Colonial Heights City Council Meeting
Agenda Item Executive Summary

ITEM: A RESOLUTION NO. 13-13. Approving the preliminary plans recommended by the City Manager for presentation at a design public hearing on the Lakeview Avenue Modernization Project.

DEPARTMENT: City Engineer/Public Works

PROPOSED ACTION:

Review and approval of the department of public work's recommendation for 30% plans to be presented at a public hearing for the Lakeview Avenue Modernization Project (as may or may not be amended by Council). The public hearing is scheduled for March 2013 in City Council Chambers.

BACKGROUND:

Discussed at previous meetings; The Lakeview Avenue Modernization Project is a major transportation enhancement planned for a prominent western gateway and traffic corridor in the City. Project features include the construction of an additional (3rd) traffic lane (center turn), sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, and curbs – all designed to provide enhanced safety and mobility.

Council has given preliminary approval to this project on previous occasions and conducted an advance review of the plans that were presented at the public forum this past July. Funding for this project (currently estimated at approximately $3M) will come almost entirely from regional, state, and federal sources – and will have virtually no cost impact on city taxpayers.

After the Council's review of the preliminary project plans earlier this year, the staff engaged the general public (and particularly neighboring property owners) to educate them on the project and consider any input they might have regarding same. The staff considered all such input and has successfully addressed nearly all such comments, requests, or suggestions.

The staff is now ready to present its revised project plans to the Council for its review and approval. After which, the staff will be conducting the required Public Hearing on the project plans as approved by Council (currently anticipated for March 2013).

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for this item was {X} included { } not included in the current-year budget { } N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending Council adoption of Resolution No. 13-13 and formal approval the plans as presented by staff - with or without amendment – for the Lakeview Avenue Modernization Project.

ATTACHMENTS:

Staff report detailing public inquiries (and corresponding /responses) from July 18 public meeting and review of *preliminary* project plans

{X} 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.