

The 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

## **RESOLUTION**

### **SUBJ: Endorsement of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Grant Applications**

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program was created as a subset of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) of the most recent federal transportation bill, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA, Public Law 117-58); and

**WHEREAS**, eligibility for these set-aside funds include all activities that were previously eligible under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). by combining what had previously been known as the Transportation Enhancements (TE), Safe Routes to School and other programs into one category; and

**WHEREAS**, within the STBG funding is a set-aside amount called the TA Set-Aside as set forth in 23 U.S.C. 133(h). These set-aside funds include all activities that were previously eligible under TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program per MAP-21), encompassing a variety of smaller-scale, non-traditional transportation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the TA Program expands non-motorized travel choices, strengthens local economies, improves safety and quality of life, protects the environment, and it is a key program for helping to build Complete Streets, which are safe for all users and provide safe, connected, and equitable on- and off-road networks; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia has chosen to set aside funds for TA activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the following two TA Set-Aside grant applications submitted are new projects and did not have previous resolutions and/or have expanded their scope:

**Applicant:** *Roanoke County*  
**Project:** *Glade Creek Greenway Vinyard Park East*  
**TA Funds Requested:** *\$800,000*

**Applicant:** *City of Roanoke*  
**Project:** *Westside/Salem Turnpike CGS*  
**TA Funds Requested:** *\$500,000; and*

**WHEREAS**, both of the above projects will subsequently be added to the 2045 Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan's Priority Projects to Pursue List, through a subsequent amendment.

**TPO POLICY BOARD:** Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Bedford, Botetourt, Montgomery and Roanoke; Town of Vinton; Greater Roanoke Transit Company (*Valley Metro*); Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport; Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation; Virginia Department of Transportation

**Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board endorses the two Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside grant applications, listed herein, for the purpose of applying for funds, and if federal money is awarded to these projects, will be included in the appropriate fiscal year Transportation Improvement Program.



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