

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A ROAD TRANSFER AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE FORMER MD 450 ROADBED, LOCATED BETWEEN MD 197 AND A POINT WEST OF MOYLAN DRIVE, AND THE TRANSFER OF THE GALLANT FOX ACCESS ROAD (FORMER MD 197E) FROM THE STATE OF MARYLAND TO THE CITY OF BOWIE

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2001, through approval of R-78-01, the City of Bowie conveyed 9.25 acres of City-owned land to the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) for the relocation of MD 450, west of MD 197, and requested that SHA construct a hiker-biker trail along the former MD 450 alignment, between MD 197 and a point west of Moylan Drive, as a replacement for a segment of the City's hiker-biker trail system that would be lost to the MD 450 road improvement project; and

WHEREAS, the SHA completed the MD 450 improvement project and installed the hiker-biker trail between MD 197 and a point west of Moylan Drive, with said trail and associated landscaping being constructed to the City's satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, also at the City Council's request, the SHA agreed to include a traffic half-signal at the intersection of MD 197 and Gallant Fox Lane as part of the MD 450 improvement project, necessitating the construction of an access road parallel to MD 197, connecting Gallant Fox Lane (MU 757) to Old Annapolis Road (MD 450B), and, via approval of R-10-03 on January 6, 2003, the City agreed to convey City-owned property for this purpose and to ultimately accept ownership and maintenance responsibility for the Gallant Fox Access Road, which transfer could not be concluded until completion of the MD 450 Bridge Reconstruction Project on Old Annapolis Road over the CSX railroad tracks, west of MD 197; and

WHEREAS, construction of the replacement bridge was completed in late 2006, and all work on the Gallant Fox Access Road was inspected by the City and completed to the City's satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the SHA has presented the City with a Road Transfer Agreement that will effectuate transfer of the former MD 450 roadbed, between MD 197 and a point west of Moylan Drive, and transfer of the variable width, 0.163 mile Gallant Fox Access Road (Former MD 197E); and

WHEREAS, the City staff and City Attorney have reviewed the Road Transfer Agreement and find it acceptable for execution by the City Manager; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland that the City Manager is authorized to execute the Road Transfer Agreement and accept deeds for the former MD 450 roadbed and Gallant Fox Access Road, the latter of which will be incorporated into the City's street system as of the date of execution of the Road Transfer Agreement.

INTRODUCED and ADOPTED, by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a regular legislative meeting on September 2, 2008.

WITNESS:

Pamela A. Fleming

G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor

City Clerk