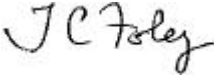


COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AGENDA TITLE: Downtown Crozet Streetscape Project – Phase II	AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2014
SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Adoption of Resolution supporting the temporary closure of Tabor Street (Route 691) during construction of improvements	ACTION: INFORMATION:
STAFF CONTACT(S): Foley, Letteri, Davis, Herrick, Henry, and Kelsey	CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION: X INFORMATION:
PRESENTER (S): Jack Kelsey	ATTACHMENTS: Yes
LEGAL REVIEW: Yes	REVIEWED BY: 

BACKGROUND:

The Downtown Crozet Streetscape Phase II project includes improvements to the vertical alignment and widening of the Tabor Street road section, as well as construction of a storm drainage system and a sidewalk. VDOT has awarded an enhancement grant on this project. The construction of the Tabor Street improvements could commence in late February or early March 2014.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal 2. Provide community facilities that meet existing and future needs

DISCUSSION:

The contractor has requested a complete closure of Tabor Street to traffic between Crozet Avenue and High Street (except for local traffic) for approximately fifteen (15) days during the construction project to allow for road widening and the installation of stormwater facilities. VDOT has granted permission for this detour with specific restrictions and requirements (see Attachment A):

- Tabor Street may be closed and the detour used only on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.
- The existing gravel surface of the detour route through the lumber yard must be clearly delineated, graded, and additional stone added as necessary to provide a drivable surface that is acceptable to VDOT.
- The detour route must be maintained as described in item 2 for the duration of the detour usage.
- A Maintenance of Operation (MOT) Plan will be provided to VDOT for review and approval. Said MOT plan must specify signage and placement for the detour.

The road closure has been coordinated with the public school bus routing managers. Complete closure of the road for the time period and hours stated above would expedite the proposed Tabor Street improvements and would result in a safer construction work zone.

If the complete closure were not granted, construction would proceed under a partial closure, as specified in the bid plans. Under a partial closure, construction of the Tabor Street improvements could take as long as five (5) weeks to complete due to the constrained conditions, restricted work hours, and flagmen requirements.

VDOT has determined that the only viable detour route is along High Street, through the lumber yard, to the newly constructed Library Avenue (see Attachment B). VDOT has confirmed that this route is within existing public right-of-way.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Adoption of the attached Resolution (Attachment C) would not directly impact the County's project budget. Additional costs for preparing and maintaining the detour would be offset by the savings in flagmen personnel and construction time.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff concurs with the request to close Tabor Street to traffic in order to construct the improvements along that street. Specifically, staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment B) supporting the closure of Tabor Street (Route 691) for approximately fifteen (15) days with anticipated closure dates of February 24, 2014 through March 14, 2014, weather permitting.

ATTACHMENTS:

[A – VDOT Letter of Approval with Conditions](#)

[B – Detour Exhibit](#)

[C – Resolution](#)

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