



## Colonial Heights City Council Meeting Agenda Item Executive Summary

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### City Council Meeting

**ITEM:** A RESOLUTION 13-1 Requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board to fund the design and construction of Phase 3 of the pedestrian and bikeway trail along the Appomattox River, as depicted in the Colonial Heights Appomattox River Greenway Plan

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning and Community Development

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Council approval and adoption of proposed resolution.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2009 and 2010 the City received transportation enhancement grants for Phase 2 and 3 of the trail. The total project grant awards were \$542,000, with a local share (20%) of \$136,000. The total project cost being \$676,000. With delays due to the Historic overlook securing all approvals, bad soil conditions experienced in Phase two and probable wetlands mitigation fees we have recently asked our consultants for updated cost estimates to complete Phase 3 (section between I-95 and the Boulevard). Based on the information currently available we are estimating a deficit of approximately \$200,000. To deal with this staff is recommending that the City again apply for another grant through the Enhancement program (now called Map 21). The program has substantially changed and for this application period only VDOT will only be accepting applications from existing projects. In addition this new program allocates some of the funding to Metropolitan Planning Organizations. In the Tri Cities MPO there are only four(4) such projects, two of which are Colonial Heights. We have been encouraged to apply by VDOT staff. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2013. A Council resolution has been provided in all previous applications.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Funding for this item was  included  not included in the current-year budget  N/A  
Project is in the approved 2012-17 Capital Improvement Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the resolution as written.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution 13-1; Map of trail sections.

- Staff will be making a detailed presentation on this agenda item at the meeting.
- Staff will provide brief comments and answer questions on this item at the meeting.
- This is a routine procedural item and no presentation is planned for the meeting.

*Councilmembers who have any detailed questions or would like to request additional information regarding this item are encouraged to contact the City Manager at their earliest convenience.*