

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



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Action Required:	Information purposes only
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Title:	City's Locally Administered Project Portfolio

Background

For years now, the City of Charlottesville has suffered – for many reasons – with the quality management of our locally-administered transportation program in partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). The City has been aware of the challenges for sometime with the execution of our deliverables on-time and on-budget.

Recently the City was officially notified by Culpeper District Engineer Sean Nelson, PE that VDOT's new Locality Sustained Performance Program (LSPP) was going into full implementation. The LSPP is an annual performance review of localities administering five (5) or more VDOT funded Six Year Improvement Program projects. The LSPP review is based on each locality's ability to meet the performance targets for three metrics:

- 1) On-Time
- 2) Reasonable Progress
- 3) Fiscal Management.

At this time, the City is designated as DEFICIENT for not being able to deliver projects on-time and on-budget. As a result, VDOT required the City to submit a Projects Development Improvement Plan (PDIP) known as a corrective action plan that was approved by VDOT in January 2024.

Discussion

As a result of the PDIP corrective action plan, the City has been extremely proactive in addressing performance deficiencies by holding regular meetings with VDOT Culpeper District and internal monthly Transportation Project Updates meetings starting in the summer of 2023. VDOT has shared with the City that we did an excellent job with our PDIP where we identified root causes and challenges within our program and developed detailed programmatic and project-level corrective actions that include procedural changes, project cancellations, reorganization/alignment and the hiring of new staff to address capacity and deficiencies.

The City has also expressed interest in returning locally administered project oversight to VDOT for projects mutually agreeable. The City is in the final phase of developing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding the next step should the City choose to transfer certain City's projects for VDOT's oversight.

In summary, both the City and VDOT recognize that to be able to achieve LSPP, this will not be a quick fix, but through implementation of actions outlined in this PDIP, the City will be seeing a noticeable turn around by delivering projects on-time and on-budget. VDOT will continue to monitor the City's performance and provide

guidance and support whenever possible, with the understanding that the City will potentially face consequences if performance does not improve, such as future funding and the ability to administer projects locally.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Community Engagement

City's Locally Administered Projects described within this presentation have their own elements of public and stakeholder engagement. The presentation will share with the community the status of projects that the City is managing in partnership with VDOT.

Budgetary Impact

N/A

Recommendation

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Alternatives

N/A

Attachments

1. VDOT LAP Council Presentation 4 24 24