

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 MULTIMODAL ACCESS FUND FOR MULTI-USE PATH AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS ON VIRGINIA AVENUE FROM W. 55TH STREET TO ST. ELMO AVENUE, FOR AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED, WITH NINETY-FIVE (95%) PERCENT BEING THE TDOT SHARE AND FIVE (5%) PERCENT BEING REQUIRED FROM THE CITY AS LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That the Administrator of the Transportation Department to apply for, and if awarded, accept a grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for the Fiscal Year 2014 Multimodal Access Fund for multi-use path and streetscape improvements on Virginia Avenue from W. 55th Street to St. Elmo Avenue, for an amount to be determined, with 95% being the TDOT share and 5% being required from the City as local matching funds.

ADOPTED: _____, 2013

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City of Chattanooga



Resolution Request Form

Date Prepared: November 19, 2013

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Department: Transportation

Brief Description of Purpose for Resolution/Ordinance: Res./Ordinance # (if approved by Council)

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Name of Vendor/Contractor/Grant, etc.	<u>Multimodal Access Fund</u>	New Contract/Project? (Yes or No)	<u>yes</u>
Total project cost	\$ <u>up to 1 million</u>	Funds Budgeted? (YES or NO)	<u>no</u>
Total City of Chattanooga Portion	\$ <u>up to 50,000</u>	Provide Fund	_____
City Amount Funded	\$ _____	Provide Cost Center	_____
New City Funding Required	\$ _____	Proposed Funding Source if not budgeted	_____
City's Match Percentage %	<u>5%</u>	Grant Period (if applicable)	_____

List all other funding sources and amount for each contributor.

<u>Amount(s)</u>	<u>Grantor(s)</u>
\$ _____	_____
\$ _____	_____
\$ _____	_____

Agency Grant Number _____

CFDA Number if known _____

Other comments: (Include contingency amount, contractor, and other information useful in preparing resolution)

Approved by: _____

Reviewed by: FINANCE OFFICE

DESIGNATED OFFICIAL/ADMINISTRATOR

Please submit completed form to @budget, City Attorney and City Finance Officer

Revised: 1/26/09

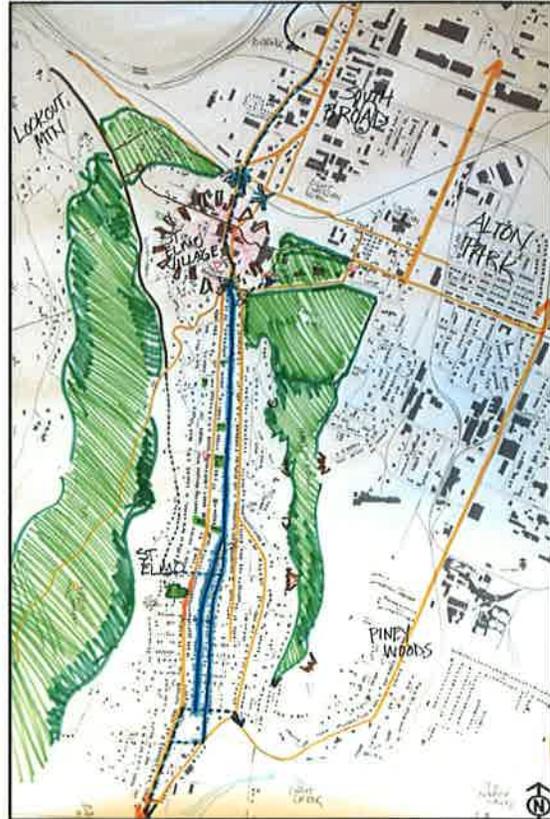
Virginia Avenue Neighborhood Greenway

TDOT Multimodal Fund

The City of Chattanooga will be competing for new funds offered by TDOT that meet the transportation needs of transit users, pedestrians, and bicyclists through infrastructure projects that address existing gaps along and near the state highway network. Examples of projects eligible under the Multimodal Fund Program include sidewalks and pedestrian crossing improvements, bus shelters, park and ride facilities, and bicycle lanes. Multimodal Access projects will be funded 95% by TDOT with 5% funded with local matching funds. Total project costs are not to exceed \$1 million.

Project Description

The goal of the project is to attract cyclists to the Virginia Ave/Beulah Ave residential corridor and to connect the corridor to the St. Elmo commercial district and proposed Riverwalk off-street path extension. The St. Elmo neighborhood is one of the oldest suburban developments in Chattanooga. At less than three miles from downtown, the neighborhood is within easy biking distance of the central city.



Virginia Avenue extends north/south through the length of the St. Elmo neighborhood, serving as a low-volume and low-speed lane/alley. The street will be reconfigured and highlighted as a priority route for cyclists while still serving cars as alley access. The effect will be to make travel along this corridor more efficient for cyclists, without turning it into an attractive through street for motorists. Where Virginia Ave. terminates at St. Elmo Ave., the bicycle pathway will extend parallel to the main road through the historic village center.

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Public Input

Chattanooga was selected as one of only two U.S. cities to host a ThinkBike workshop in 2013. ThinkBike workshops bring together Dutch cycling experts, local politicians, planners, advocates, engineers and business people in each city to plan and discuss how it can become more cycling-friendly by applying elements of the Dutch approach. The Chattanooga workshop was a collaboration between the City of Chattanooga, Dutch Cycling Embassy, and the Royal Netherlands Embassy, with support from the Benwood Foundation

and Friends of Outdoor Chattanooga. Neighborhood response to the project design was very positive and enthusiastic for the prospect of safe bicycle facilities and traffic calming effects on the roadways.



Neighborhood Greenways—An Innovative New Model

A secondary goal of the St. Elmo project is to illustrate a pilot or model approach that could be applied to any of Chattanooga's older neighborhoods, effectively suggesting that low-traffic residential streets and the secondary alley network in these older neighborhoods could be reclaimed. These rights-of-way could function as safe bike routes, through neighborhoods, such as Highland Park, North Chattanooga, Hill City, Alton Park, East Chattanooga, Brainerd, and others.