



## Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	1/24/2022	<b>Staff/Council Member(s):</b> Luke J. Juday, Director of Community Development
<b>Agenda Item #</b>	8	
<b>Ordinance#</b>	2022-	
<b>Department:</b>	Community Development	
<b>Subject:</b>	Receive a report regarding the 14 <sup>th</sup> Street Greenway Phase III Project and provide guidance regarding next steps	
<b>Attachments</b>		
<b>City Manager's Recommendation</b>	Provide guidance regarding next steps for staff	

### Background:

The City's grant-funded Greenway Phase III project was redesigned and moved to 14<sup>th</sup> Street after public outreach on the original concept. On August 4<sup>th</sup>, the City held a Design Public Hearing for the completed plans for an on-street multi-use path on 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

The majority of comments in response to the plan were negative. Nearby residents objected particularly strongly to the loss of on-street parking and, to a lesser extent, to the conversion of 14<sup>th</sup> Street to a one-way street. Council directed staff to seek an alternative. Unfortunately, the multi-use path concept requires significant space and 14<sup>th</sup> Street has limited right-of-way. Additionally, the City has now spent approximately \$200,000 from the grant in public outreach and engineering costs.

Working with VDOT's Local Assistance Division and McCormick Taylor, the City's contract engineers, staff proposed a plan to move forward with the pedestrian crossing at Wayne Avenue and then use the rest of the funds to construct sidewalk along one side of 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The street will remain open to two-way traffic and there will be minimal parking impacts.

Officials from VDOT Central Office have confirmed that they will accept this plan. Staff from the City and VDOT's Local Assistance Division believe funds can be moved around within the grant to pay for additional engineering. This would allow the City to avoid contributing any local revenue. Costs cannot be guaranteed until designs are complete and construction bids come in.

### Requested Action:

Advise staff on whether this plan is acceptable. Staff can then move forward with commissioning full design and securing VDOT approval.