

Transportation Commission

March 15, 2023

7PM

Chet and Sabra Avery Conference Room (Room 2000)
and Electronic



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Public Comment Period

Agenda Item #1



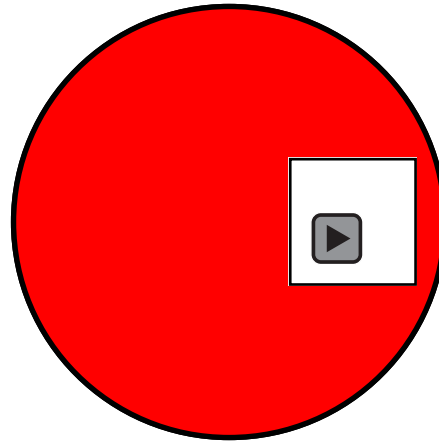
Public Comment

- For speakers not discussing items related to the public hearings.
- For virtual attendees:
 - Raise hand or press *9
 - Mute or unmute press *6
 - 3 minutes per speaker



3 Minute Timer

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Transportation Commission Minutes: February 15, 2023

Agenda Item #2



Consideration of Endorsement of Low and No Emissions and Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Applications

Agenda Item #3





Background: Grant Information

- **The *Low-No Program*:**

- Supports the transition of transit fleets to the lowest polluting and most energy efficient vehicles.
- Provides funding for the purchase or leasing of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses and supporting facilities.

- **The *Bus and Bus Facilities Program*:**

- Assists in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, or purchasing buses and bus-related facilities.

Summary of Projects

Project Description	Funding Request
Replace 5 trolleys with new electric vehicles	Up to \$6,800,000
Upgrade ten replacement buses to electric	Up to \$12,500,000
Upgrade 6 Smart Scale clean diesel buses to electric	Up to \$7,500,000
Install chargers to support electric buses	Up to \$600,000
Build Electric capacity at DASH Facility	Up to \$9,000,000
Workforce Development	Up to \$1,600,000
Total Cost	Up to \$38 Million



Summary of Funding Requests & Costs

Cost	Funding Requests
Total Project Cost	Approximately \$38 Million
Federal Request	\$32.7 Million
Local Match	\$5.3 Million
Available Local Match Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FY24 DASH Fleet Replacement CIP - \$4.8 MSmart Scale - \$4.4M



Recommendation

- That Transportation Commission provide a letter of endorsement to City Council and a letter of support to the FTA for applications to the Low-No and Bus and Bus Facilities grants.



City Budget Update

Agenda Item #4



Budget Overview

- On February 28, the City Manager presented City Council with a proposed operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024
- Adoption is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3.
- Proposed budget
 - General Fund Base Operating Budget FY24: **\$881.1 million**
 - 10-year CIP Budget FY24-33: **\$2.39 billion**



City Budget Priorities

Public Safety

Affordable
Housing

Multi-lingual
Community
Engagement

Youth and
Families

Economic
Development
Growth

Ensuring the City
is the “Employer
of Choice

Climate Action



Transportation Operating Highlights

- Fully funding Metro obligations including an expected increase in jurisdictional operating subsidy by \$4.0 million, from \$52.6 million to \$56.6 million. This increase is planned to be funded through the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) with no increase in the General Fund contribution.
- 18% increase in DASH funding from FY23 to meet increased operating costs and decreased TRIP grant funding.



Transportation CIP Highlights

- \$100 thousand to support planning for the Envision Route 7 regional bus rapid transit project
- \$4.8 million to support DASH Bus Fleet Replacement and Electrification for FY24
- \$1 million added to Complete Streets-Vision Zero to conduct high crash intersection audits
- \$1 million added to the Mount Vernon Avenue North project
- \$1.2 million increase for Landmark Mall 395 Ramp Improvement Project



