

Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE)

Project Information

Project Name: Hull Street Streetscape

Federal Project#: NHPP-5A27(720)

Project Number: U000-127-004, P101, C501

Project Type: Streetscape improvement

UPC: 111703

Charge Number:

Route Number: 360

Route Type: Primary

Project Limit--From: 9th Street

To: Mayo Bridge

Project Description: The proposed project is approximately 0.5 miles and generally involves streetscape improvements along Hull Street from 9th Street to the Mayo Bridge over the James River. Specifically, the proposed project will involve sidewalk improvements, landscape improvements, street furnishings (bike racks and physical space for bike-share locations), minor intersection reconfiguration at Hull Street and Commerce Road, traffic signal modification and minor intersection reconfiguration at the intersection of Hull Street and 2nd Street/Brander Street, construction of a new signal at 5th Street, and lighting improvements. Additionally, pedestrian curb ramps will be added at intersection crossings where they don't exist or upgraded where they don't currently comply with Americans with Disabilities Act Standards. Right-of-way and permanent easement acquisition will not be required.

Purpose and Need: The purpose of this project is to provide streetscape improvements along Hull Street from 9th Street to the Mayo Bridge. The need of this project is to improve vehicular operations and safety and provide pedestrian safety enhancements.

District: Richmond

City/County: Richmond

Residency: Ashland

The subject project meets the criteria for a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion in accordance with:

X 23 CFR 771.117

Description of PCE Category: (c)(3) Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities.

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES (YES/NO):

- NO** Significant environmental impacts
Determination: Based on a review of the project scope and location by the City of Richmond's Project Manager (PM), the context and intensity of the impacts to the natural and human environment are not significant.
- NO** Substantial controversy on environmental grounds
Determination: Based on the review of the project scope and location by the City of Richmond's PM, no substantial controversy is anticipated.
- NO** Significant impact on properties protected by Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
Determination: Based on a review of GIS databases, as well as the project scope and location by the City of Richmond Project manager (May 14, 2021) and the VDHR (April 22, 2021) this project will not result in significant impacts on properties protected by Section 4(f) or Section 106.
- NO** Inconsistencies with any Federal, State, or local law, requirement or administrative determination relating to the environmental aspects of the action
Determination: Based on the review of the project scope and location by the City of Richmond's PM, no inconsistencies with any Federal, State or Local law, requirement or administrative determination are anticipated.

IMPACTS (YES/NO):

- NO** Involves acquisition of more than minor amounts of temporary or permanent right of way acquisition
Determination: The project does not require right-of-way acquisition. All work will be completed within existing right-of-way, as depicted in the project plans reviewed by the City of Richmond's PM (May 14, 2021).
- NO** Involves acquisitions that result in more than limited residential and non-residential displacements, based on the context and intensity of the impact
Determination: The project will not result in more than limited residential and non-residential displacements. All work will be conducted within existing right-of-way, as depicted in the project plans reviewed by the City of Richmond's PM (May 14, 2021).
- NO** Results in capacity expansion of a roadway by addition of through lanes
Determination: Based on the review of the project scope and location by the City of Richmond's PM, the project does not include addition of through lanes.
- NO** Involves the construction of temporary access, or the closure of an existing road, bridge, or ramps, that would result in major traffic disruptions, based on the context and intensity of the impact
Determination: No traffic disruptions are anticipated as determined by the City of Richmond's PM (May 14, 2021).
- NO** Results in a determination of adverse effect on historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. §306108)
Determination: Based on correspondence with VDHR, dated April 22, 2021, the proposed project will have an effect on historic resources, but the effect will not be adverse.
- NO** Requires the use of properties protected by Section 4(f) (49 U.S.C. § 303/23 U.S.C. § 138) that cannot be documented with an FHWA *de minimis* determination, or a programmatic Section 4(f) evaluation signed by FHWA
*Determination: Based on a review of the project plans by the City of Richmond's PM (May 14, 2021), the project will not require the use of properties protected by Section 4(f) that cannot be documented with an FHWA *de minimis* determination.*
- NO** Requires the acquisition of lands under the protection of Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965 (54 U.S.C. § 200305) or other unique areas or special lands that were acquired in fee or easement with federal public-use-money and have deed restrictions or covenants on the property
Determination: Based on a review of the project plans by the City of Richmond's PM (May 14, 2021), the project does not require right-of-way acquisition. Therefore, acquisition of Section 6(f) properties or other unique or special lands will not occur.
- NO** Requires a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 404 (33 U.S.C. § 1344 permit other than a Nationwide or a General Permit
Determination: Based on a review of the project scope and location by the City of Richmond PM on May 14, 2021, this project will not require USACE Section 404 permit other than a Nationwide or a General Permit.

