



## **Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 16, 2018**

### **Agenda Item 6A-6D**

#### **Voting Session**

Resolutions Authorizing Submission of FY19 Grant Applications

#### **Recommended Council Action**

Review and approve the accompanying Resolutions

#### **Context with Key Issues**

Following up on the May 9 Work Session discussion of upcoming federal and state grant opportunities, the Council is asked to authorize the submission of a Transportation Alternatives Program application to further the City's efforts to address traffic concerns at the Takoma Junction intersection and to partner with other organizations seeking state grant funds benefitting a variety of economic development activities. Applications are due Wednesday, May 16 and require support from the City Council.

- Transportation Alternatives Program (SHA):  
Design for the reconfiguration of the Takoma Junction intersection and preliminary soil testing and environmental assessment for the amount of \$800,000
- Community Legacy (Maryland DHCD):
  - Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School for the rehabilitation of 6530 New Hampshire Avenue in the amount of \$300,000
  - Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op for design and renovation for strategic improvements to its existing facility in the amount of \$200,000
- National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund (Maryland DHCD):
  - Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School for the acquisition and rehabilitation of 6530 New Hampshire Avenue in the amount of \$500,000
- Strategic Demolition Funding (Maryland DHCD):
  - Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School for the acquisition and rehabilitation of 6530 New Hampshire Avenue in the amount of \$500,000
  - Neighborhood Development Company for the for site work including demolition and environmental cleanup for the Takoma Junction lot for the amount of \$600,000

These resolutions demonstrate the Council's support for the submission of the applications to move forward ongoing projects in the City. Funding announcements are expected to be made in early to mid-September 2018.

#### **Council Priority**

Community Development for an Improved and Equitable Quality of Life

#### **Environmental Impact of Action**

An anticipated benefit of TAP funding for Takoma Junction intersection redesign and the eventual

construction of the identified design is a reduction in carbon emissions from idling vehicles as well as improved conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists traveling through the area.

### **Fiscal Impact of Action**

The TAP Application requires a minimum 20% cash match of the project's anticipated design costs. The FY20 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget includes \$350,000 in funding for the Takoma Junction, a portion of which would be used to satisfy the match requirement for the intersection redesign.

The Community Legacy, National Capital Strategic Economic Development, and Strategic Demolition grants do not require a match from the City.

### **Racial Equity Impact of Action**

The proposed TAP and Strategic Demolition projects are located in the center of the City; 57% of the residents of Takoma Park are people of color. Of 464 businesses in Takoma Park, 139 are identified as minority-owned businesses (US Census Bureau, 2015). Improvements to circulation paths in the Takoma Junction will allow for easier and safer pedestrian and bicycle access to the south side of Ethan Allen Avenue, making it the area more accessible for the residents living in the apartment complexes along Maple and Lee Avenues to shop, eat, and enjoy the public spaces created by the proposed development. A majority of these residents are people of color.

### **Attachments and Links**

- Resolution Authorizing an Application for Design Project Funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program
- Resolution Authorizing Submission of FY19 Community Legacy Applications
- Resolution Authorizing Submission Of FY19 National Capital Strategic Economic Development Application
- Resolution Authorizing Submission Of FY19 Strategic Demolition Applications

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2018-**

**AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR DESIGN PROJECT FUNDING THROUGH  
THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives Program, funded under MAP-21, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act, provides for a variety of alternative transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is submitting an application for funding for the redesign of the Takoma Junction intersection in the amount of \$800,000; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives Program requires applicants provide a minimum 20% cash match for eligible construction activities for projects submitted for funding consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives Program deadline for applications is May 16, 2018, and project awards are anticipated to be announced in September, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park authorizes the Transportation Alternatives Program application, for the Redesign of the Takoma Junction Intersection in the amount of \$800,000;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park commits to assuring the 20% cash match requirement for eligible design activities for the project submitted for Transportation Alternatives funding consideration.

Adopted this \_\_\_ day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2018 -**

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF FY19 COMMUNITY LEGACY APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park City Council recognizes that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of commercial and residential areas in the community; and

**WHEREAS,** the City has developed two Community Legacy projects: the Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School application for renovation of 6530 New Hampshire Avenue (\$300,000) and the Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op application for design and renovation for strategic site improvements (\$200,000) as further described in the City of Takoma Park's FY2019 Application; and

**WHEREAS,** the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department), either through Community Legacy or through other Programs of the Department, or in cooperation with other State departments or agencies, may provide some or all of the financing for the projects (the "Project Financing") in order to assist in making it financially feasible; and

**WHEREAS,** the projects are located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act and in a designated Sustainable Communities area and will conform to the local zoning code; and

**WHEREAS,** the applicable law and regulations require approval of the Community Legacy projects by the City of Takoma Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** the City Council of the City of Takoma Park supports the financing of the projects, endorses the submission of the City of Takoma Park's FY2019 Community Legacy application, and approves the request for financial assistance in the form of a grant for Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School in the amount up to \$300,000 and for the Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op in the amount up to \$200,000; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute documents as "Legal Entity Official (LEO)" and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of these resolutions.

**Adopted this \_\_ day of May, 2018.**

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Kate Stewart, Mayor

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2018 -**

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF FY19 NATIONAL CAPITAL STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park City Council recognizes that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of commercial and residential areas in the community; and

**WHEREAS,** the City has developed one National Capital Strategic Economic Development project: the Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School application for acquisition and rehabilitation of 6530 New Hampshire Avenue (\$500,000), as further described in the City of Takoma Park's FY2019 Application; and

**WHEREAS,** the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department), either through National Capital Strategic Economic Development or through other Programs of the Department, or in cooperation with other State departments or agencies, may provide some or all of the financing for the Project (the "Project Financing") in order to assist in making it financially feasible; and

**WHEREAS,** the Project is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act and in a designated Sustainable Communities area and will conform to the local zoning code; and

**WHEREAS,** the applicable law and regulations require approval of the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Project and the Project Financing by the City of Takoma Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** the City Council of the City of Takoma Park supports the financing of the Project, endorses the submission of the City of Takoma Park's FY2019 National Capital Strategic Economic Development application, and approves the request for financial assistance in the form of a grant for the Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School in the amount up to \$500,000 and,

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2018 -**

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF STRATEGIC DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS**

**WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park City Council recognizes that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of commercial and residential areas in the community; and

**WHEREAS,** the City has developed two Strategic Demolition Projects: the Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School application for acquisition and renovation of 6530 New Hampshire Avenue (\$500,000); and Neighborhood Development Company for site work including demolition and environmental cleanup for the Takoma Junction lot (\$600,000) as further described in the City of Takoma Park's FY2019 Application; and

**WHEREAS,** the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department), either through Strategic Demolition Projects or through other Programs of the Department, or in cooperation with other State departments or agencies, may provide some or all of the financing for the Project (the "Project Financing") in order to assist in making it financially feasible; and

**WHEREAS,** the projects are located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act and in a designated Sustainable Communities area and will conform to the local zoning code; and

**WHEREAS,** the applicable law and regulations require approval of the Strategic Demolition Projects and the Project Financing by the City of Takoma Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** the City Council of the City of Takoma Park supports the financing of the Project, endorses the submission of the City of Takoma Park's FY2019 Strategic Demolition application, and approves the request for financial assistance in the form of a grant for Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School in the amount up to \$500,000 and, for Neighborhood Development Company in the amount up to \$600,000 and

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