Budget Schedule

Tues., Feb. 28	Proposed Budget Presentation
Wed, Mar. 1	Work Session #1: Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
Thu., Mar. 2	Public Budget Presentation
Wed., Mar. 8	Work Session #2: Alexandria City Public Schools (Operating and CIP)
Mon., Mar.13	Budget Public Hearing (5:30 p.m.)
Tues., Mar. 14	Introduce and Set the Maximum Property Tax Rates
Wed., Mar. 15	Work Session #3
Sat., Mar.18	Budget Public Hearing (9:30 a.m.)
Wed., Mar. 22	Work Session #4
Wed., Mar. 29	Work Session #5
Sat., Apr. 15	Add/Delete Public Hearing (9:30 a.m.)
Tues., Apr. 25	Tax Rate Public Hearing & Preliminary Add/Delete Work Session (time TBD)
Mon., May 1	Final Add/Delete Work Session
Wed., May 3	Budget Adoption/Tax Rate Adoption



Next Steps

- Prepare budget feedback letter for City Council for April meeting to provide before Preliminary add/delete work session





Initial Feedback

- Response to priorities
- Questions?



Duke Street in Motion Update

Agenda Item #5





Duke Street In Motion Project Updates

Transportation Commission
3/15/23



Purpose

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Recap status and share project updates

