



Transportation Commission Meeting

September 21, 2022

7:00 PM

**City Hall
301 King Street
Council Workroom**

AGENDA

1. Public Comment (Not to exceed 10 min)
2. Minutes of the June 15, 2022 meeting
3. **Action Item: Consideration of Endorsement of the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Grant Application**
4. **Action Item: Consideration of Adoption of Updated Electronic Meeting Policy**
5. **Discussion Item: Legislative Priorities**
6. **Discussion Item: Budget Priorities**
7. **Commissioner Updates**
8. **Items for Consent**
 - A. Grant Updates
 - B. Duke Street Updates
 - a. Duke Street in Motion
 - b. Traffic Mitigation
 - C. Metro Shutdown
 - D. Long Bridge
9. **Other Business**
 - Information Sharing

Public hearing items are so noted on the agenda. The Commission may receive public comments on other agenda items at its discretion. When there is no public hearing, the Commission encourages written comments on agenda items be sent in advance of or after the meeting

Next Meeting: October 19, 2022



The September 21, 2022, meeting of the Transportation Commission is being held in the City Council Workroom on the second floor of City Hall (301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of Transportation Commission and staff are participating either in-person or from a remote location through video conference call on Zoom. The meeting can be accessed via Zoom by registering at the following link:

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Or by phone: 301 715 8592

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Public comment will be received at the meeting. There will be a public comment period at the beginning of the meeting and written testimony can be provided until 3PM on 9/21/22 to Megan.Oleynik@alexandriava.gov

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City of Alexandria
Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

June 15, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Council Work Room

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Bruce Marsh, Commissioner Melissa McMahon, Commissioner Casey Kane, Commissioner James Maslanka, Commissioner Murat Omay, Commissioner Matthew McManus (virtual), Commissioner Jody Manor (virtual), Chairman Oscar Gonzalez, Karl Bach for Councilman Kirk McPike.

Staff Present: Yon Lambert – T&ES Director, Megan Oleynik – Transportation Planning Division, Alex Carroll – Transportation Planning Division, Sharese Thomas – Transportation Planning Division.

Audio/Visual presentation is available online:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/TransportationCommission>

Chair Gonzalez called the Transportation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Public Comment Period

Murat Omay the new DASH representative joined the Transportation Commission.

2. May Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes: Commissioner Maslanka

Second: Commissioner Marsh

Chair Gonzalez abstained due to meeting attendance

Motion carries unanimously

3. DISCUSSION ITEM: VDOT I-495 Express Lanes Study Update

ISSUE: Receive an update on the VDOT I-495 Southside Express Lane Study.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission receive an update about the VDOT I-495 Southside Express Lane Study and provide feedback.

DISCUSSION: Abi Lerner and Nick Nies from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) presented the 495 Southside Express Lanes Study. There was discussion about potential improvements and environmental assessments. Commissioners discussed the information provided and asked clarifying questions.

Commissioners indicated general support for the 495 Southside Express Lanes Study. VDOT will follow-up with the Commission on the progress of the study in the Fall.

4. ACTION ITEM: Consideration of Adoption of the 2022 Transportation Long Range Plan (Public Hearing)

ISSUE: 2022 update to the Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP).

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission hold a public hearing and approve the 2022 LRP update.

DISCUSSION: Megan Oleynik, Long Range Planner, presented the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRP) and the timeline for Commissioners to consider prioritizing projects. Commissioners asked clarifying questions and expressed concerns about delaying studies for future dates.

Motion to adopt the 2022 Long Range Transportation Plan as revised: Commissioner McMahon

Second: Commissioner Marsh

Motion carries unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION ITEM: Draft Complete Streets Five-Year Plan

ISSUE: Staff update to the Transportation Commission on a draft Complete Streets Five-Year Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive the update and provide feedback.

DISCUSSION: Alex Carroll, Complete Streets Manager, presented the Complete Streets five-year draft plan that included the parameters of the plan development. Commissioners asked clarifying questions and provided feedback on what they would like to see included in the final plan. Overall, general support was shown for the five-year draft plan.

6. ACTION ITEM (Originally Docket Item 7): Consideration of Endorsement of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Application

Motion to move agenda Item 7 ahead of Item 6: Commissioner Kane

Second: Commissioner McMahon

Motion carries unanimously.

ISSUE: Should Transportation Commission endorse the grant application for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to support Vision Zero safety initiatives?

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission endorse the grant application for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program for up to \$1,000,000 to perform stakeholder intersection audits and design safety improvements at up to ten intersections.

