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Environmental Division **NEPA Programs** 

Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE)

**Project Information** 

**Project Name:** Federal Project#: NHPP-5104(256)

**Project Number:** U000-104-297, C501, P101, R201 **Project Type:** Construction

UPC: 109551 **Charge Number:** 109551

**Route Number: Route Type:** Urban

**Project Limit--From:** IVY ROAD / UNIVERSITY To: ARLINGTON BOULEVARD

**AVENUE** 

#HB2.FY17 EMMET STREET CORRIDOR STREETSCAPE & INTERSECTIONS **IPM Project Description:** 

**Additional Project** The project is to construct a 10' shared use path (including a tunnel under the CSX railroad), bike lanes,

**Description:** consolidated bus stops/optimized bus shelters, landscaping, and improved pedestrian crossings at the

intersections within the study area.

**Purpose And Need:** 

The Emmet Street corridor, north of the University Avenue/Ivy Road intersection, is one of the highest traffic volume corridors in the city. It serves as a gateway to the University of Virginia and provides a critical link between the University and commercial shopping areas north of the city. The project area extends from the intersection of University/Ivy Road to Arlington Boulevard. The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and transportation.

**District:** City/County: **Residency:** 

Culpeper Charlottesville Charlottesville

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

X 23 CFR 771.117

## **Description of PCE Category:**

c03 Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities.

## UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

NO Significant environmental impacts

> Determination: There are no significant environmental impacts, as per the City of Charlottesville Transportation Project Manager and VDOT Culpeper District Document Staff.

NO Substantial controversy on environmental grounds

Determination: There is no controversy on environmental grounds, as per the City of Charlottesville Transportation Project

Manager and the VDOT Culpeper District Document Staff.

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- **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: There are no significant impacts on properties protected by Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as per the VDOT Culpeper District Document Staff and the VDOT Salem District Regional Cultural Resources Staff.
- **NO** Inconsistencies with any Federal, State, or local law, requirement or administrative determination relating to the environmental aspects of the action

Determination: There are no inconsistencies with any Federal, State, or local law, requirement or administrative determination relating to the environmental aspects of the action, as per the City of Charlottesville Transportation Project Manager and the VDOT Culpeper District Document Staff.

## **IMPACTS:**

- NO Involves acquisition of more than minor amounts of temporary or permanent right of way acquisition

  Determination: Minimal right of way or easements will be necessary to construct this project, as per the Charlottesville

  Transportation Project Manager.
- **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 any displacements, as per the Charlottesville Transportation Project Manager.
- **NO** Results in capacity expansion of a roadway by addition of through lanes Determination: The project does not involve additional 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: The scope is limited to the existing facility and does not require construction of temporary access routes. Any

potential lane or roadway closures would be temporary in nature and short in duration, as per the Charlottesville Transportation Project Manager.

- 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: The Virginia Department of Historic Resources concurred that the project would have a No Adverse Effect to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.
- 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: The Federal Highway Administration has made a Section 4(f) De Minimis finding for impacts to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.
- 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: The project will not require Section 6(f) land or other unique areas or special lands, as per the VDOT Culpeper District Document Staff.
- NO Requires a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 (33 U.S.C. § 1344 permit other than a Nationwide or a General Permit)

  Determination: The project will not require a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 (33 U.S.C. § 1344 permit other than a Nationwide or a General Permit, as per the Charlottesville Transportation Project Manager.
- NO Requires a U.S. Coast Guard bridge permit (33 U.S.C. § 401)

  Determination: The project will not require a U.S. Coast Guard bridge permit, as per the VDOT Culpeper District Document Staff.

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- 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: The scope of work will not increase 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, as per the Charlottesville Transportation Project Manager.
- 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: This project is not a Type I project and therefore, a noise study is not required, as per the VDOT Central Office Noise Staff.
- 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 range-wide programmatic consultation for those species
  - Determination: The project is not likely to adversely affect federally listed species or designated critical habitat, as per the Charlottesville Transportation Project Manager.
- 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: No hazardous material impacts anticipated, as per the Charlottesville Transportation Project Manager.
- 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 consistent with applicable provisions, as per the VDOT Culpeper District STIP grouping "Construction: Safety/ITS/Operational Improvements."
- NO Causes disproportionately high and adverse effects on any minority or low-income populations Determination: The project will not result in any relocations, displacements, disruption of community or emergency services, as per the VDOT Culpeper District Document Staff.
- Involves consideration of multiple NEPA alternatives NO Determination: The project will not require additional NEPA review beyond what is covered under this document.
- Is an action listed in 23 CFR §771.115(a) NO Determination: The project does not significantly effect the environment requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, as per the VDOT Culpeper District Document Staff.
- NO Involves unusual circumstances, pursuant to 23 CFR §771.117(b) Determination: The project does not involve unusual circumstances, as per the VDOT Culpeper District Document Staff.

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Environmental Manager, CE Determination	Date

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