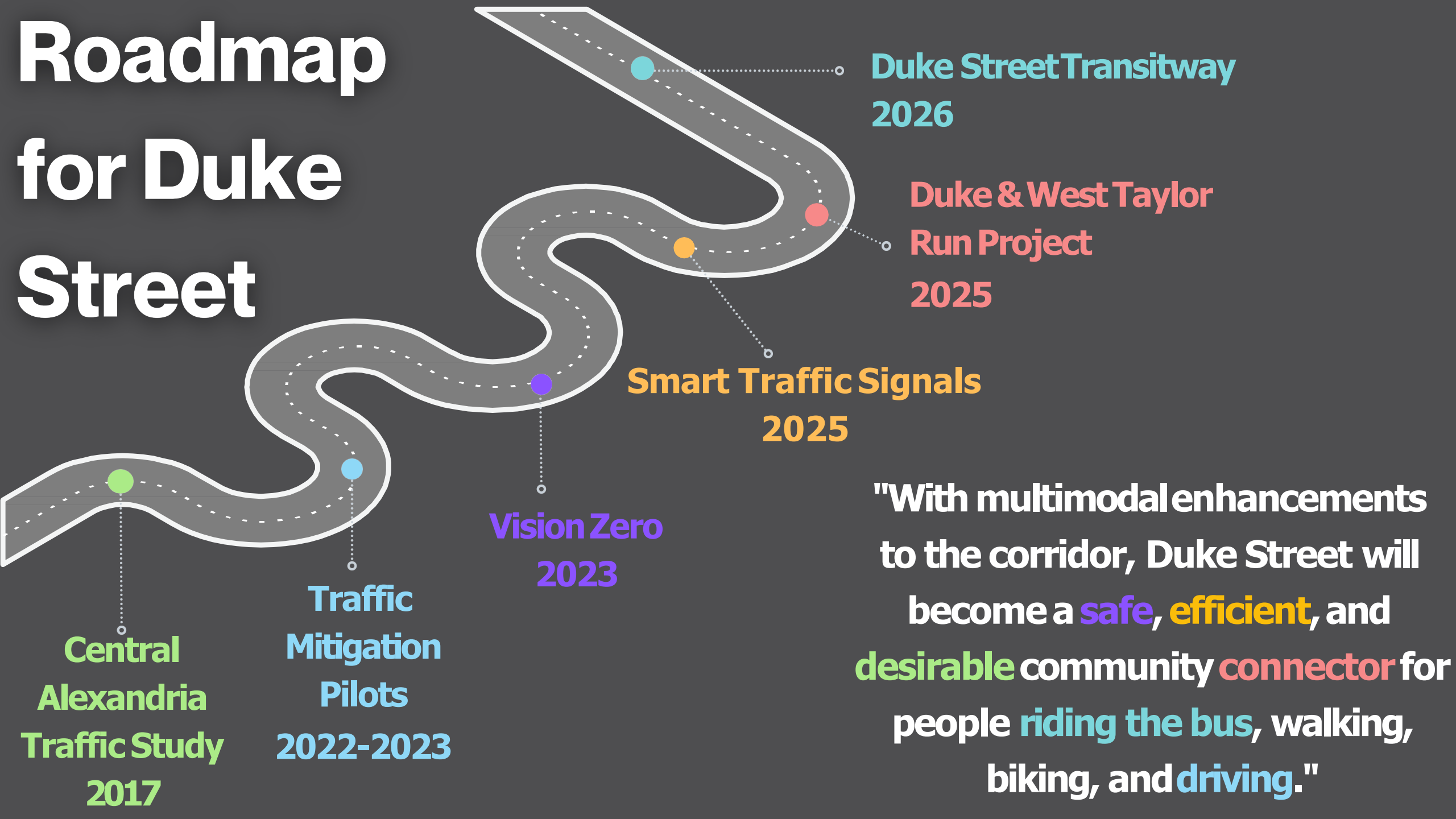
2

Explain next steps for Transportation Commission

3

Answer questions

Roadmap for Duke Street



Central
Alexandria
Traffic Study
2017

Traffic
Mitigation
Pilots
2022-2023

Vision Zero
2023

Smart Traffic Signals
2025

Duke & West Taylor
Run Project
2025

Duke Street Transitway
2026

"With multimodal enhancements to the corridor, Duke Street will become a **safe**, **efficient**, and **desirable** community **connector** for people **riding the bus**, walking, biking, and **driving**."

Project Guiding Principles



Convenient

Make bus travel more predictable, frequent, and comfortable



Efficient

Improve mobility for all Duke Street travelers



Equitable

Use enhanced bus transit to support equitable access for a diversity of people and places



Safe

Ensure safety and accessibility for those connecting to and riding the bus, as well as other travelers



Vibrant

Create and enhance thriving and future corridor destinations that improve resident quality of life and boost the local economy