DISCUSSION: Alex Carroll, Complete Streets Manager, discussed the various components of the grant application for the Safe Streets and Roads Program. Commissioners indicated general support for the Safe Streets and Roads Program grant application.

Motion to provide an endorsement to City Council for the proposed grant application to the FY22 Safe Streets and Roads for All Program: Commissioner Kane

Second: Commissioner McMahon

Commissioner Omay abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Motion carries unanimously.

7. ACTION ITEM (Originally Docket Item 6): Consideration of Endorsement of DRPT Grant for WMATA Shutdown Mitigations

ISSUE: Should the City apply for funding from DRPT to mitigate the impacts of the Metrorail closures for the Potomac Yard Cutover and Yellow Line Bridge work?

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission provide an endorsement for a grant application of up to \$1,000,000 from DPRT for mitigating Metrorail service impacts for the Potomac Yard Cutover and Yellow Line Bridge closure.

DISCUSSION: Megan Oleynik, Long Range Planner, discussed how grant funds from DRPT could help alleviate mitigating factors on the Metrorail service impact to the Potomac Yard and the Yellow Line Bridge. Commissioners asked clarifying questions and supported applying for the DRPT grant.

Motion for the Transportation Commission to provide a letter of endorsement to City Council on the submission of a grant application for up to \$1,000,000 for mitigation of impacts of the 2022-2023 Metrorail Shutdown: Commissioner Maslanka

Second: Commissioner McMahon

Motion carries unanimously.

8. Commissioner updates

Commissioner Kane – The Traffic and Parking Board will be reviewing right turn on red restrictions on Patrick & Henry Streets. Dominion Energy has completed moving the utility poles at the intersection for the King Callahan Russell Project, there is some pending work that the cable company has, but it should not interfere with the project beginning in the Fall. City Council passed the Residential Parking item on June 14th. The Duke Street in Motion Group met on June 1st and adopted the vision and goals for the project, the next meeting is June 30th.

Commissioner Marsh – The Potomac Yard Metro Implementation Group met in person on May 23rd. The escalators have been installed, the contractors have begun pouring slabs for the platform and the next meeting is June 27th.

Commissioner McMahon – At the Planning Commission hearing on May 3rd, they discussed the Interdepartmental Work Plan that replaced the City-Wide Vision Plan. An item for discussion regarding an easement for a fence to be installed where a sidewalk should be on Hugh Avenue was discussed. The Landmark Mall infrastructure plan was approved.

Commissioner Omay – The DASH Board Meeting on June 8th had several action items. The FY23 budget was adopted; FY23 transit plan was adopted; and option#2 on bus line 34 was selected for the consideration and approval of City Council. A presentation on paratransit silver stop was well received by the Board, September 13th is the next Board meeting.

9. Items for Consent

- Energy & Climate Change Action Plan Update
- Unit Block of King Closure Update

10. Other Business

- July Meeting

Adjournment

At 9:44 pm, the Transportation Commission adjourned.

DRAFT

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #3 – CONSIDERATION OF ENDORSEMENT OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2022 RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM

ISSUE: Should the Transportation Commission endorse the grant application for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for a feasibility study of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over I-395 from the West End Alexandria development?

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission endorse the grant application for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program for up to \$300,000 to conduct a feasibility study for a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over I-395.

BACKGROUND: In 2021, Congress passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) to fund infrastructure improvement programs. This bill included funds for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program, aimed at reconnecting communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. Funding supports planning grants and capital construction grants, as well as technical assistance, to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities.

DISCUSSION: The City is seeking technical assistance funding from the DOT to study the feasibility of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over I-395 to connect the Landmark Mall site to the neighborhoods west of I-395. This will provide safe and direct access to jobs and amenities that will be available once West End Alexandria has been redeveloped. This connection was identified as a need in the updated Landmark/Van Dorn Small Area Plan (SAP) and the Coordinated Development District (CDD) Plan. This bridge is recommended in the 2022 Long Range Transportation Plan adopted by the Transportation Commission, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's (NVTA's) TransAction Plan, and the Visualize 2045 Plan from the Transportation Planning Board.