- NO** Requires a U.S. Coast Guard bridge permit (33 U.S.C. § 401)
Determination: While there is one bridge over Walker’s Creek within the project corridor, no work associated with the bridge is proposed based on a review of project plans by the City of Richmond’s PM (May 14, 2021). Therefore, a permit from the U.S. Coast Guard is not required.
- NO** Requires work that will cause an increase of the flood level by more than one foot within a regulatory floodway of water courses or water bodies or work affecting the base floodplain (100-year flood) elevations of a water course or lake, pursuant to 23 CFR §650 subpart A
Determination: Based on a review of the project scope and location by the City of Richmond PM on May 14, 2021, this project will not require work that will cause an increase of the flood level by more than one foot within a regulatory floodway of water courses or water bodies or work affecting the base floodplain elevations of a water course or lake.
- NO** Is defined as a “Type I project” per 23 CFR §772.5 and the VDOT noise manual for purposes of a noise analysis
Determination: Based on a review of the project scope by the City of Richmond PM, this project is not a Type I project for noise.
- NO** Is likely to adversely affect federally listed species or designated critical habitat, with the exception of a “may affect, likely to adversely affect” (MALAA) determination for the Northern Long-Eared Bat or Indiana Bat when the project is within the scope of the Section 7 range-wide programmatic consultation for those species
Determination: Based on a review of the project scope and location by the City of Richmond PM, as well as coordination with the USFWS on both 3/16/2021 and 5/6/2021, this project is not likely to adversely affect federally listed species or designated critical habitat.
- NO** Involves any known or potential hazardous materials issues that represent a substantial liability or require substantial regulatory negotiation to resolve. Sites representing substantial liability would not include minor issues such as low-level petroleum impacts or minimal solid waste
Determination: Based on the project scope and location reviewed by the City of Richmond’s PM on May 14, 2021, this project will not involve any known or potential hazardous materials issues that represent a substantial liability or require substantial regulatory negotiation to resolve.
- NO** Does not meet the provisions of the “Planning Documents and NEPA Approvals” document. In accordance with 23 CFR §450 and the FHWA/VDOT/Federal Transit Administration/Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation MOA Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Procedures MOA, actions listed in 23 CFR §771.117(c) and 23 CFR §771.117(d) may be grouped
Determination: This project is currently grouped in the STIP as “Construction: Safety/ITS/Operational Improvements.”
- NO** Causes disproportionately high and adverse effects on any minority or low-income populations
Determination: There will be no relocations, no displacements, no disruption of community, and no disruption of emergency services associated with this project. Therefore, no minority or low-income populations would be adversely impacted. In accordance with the provisions of E.O. 12898 and FHWA Order 6640.23, no further Environmental Justice analysis is required as determined by the City of Richmond PM on May 14, 2021.
- NO** Involves consideration of multiple NEPA alternatives
Determination: The scope of this project does not require the consideration of alternatives as determined by the City of Richmond’s PM (May 14, 2021).
- NO** Is an action listed in 23 CFR §771.115(a)
Determination: This project is not one of, or similar to, any of the six actions listed under 23 CFR §771.115(a) as determined by the City of Richmond’s PM (May 14, 2021).
- NO** Involves unusual circumstances, pursuant to 23 CFR §771.117(b)
Determination: This project does not involve any of the unusual circumstances enumerated under 23 CFR §771.117(b) as determined by the City of Richmond’s PM (May 14, 2021).

Environmental Manager, CE Determination

Date