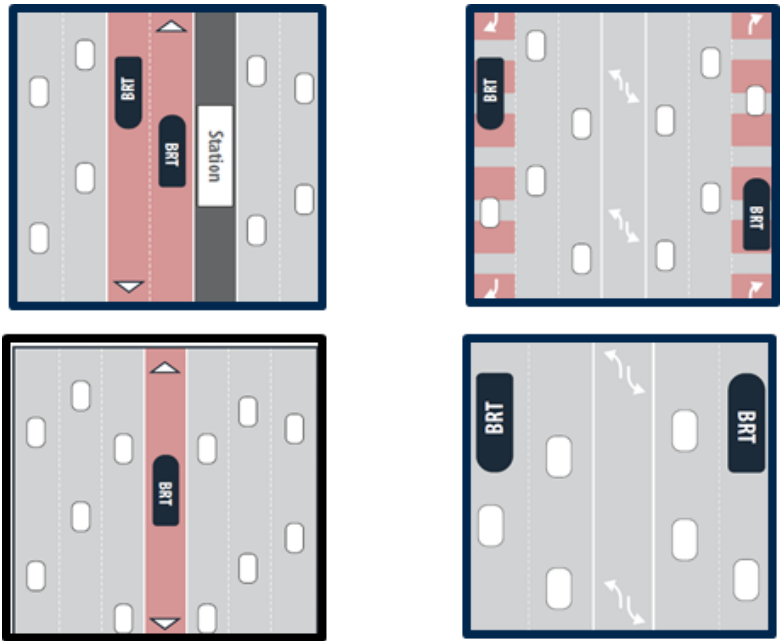
Sustainable

Contribute positively to the environment, now and in the future

Street Design Concepts

Busway and Curb features

Step 1: Busway



Step 2: Curb features




Phase II Community Outreach

Tradeoffs & Priorities



Concerns with **design impacts** to property



Input **varied by segment** and space available



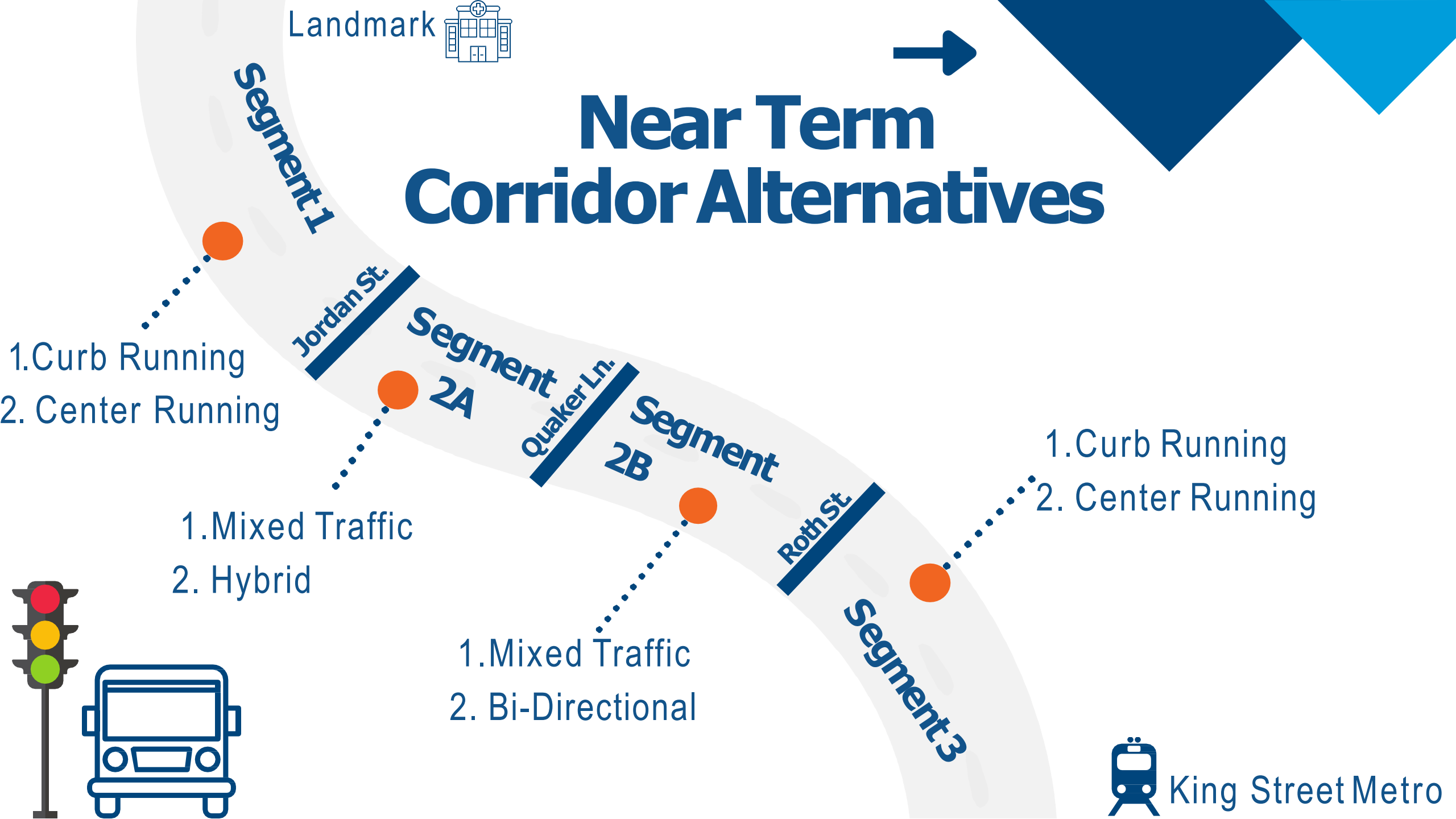
Buffer space was a key benefit of service roads

-  **8,000** Direct mailings
-  **450** Webinar attendees
-  **1,228** Feedback form responses
-  **4** Focus groups (**28** participants)
-  **800+** reached at **9** pop-ups
-  **200+** people at **4** public meetings

