

Commission No. 23-03

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (“Commission”) seeks to upgrade existing portions and to design and construct new portions of the Capital Trails Network being developed and managed by the Commission for active transportation and recreation (bicycling and walking); and

WHEREAS, the upgrade of existing pathways and construction of new paved pathways will improve access and mobility for individuals with disabilities, provide opportunities for being outdoors and sustaining one’s health and fitness, and enhance travel safety and connectivity throughout neighborhoods in Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Commission and its partners wish to complete critical gaps and fill in missing connections in the Capital Trails Network with six (6) capital projects: Arboretum Bridge and Kenilworth South Trail (in Washington, DC); Central Avenue Connector (in Prince George’s County); Prince George’s Connector / Anacostia Gateway (in Prince George’s County); Suitland Parkway Trail (in Prince George’s County); Sligo Creek Trail Rehabilitation (in Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties); and Northwest Branch Trail Rehabilitation (in Montgomery County) (collectively, “Projects”); and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation (“USDOT”) is now soliciting applications for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (“RAISE”) grants pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023; and

WHEREAS, USDOT will award RAISE grants on a competitive basis for capital surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to empower staff of Prince George’s County Department of Parks and Recreation and Montgomery Parks to work together on an application for a RAISE grant to be submitted by Prince George’s County / Office of the County Executive in an amount up to \$25 million in order to assist the Commission in funding the Projects that would otherwise be funded by Commission capital improvement funds or other funds over which the Commission has oversight; and

WHEREAS, according to the RAISE grant Notice of Funding Opportunity, the federal share of project costs may not exceed 80 percent, so the partners collectively must contribute at least 20% of the project cost from non-federal sources including State funds originating from programs funded by State revenue, local funds originating from State or local revenue-funded

programs, or private funds. The Commission and its partners intend to contribute in excess of the required 20%, to make the application more competitive.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Commission staff may work together on an application to be submitted by Prince George’s County / Office of the County Executive for a RAISE grant (including all understandings and assurances contained in such application) from United States Department of Transportation in order to assist the Commission in funding the Projects; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission approves matching funds in the amount of at least \$7,400,000 but up to \$16,225,000; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in connection with the transactions contemplated herein, the Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer and other appropriate officers of the agency are authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of the Commission, any and all such agreements, certificates, and/or instruments, and to do or cause to be done, any and all such acts, as the Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer or other appropriate officer of the agency deems necessary or appropriate to make effective or to implement the intended purposes of the foregoing resolutions, without limitation, and the taking of such actions shall be deemed conclusively to be authorized hereby.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the action taken by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on the motion of Commissioner Zyontz, seconded by Commissioner Hill, with Commissioners Bailey, Branson, Geraldo, Hill, Piñero, Presley, Shapiro, Washington, and Zyontz voting in favor of the motion during open session, and Commissioner Doerner absent, at its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.



Asuntha Chiang-Smith
Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY


M-NCPPC Legal Department

Date 2/22/23