deadline in August. These applications support key priorities identified in the Town's adopted plans and address current and future transportation needs. If approved, the VDOT Revenue Sharing funds will help reduce the town's anticipated funding shortfall for these capital projects as described below.

South Elden Street Corridor Improvements: This project improves South Elden Street into a multimodal facility as recommended in the comprehensive plan amendment adopted on February 12, 2019. On February 26, 2019, the Council adopted the South Elden Street design concept. The project reconstructs the roadway from Herndon Parkway to Sterling Road to include a 4-lane street (2 thru-lanes each direction) with a raised median to accommodate left-turn lanes. An improved streetscape with new street lighting and a shared use path is planned for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The project is included in VDOT's Six-Year Plan with a previous state funding allocation of $16 million. Currently, the total project cost is estimated at $31.6 million. Cost escalation for the anticipated construction phase is a factor in the total cost increase of the project. Accordingly, staff anticipate future efforts to pursue regional funding through the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) and/or from federal and additional state funding program opportunities.

Herndon Parkway at Sunset Park Drive intersection: This project reconfigures and realigns the intersection to include street lighting, ADA sidewalk/curb cuts, crosswalks, and median refuge islands to provide safer access and improved traffic circulation between Herndon Parkway and Sunset Business Park. The intersection is to accommodate new traffic signals with bike/pedestrian signalization along with raised medians, turning lanes and paver crosswalks.

The general approach is to work within the existing right-of-way to the extent possible. NVTA's Local Revenue is proposed to complete the right-of-way survey, concept / engineering design, traffic analysis, and preliminary cost estimates. The project is to address additional traffic and associated turning movements at this intersection resulting from the closing of left turn access on Spring Street due primarily to safety concerns.

Locust Street ADA Sidewalk Improvement: This project improves bicycle and pedestrian safety, accessibility and overall walkability along Locust Street. It involves redesigning and reconstructing the streetscape between Spring Street and Elden Street.

The project includes safer ADA sidewalk and crosswalk connectivity between the Herndon Middle School and surrounding residential neighborhoods.

The upgrades will reconstruct the substandard streetscape to a continuous 5' wide sidewalk with curb and gutter and a landscaped strip between the sidewalk and curb on both sides of the roadway. The project also adds pedestrian-scale street lighting, ADA-compliant curb ramps and high-visibility crosswalks. The grass strip adds a minimum of 2' wide separation between the sidewalk, curb and travel lane.

Strategic Focus Area:
Strong Fiscal Stewardship

Fiscal Impact:
For each project application, under VDOT's Revenue Sharing program requirements, jurisdictions must commit at least 50% to local matching funds within two fiscal years after the funding allocation. The town's total local 50% match for each project is listed below to include:

- '*South Elden Street Corridor Improvements*' project at up to $5,000,000 ($2,500,000 for FY2029 and $2,500,000 for FY2030),

- '*Herndon Parkway at Sunset Park Drive Intersection*' project at up to $2,000,000 ($1,000,000 for FY2029 and $1,000,000 for FY2030), and

- '*Locust Street ADA Sidewalk Improvements*' project at up to $2,500,000 ($1,250,000 for FY2029 and $1,250,000 for FY2030).

For each project, the town's local match may consist of general funds, town bond funds, and/or Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) Local Revenue Funds.

For the South Elden Street project, staff is proposing that the town's local match of $5.0 million consists of NVTA Local Revenue and town general funds. The project would also be eligible for federal Community Project (Earmark) Funding as well as another round of VDOT Revenue Sharing funding to further lower the local match obligation.

For the Herndon Parkway / Sunset Park Drive intersection project, staff is proposing that the town's local match of $2.0 million consist of NVTA Local Revenue and town general funds. The project would also be eligible for federal Community Project (Earmark) Funding to further lower the town's local match.

For the Locus Street ADA Sidewalk Improvements project, staff is proposing that the town's local match of $2.0 million consists of NVTA Local Revenue and town general funds. The project would also be eligible for federal Community Project (earmark) Funding and federal Congestion Mitigation - Air Quality funding to further lower the town's local match.

If the town successfully obtains a VDOT Revenue Sharing allocation for any or all of the town's candidate projects, the funds will be used towards reducing the current or future estimated shortfall for which the town would otherwise be responsible.

Should the town determine at the time of award that VDOT's Revenue Sharing and its local match obligation is not in the best interest of the town at that time, the town is not obligated to move forward with the funding request.

Legal Impact:
The three proposed projects are included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and are designed to create a safer environment for all modes of transportation. Approval of these resolutions does not obligate the Town to accept the funding and provide the associated jurisdictional match but merely authorizes the staff to apply for the funding. At the time of award, the town may decide whether to pursue one or more of the grants. Council approval to apply is a requirement of VDOT's Revenue Sharing funding program.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Staff recommends approval of the resolution to obtain the VDOT Revenue Sharing funding needed for completing the construction of the town's three aforementioned capital improvement projects.

Attachments:
1. Resolution 25-G-38
2. Resolution 25-G-39
3. Resolution 25-G-40