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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
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June 15, 2022

Re: **Endorsement of Grant Application for the FY 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program**

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its June 15 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse a grant application for funding up to \$1,000,000 through the FY 2022 Safe Streets and Road for All (SS4A) Program from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to support Vision Zero safety initiatives.

Transportation Commission supports staff's proposal to request funding under the **Action Plan – Supplemental Activities** program for a “high crash intersection” project that would involve the following activities at up to ten locations:

- Organize intersection audits including representation from the City, consultant team experts, community members, and key stakeholder organizations
- Compile intersection data including detailed crash analyses, vehicle and pedestrian volumes, turning movement counts, signal timing, and lane configurations
- Conduct engagement opportunities throughout the process
- Identify safety countermeasures based on intersection audit feedback and design best practices
- Develop concept designs for safety improvements at the selected intersections.

This project supports the Vision Zero Action Plan goal of building safer streets for everyone as well as the following strategies in the Alexandria Mobility Plan:

- Implement the Vision Zero Action Plan to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2028.
- Create a safe, well-maintained, and comfortable walking and biking environment.

This project is consistent with the Transportation Long Range Plan and the project added to the plan by Transportation Commission in November 2021 titled “Vision Zero High Crash Intersection Improvements.”

Transportation Commission understands the SS4A grant program requires a 20% local match, and that if the City's grant request is awarded, the match would be approximately \$200,000. The match would be funded through unappropriated Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) 30% fund balance.

The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff's proposal and to provide its endorsement to Council.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Oscar Gonzalez

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

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