

## RESOLUTION #R-\_\_-

## **Supporting Alternative B for UPC 124020 (Avon Street Multi Modal Improvements Project)**

WHEREAS, in 2023, a project to improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity at the City/County boundary on Avon Street was submitted as a SMART SCALE project by the Charlottesville-Albemarle ("Project"); and

**WHEREAS,** the Project's initial design, which became the basis for Alternative A, included a new sidewalk on the west side of Avon between Moore's Creek and Druid Avenue, unprotected bike lanes, and crossings and a new pedestrian bridge to facilitate connections to a new shared path south of Moore's Creek;

WHEREAS, the anticipated cost associated with retaining walls and limited utility of the new sidewalk lead to the development of a different design, known as Alternative B, which replaced the new sidewalk and unprotected bike lanes with a single shared use path, transversing the entire east side of the Project; and

WHEREAS, a Citizen Information Meeting ("CIM") was held on May 8, 2025, at Monticello High School; and

WHEREAS, twenty-seven (27) community members attended the CIM and their top concerns where: loss of parking; speeding; intersection safety and sight lines; and pedestrian crossings; and

**WHEREAS,** out of the Project's three options (Alternatives A and B and a "No Build" Alternative), Alternative B was the preferred alternative; and

WHEREAS, based on design analysis and public feedback, the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") recommends City Council adopt a Resolution of Support for selecting Alternative B as the Project's preferred design option; and

**WHEREAS,** additionally, VDOT recommends City Council, in its Resolution of Support, acknowledge and approve the loss of on-site street parking and accept ownership of the proposed pedestrian bridge caused/created by the Project improvements in Alternative B.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City of Charlotteville Council hereby respectfully approves moving forward with Alterative B for the Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that City Council acknowledges and approves the Project's loss of parking as detailed in the CIM transcript from the CIM on May 8, 2024; and

<b>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED</b> that City Council acknowledges that the City takes full ownership of the proposed bridge over Moore's Creek.
Date Adopted:
Certified: Clerk of Council