Landmark 



Near Term Corridor Alternatives



Proposed East – West Curb Features

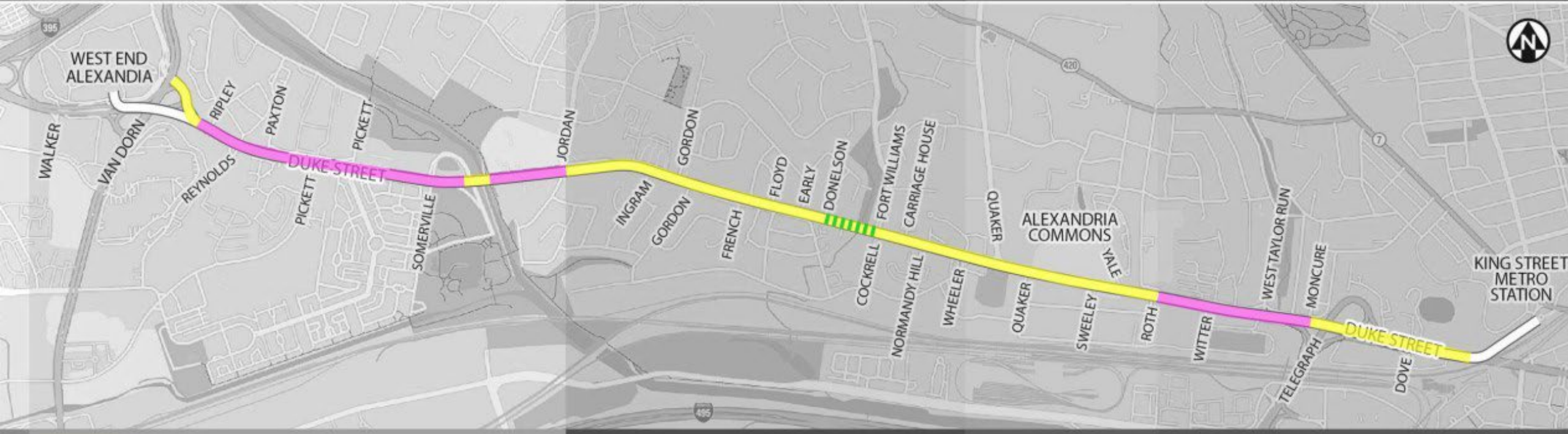
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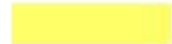


SEGMENT 1 - West End Alexandria to Jordan

SEGMENT 2A – Jordan to Wheeler

SEGMENT 2B
Wheeler to Roth

SEGMENT 3 - Roth to King St Metro Station



-  Shared Use Path
-  Cycle Track + Sidewalk
-  Potential Woonerf (shared street) Location on Service Road

Winter 2023

Targeted Outreach

- Community & business outreach
- Curb features
- Hello Duke Street

April 2023

Compare near term alternatives

- Analysis
- Community Feedback Period

May-June 2023

Identify preferred alternative

- Near term design
- Long term vision
- May: Advisory Group
- June: Commission endorsements



Schedule

City Council

- Near & long term recommendations

July 2023

Full Design

- Environmental
- Roadway & curb
- Right of way

2024-2025

Engagement Highlights through July

Through early April:

Project updates & targeted outreach

June:

Share the preferred concept with Boards & Commissions

Mid April – May:

Community comment period, after which AG endorses a preferred concept

July 5:

Public hearing & Council vote on the near and long term concept

Hi! ¡Hola! 🙌

I'm a talking street, chat with me to help make Duke Street better!

Soy una calle que habla. ¡Chatea conmigo para ayudar a mejorar la Calle Duke!