In City planning documents, a bridge location could be between the I-395/Duke Street interchange to the south and Holmes Run stream to the north. The feasibility study would include public outreach and stakeholder meetings, recommendations for locations of bridge landings and alignments, a conceptual bridge design, and a cost estimate for a bicycle and pedestrian bridge. This study would help the City understand the next steps for providing this bridge and, if a bridge is deemed feasible, make the City more competitive for future grant funding for design and construction.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Draft Letter of Endorsement to City Council for a Grant Application through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program



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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

September 21, 2022

Re: **Endorsement of Grant Application for the FY 2022 Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program**

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its September 21 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse a grant application for funding up to \$300,000 through the FY 2022 Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for a feasibility study of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over I-395 from the redeveloped Landmark Mall site, the future site of West End Alexandria, to neighborhoods to the west.

The Transportation Commission supports staff's proposal to request funding to conduct a feasibility study for this bridge. I-395 is a significant barrier, especially to those with no or limited access to a vehicle. A bicycle and pedestrian bridge in this area was envisioned in the update to the Landmark-Van Dorn Corridor Plan as a connection to provide neighborhoods to the west of I-395 more direct access to jobs, amenities, and the transit center that will be available at the redeveloped Landmark Mall site. It is recommended in the 2022 Transportation Long Range Plan and is consistent with the goals of the Alexandria Mobility Plan and the Environmental Action Plan. A feasibility study would help the City understand the next steps for providing this bridge and, if a bridge is deemed feasible, make the City more competitive in applying for additional grant funding for design and construction.

The Transportation Commission understands the RCP grant program requires a 20% local match, and that if the City's grant request is awarded, the match would be up to \$60,000. The match would be funded through the City's Transportation Project Planning Capital Improvement Project.

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

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission
Jim Parajon, City Manager
Emily Baker, Deputy City Manager
Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES
Josh Baker, General Manager and CEO, DASH
Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES
Christopher Ziemann, Division Chief, Transportation Planning
Megan Oleynik, Transportation Planning

*City of Alexandria,
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: CHRISTOPHER ZIEMANN, DIVISION CHIEF, TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #4 – ELECTRONIC MEETING POLICY ADOPTION

ISSUE: Consideration of an updated policy for all-virtual and hybrid in-person/electronic meetings for the Transportation Commission

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission adopt the proposed electronic meeting policy.

BACKGROUND: In September 2021, the Transportation Commission adopted a policy that allowed for the group to hold hybrid commission meetings. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Commission began meeting virtually in 2020 and due to the continued state of emergency, continued to meet entirely virtually into 2022. In April 2022, the Commission transitioned to hybrid meetings in accordance with the adopted policy.

In 2022, the state legislature enacted a bill to allow certain public bodies to conduct all-virtual public meetings where all the members who participate do so remotely and the public has access through electronic communications means. As of September 1, 2022, eligible boards and commissions are limited to no more than two “all-virtual public meetings” or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year, whichever is greater, and all-virtual public meetings may not occur consecutively.

DISCUSSION: In accordance with the new state law, an updated draft electronic meeting policy for the Transportation Commission has been drafted and is provided in Attachment 1. Details on when Commission members can participate remotely are included in the policy, as well as details about other requirements of hybrid and all-virtual meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Electronic Meeting Policy

Item 4
Attachment 1:

**ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION POLICY FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION
AND ALL- VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS TEMPLATE**

City of Alexandria

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Electronic Participation Policy for Remote Participation and All-Virtual Public Meetings

It is the policy of Transportation Commission that members may participate in meetings of the Commission by electronic communication means as permitted by § 2.2-3708.3 of the Code of Virginia.

Remote Participation by Individual Members

Remote participation by individual members is allowed under the following circumstances:

1. A personal matter
 - a. On or before the day of a meeting, the member shall notify the Chair that the member is unable to attend the meeting due to a personal matter. The member must identify with specificity the nature of the personal matter.
 - b. A quorum of the Commission must be physically assembled at the primary or central meeting location.
 - c. The Chair may approve or disapprove the request for electronic participation. If the absent member's remote participation is disapproved because such participation would violate this policy, the basis for the disapproval shall be recorded in the commission's minutes. The decision shall be based solely on the criteria in this policy, without regard to the identity of the member or matters that will be considered or voted on during the meeting.
 - d. The Commission shall record the specific nature of the personal matter and the remote location from which the absent member participated in the Commission's minutes.
 - e. Participation by the absent member due to a personal matter shall be limited in each calendar year to: (1) two (2) meetings or (2) 25% of the meetings held rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater, of the Commission.
2. A member's temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition or a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family members, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance

- a. On or before the day of a meeting, the member shall notify the Chair that the member is unable to attend the meeting due to the member's temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents his or her physical attendance or a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family members, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance.
 - b. A quorum of the Board must be physically assembled at the primary or central meeting location.
 - c. The Commission shall record the fact of the member's disability or other medical condition or a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family members, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance, and the remote location from which the absent member participated in the Commission's minutes.
3. The member's principal residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location identified in the meeting notice.
4. For any remote electronic participation, the Commission shall make arrangements for the voice of the absent member or members to be heard by all persons in attendance at the meeting location.

