



Date of Council Meeting: January 12, 2016

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Subject: Request for Funding from Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for the East Market Street (Route 7) and Battlefield Parkway Interchange Project.

Staff Contact: Renée LaFollette, P.E., Director – Public Works and Capital Projects
Tom Brandon, Capital Projects Manager – Public Works and Capital Projects
Calvin Grow, Transportation Engineer – Public Works and Capital Projects
Jason Cournoyer, Management and Budget Officer – Finance & Administrative Services

Council Action Requested: To adopt a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute an application to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for the East Market Street (Route 7) and Battlefield Parkway Interchange project.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute an application to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority requesting funding for the East Market Street (Route 7) and Battlefield Parkway Interchange project.

Commission Recommendation: None.

Fiscal Impact: This project is being administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). The Town currently has an agreement with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for \$13 million of the project cost using NVTA 70% funds, and an additional \$37 million has been requested. NVTA will reimburse VDOT directly for the work that they administer, without requiring the payments to pass through the Town.

Work Plan Impact: None. This application is part of the current work plan for the Department of Public Works and Capital Projects.

Executive Summary: The East Market Street (Route 7) and Battlefield Parkway Interchange project is included in the approved Fiscal Year 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The project will be administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) due to the size and complexity of the project. To date, the Town has received \$13 million from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), and has requested \$37 million through 70 percent regional funds in Fiscal Year 2017 for the construction of the interchange. A Resolution from Town Council endorsing this request is required by NVTA.

Background: East Market Street (Route 7) and Battlefield Parkway serve as major commuter routes, and there are large current and proposed retail developments in the area that generate significant traffic volumes. The current at-grade signalized intersection at this location is heavily congested, and has the highest number of vehicular crashes in the Town.

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A grade-separated interchange is proposed at this location to mitigate the congestion. The proposed interchange is included in the Town Plan, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Six-Year Plan, the Northern Virginia Regional Transit Authority (NVTA) TransAction 2040 Plan, and the Town's Fiscal Year 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program.

The Town and VDOT have agreed that VDOT will administer the project due to the size and complexity involved. The phases that will be administered by VDOT include preliminary engineering (traffic studies, evaluation of alternatives, an Interchange Justification Report, public participation, environmental documentation, preliminary design), and right-of-way (acquisition of land rights and utility relocation). Town staff will remain actively involved throughout the project in design and construction. The Town Council will need to approve the design of the interchange after the public hearing.

VDOT has executed a contract for this work with Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP, and will issue a notice to proceed for the work in early 2016 with a proposed schedule as follows:

- Complete Interchange Justification Report – March 2017
- Public Hearing – June 2018
- Design Approval – October 2018

Scheduling of construction will occur after the preliminary design is approved and additional funding will be requested from NVTA.

Attachments: Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

ADOPTED January 12, 2016

A RESOLUTION: APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 NORTHERN VIRGINIA
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REGIONAL FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Town of Leesburg has requested \$37,000,000 from the Northern Virginia Regional Transportation Authority (NVTA) through 70 percent regional funds in Fiscal Year 2017 for the construction of the Route 7/East Market Street and Battlefield Parkway Interchange Project; and

WHEREAS, the NVTA has requested a Resolution supporting the project.

THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia as follows:

- I. The Town Council supports the Route 7/East Market Street and Battlefield Parkway Interchange Project.
- II. The Town Manager is authorized to execute an application for the Route 7/East Market Street and Battlefield Parkway Interchange Project and any future applications related to the Route 7/ East Market Street and Battlefield Parkway Interchange Project funding in a form acceptable to the Town Attorney.

PASSED this 12th day of January, 2016.

Kelly Burk, Vice Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council