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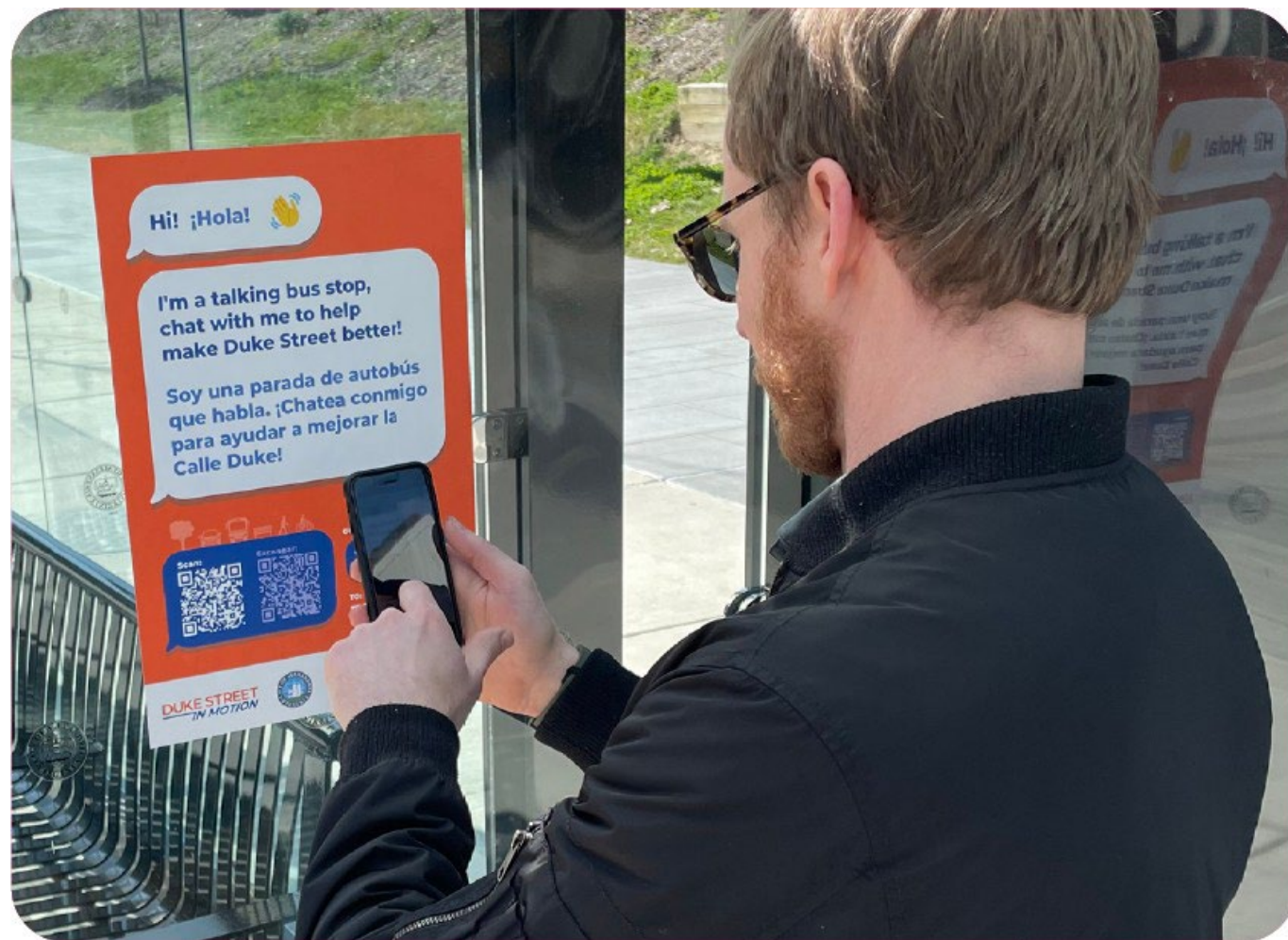


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Community Comment Period Activities



Public notices
Ads, emails, signs



Targeted outreach



**Pop-ups & on-bus
conversations w/polls**



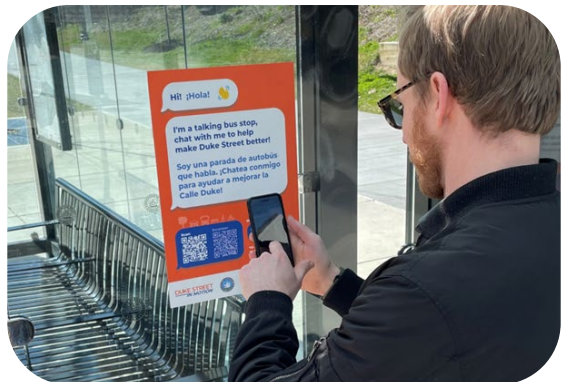
Recorded webinar



Open house
April 20, Bishop Ireton
Cafeteria



**Web-based feedback
form**



**Text message input-
gathering through "Hello
Duke Street"**

A street scene with cars and buildings, overlaid with the text "Thank you. Questions?". The image shows a multi-lane road with several vehicles, including a white SUV in the center lane and a silver sedan in the right lane. In the background, there are commercial buildings, including one with a "Healthy Back" sign and another with a "Coca-Cola" sign. The sky is blue with some clouds. The text "Thank you." is positioned above "Questions?", both in a large, bold, blue font.

Thank you.
Questions?

Commissioner Updates

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Items for Consent

Agenda Item #7



Other Business

- April 19 meeting at DASH Facility
 - 6pm tour
 - 7pm meeting



Adjourn Transportation Commission Meeting

Next meeting: April 19, 2023

