

Applicant	Funding Program	Proposed Project	Presentation Date/Time
City of Mount Vernon	Small City	Edgewood Road	Wednesday, January 10, 2024 9:15-9:30am

Amount Requested	Fiscal Year
\$2,500,000	2027

Questions/Comments for Applicant

- 1) The city has already received Carbon Reduction funding for another project. Does the city have the funds to get both projects awarded before the end of SFY 2026 (June 10, 2026), if this one is awarded also?

Yes. The SR-13 project has these funds and are on track to award the SR-13 project. The City is addressing the final comments on the Stage 2 plans and environmental is nearing completion. For this Edgewood Road project, we already have Stage 1 plans complete for Part 1. We have the storm and sanitary layout complete for all of Edgewood Road (Part 1 + Part 2).

- 2) What classification is the functional class being revised to and when will the revision be complete?

The functional classification is being adjusted from a 7- Local to a 5 – Major Collector, consistent with the other segment. Maria Schaper has been corresponding with ODOT on this. Her understanding is ODOT has already updated their GIS file, but she followed-up and is awaiting more information.

- 3) Crashes seemed to be at a lower rate over the last few years except for 2022. What happened in 2022 to cause the spike in crashes when they were significantly reduced in previous years?

It is unknown why this specific spike occurred. Traffic volumes are generally increasing in the area and will continue with Intel impacts, housing permits in process, and known development. It is expected that the general increase in traffic volume will continue to increase crash frequency.

- 4) Schedule shows a SFY 2027 award date. This date is not eligible under the current guidelines of the program. The funds must be awarded in SFY 2026 or they lapse and cannot be replaced or extended.

A revised schedule to meet the federal deadline will be shown during the presentation. We can work with the timeline needed to meet the program funding guidelines.

- 5) What types of stores/restaurants are included in the retail area? How large is the retail area?

Answered in PowerPoint slide #4.

- 6) Given all the entry points shown in the study, why prioritize Edgewood? And how are the improvements to Edgewood going to reduce the cut through traffic?

Edgewood Road is being prioritized because it is the most direct connection from SR-229 and Mount Vernon Avenue to US-36. Improvements to Edgewood Road and completing the connection up to US-36 will make this the most desirable route for drivers who currently use Edgewood Road and disseminate to other local roads (Verndale Drive, Marita Drive, Chestnut Street, etc.) to get to US-36. The travel path will be reduced by 0.11-0.21 miles.

- 7) The route seems to already exist according to the location map submitted so why are users not currently using the more direct route?

Drivers are not currently using Edgewood Road because it currently terminates at Marita Drive and does not connect to US-36. The proposed project will provide this connection. Drivers are also not choosing to use Edgewood Road because it currently has substandard vertical

