2020 Session

Budget Bill - HB30 (Chapter 1289)

Item C-74

A.1. Pursuant to projects authorized and funded in paragraphs B and E.1 of Item C-39.40 of Chapter 1 of the 2014 Special Session I, Virginia Acts of Assembly, the General Assembly appropriated funds to the Department of General Services (DGS) for Capitol Complex Infrastructure and Security construction projects. Project work includes improvements and safety and security enhancements to be constructed or installed within the right-of-way of North 9th Street (between the area north of where Bank Street intersects North 9th Street and south of where North 9th Street intersects East Broad Street) and within the right-of-way of East Broad Street (between the area from where the western right-of-way line of North 9th Street intersects East Broad Street to where the western right-of-way line of Governor Street intersects East Broad Street), which rights-of-way are owned by the City of Richmond (City), and more specifically as determined by the DGS project team and in collaboration with the City with respect to such rights-of-way. Accordingly, the City and DGS shall enter into a deed of easement or other proper instruments, in such form approved by the Offices of the City Attorney and of the Commonwealth Office of the Attorney General, whereby the City, without charge to the Commonwealth, shall grant to DGS, as agent of the Commonwealth, where mutually agreeable across, over, under and above the referenced right-of-way of North 9th Street and East Broad Street, (a) the perpetual and irrevocable right, privilege and easement to construct, install, use, operate, inspect, maintain, repair, replace, rebuild, improve, alter and remove (i) any construction or installation contracted for by DGS either as part of the referenced construction projects or at any time with respect to safety and security enhancements around the perimeter of Capitol Square deemed appropriate by DGS and (ii) all equipment, accessories, utilities and appurtenances necessary to support such construction projects and such incorporation of safety and security enhancements, (b) the perpetual and irrevocable right, privilege and easement to inspect, maintain, repair, replace and rebuild the sidewalks and elements thereof (but not traffic control devices and signage or street lighting located thereupon) of the referenced right-of-way of North 9th Street and East Broad Street and (c) any necessary or appropriate temporary construction easements, upon terms approved by the Mayor of Richmond and the Governor (pursuant to § 2.2-1149, Code of Virginia); approval by Richmond City Council shall not be required.

2. The City, without expending City funds, shall cooperate with DGS (i) to support the referenced construction project work and incorporation of safety and security enhancements at and along North 9th Street and East Broad Street, (ii) to relocate any utilities located in the agreed upon easement area, if necessary, and (iii) to coordinate any closure or other traffic flow controls of North 9th Street and East Broad Street during the performance of the construction projects and the incorporation of any safety and security features that will enhance safety and security around the perimeter of Capitol Square. At no time shall DGS make any permanent changes to the North 9th Street or East Broad Street rights-of-way without the prior approval of the Chief Administrative Officer of the City or the City hinder or delay construction of the referenced construction projects. Notwithstanding the foregoing, DGS may commence the construction project work and safety and security enhancements within the referenced right-of-way of North 9th Street and East Broad Street prior to the execution of a deed of easement or other proper instruments, if deemed necessary by DGS to avoid delay in the implementation of the construction project work or safety and security enhancements.

B. 1. Pursuant to projects authorized and funded in paragraph E.1 of Item C-39.40 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly of 2014, operations of the Virginia General Assembly have temporarily moved and now operate from the

Pocahontas Building bounded by the following streets 9th to the west, 10th to the east, Bank to the north, and Main to the south in the City of Richmond. This temporary move has resulted in the Commonwealth's legislative activities to be concentrated in an area requiring traffic and pedestrian operational safety and security enhancements. As such, and pursuant to the responsibilities of the Department of General Services (DGS) (§ 2.2-1129) and the Division of Capitol Police (DCP) (§ 30-34.2:1), Bank Street from 9th to 12th Street in the City of Richmond shall be controlled by the DGS and the DCP year-round while General Assembly operations are located, and conducted, in the Pocahontas Building. Vehicular travel limitations and pedestrian management needs on and along Bank Street shall be determined jointly by the DGS and the DCP during that time. These determinations will be based on the recommendations outlined in the Bank Street Safety and Security Assessment prepared by Commonwealth Architects dated February 15, 2017 (the Assessment). Funding for materials and contract services needed to address pedestrian and vehicle management activities are available to DGS from the Chapter referenced in this item.

2. At no time, will DGS or DCP make permanent changes to Bank Street right-of-way (e.g. traffic control devices, security fixtures, street lighting, surface treatments) without the approval of the City of Richmond's Chief Administrative Officer. Additionally, at no time will the City prevent DGS and DCP from implementing and maintaining the recommendations outlined in the Assessment. Bank Street operations, as described in paragraph A, will remain under the control of DGS and DCP year-round until control of Bank Street l reverts to the City of Richmond upon the General Assembly, and its operations, vacating the Pocahontas Building, and the General Assembly, with approval of the Governor, authorizing control of Bank Street back to the City of Richmond.