

MOTION FRANKLIN

**June 6, 2023
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 23-303**

SECOND: BAILEY

RE: AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER, BUDGET, AND APPROPRIATION OF \$1,300,000 IN GENERAL USE PROFFER FUNDS, \$825,000 IN TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS DEDICATED FOR TRANSPORTATION, AND \$500,000 IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FROM THE COVID-19 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE FEATHERSTONE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SEGMENT OF THE POTOMAC HERITAGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL – WOODBRIDGE DISTRICT

ACTION: APPROVED

WHEREAS, the one-mile segment of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) that will traverse the Featherstone Wildlife Refuge from the Rippon Virginia Railway Express station to Featherstone Road (Project) is shovel ready, but lacks \$2,625,000 in funding to begin construction; and

WHEREAS, the developers of Rivergate (PLN2013-00009, PR2015-20584 and PR2020-00843), Rippon Center (PLN2009-00022, PRO2007-00663), and Potomac Town Center (REZ2017-00002, PR2019-00308) in the Woodbridge Magisterial District proffered funds for Parks and Recreation facilities totaling \$1,300,000; and

WHEREAS, \$825,000 in Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) for public transportation purposes are available to be used for the Project which will provide direct pedestrian access to the Rippon Virginia Railway Express station; and

WHEREAS, \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the COVID-19 special revenue fund has been identified as available in the administrative category allocation to transfer to qualifying capital projects; and

WHEREAS, by transferring, budgeting, and appropriating \$1,300,000 in Woodbridge Magisterial Proffer funds, \$825,000 in TOT for transportation purposes, and \$500,000 in available ARPA funds, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism will be able to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, the use of the funds for this purpose is consistent with the proffer conditions and rules and regulations for the use of TOT funding authorized by Section 58.1-1744 of the Code of Virginia for transportation purposes and ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the transfer, budget, and appropriation of funds aligns with Objective 3 of the Resilient Economy Goal in the 2021-24 Strategic Plan: *Invest in economic development, parks, recreation and tourism programs, projects and infrastructure that drive business and creates a sought-after quality of life attractive to residents, visitors, and business investors*; and

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WHEREAS, trails are ranked as the top community priority based on the 2019 Needs Assessment survey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby authorizes the transfer, budget, and appropriation of \$1,300,000 in general use proffer funds, \$825,000 in in Transient Occupancy Tax Funds dedicated for transportation, and \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds from the COVID-19 special revenue fund for construction of the Featherstone National Wildlife Refuge Segment of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism to execute such documents necessary to affect the intent of this resolution and approved as to form by the County Attorney's Office.

Votes:

Ayes: Angry, Bailey, Boddye, Franklin, Vega, Weir, Wheeler

Nays: None

Absent from Vote: Lawson

Absent from Meeting: None

ATTEST: _____

Andrea P. Madden

Clerk to the Board