All Virtual Meetings

All-virtual meetings are permitted, other than for groups prohibited by Code of Virginia § 2.2-3708.3, when conducted in conformance with the following requirements:

1. The meeting notice shall indicate that the meeting will be all-virtual and a statement that the method by which the Commission meets shall not be changed unless a new notice is advertised;
2. Public access to all-virtual public meetings is provided via electronic communication means;
3. The electronic communication means used allows the public to hear all members of the Commission participating in the all-virtual public meeting and, when audio-visual technology is available, to see the members of the group as well;
4. A phone number or other live contact information is provided to alert the group if the audio or video transmission of the meeting fails. The Commission shall monitor the means of communication during the meeting and recess until public access is restored if the transmission fails for the public;
5. A copy of the proposed agenda and all agenda packets and, unless exempt, all materials furnished to members of the Commission for a meeting is made available to the public in electronic format at the same time that such materials are provided to members of the group;

6. The public is afforded the opportunity to comment through electronic means, including by way of written comments, at those public meeting when public comment is customarily received;
7. No more than two members of the Commission are together in any one remote location unless that remote location is open to the public to physically access it;
8. If a closed session is held during an all-virtual public meeting, transmission of the meeting to the public resumes before the Commission votes to certify the closed meeting as required by § 2.2-3712(D);
9. The Commission shall not convene an all-virtual meeting more than (i) two (2) meetings or (ii) 25% of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater. The Commission shall not hold consecutive all-virtual meetings; and
10. Minutes of all-virtual public meetings held by electronic communication means are taken as required by Code of Virginia § 2.2-3707 and include the fact that the meeting was held by electronic communication means and the type of electronic communication means by which the meeting was held. If a member's participation from a remote location is disapproved because such participation would violate this policy, such disapproval shall be recorded in the minutes with specificity.

This policy shall not govern an electronic meeting conducted to address a state of emergency declared by the Governor or the City Council. Any meeting conducted by electronic communication means under such circumstances shall be governed by the provisions of Code of Virginia § 2.2-3708.2.

*City of Alexandria,
Virginia*

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #5 –STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

ISSUE: The City is requesting legislative priorities from Boards and Commissions.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission provide input verbally through this meeting to Legislative Coordinator on legislative priorities.

BACKGROUND: Every year, the Transportation Commission receives a request for State legislative priorities. For reference, last year the Transportation Commission articulated the following 2022 legislative priorities:

1. Preserve established transportation funding sources and funding sources identified in the 2020 Transportation Omnibus Bill
2. Expand automated speed and red-light enforcement allowances by jurisdictions.
3. Pursue vision zero goals including protecting vulnerable road users and increase funding to help achieve these goals.
4. Providing additional provisions for electronic meetings to make meetings more accessible to the public.

DISCUSSION:

The 2023 Virginia Legislative Session will be a short session. It will begin January 11 and is scheduled to last 45 days.

The City's legislative coordinator is preparing a draft legislative package and is asking Boards and Commissions to identify any legislative proposals to recommend for inclusion in the City's package using by September 30, 2022.

For this year's legislative session:

- Proposals should be focused on needs rather than wants and should advance work that is already underway (deliver a service more efficiently, implement a project more quickly, etc).

- The Package will be crafted around the [six City Council Priorities](#) – proposals should fall within and support efforts to achieve the goals set forth in these Priorities.
- Proposals should be as actionable as possible.
- If proposals are scalable in any way, indicate how they could be scaled up or down, depending on the political environment, budget, or other unknown variables.
- Groups that submit more than one proposal should prioritize them in some way.
- The Legislative Package will be broken out into Legislative Principles and Legislative Priorities. For reference, the 2022 Legislative Package is available [here](#).

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #6 – CITY BUDGET PRIORITIES

ISSUE: The City Manager has requested Boards and Commissions provide input in advance of the development of the FY24 City Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission provide input on budget priorities.

BACKGROUND: Every year, the Transportation Commission receives a request for City budget priorities. For reference, last year the Transportation Commission articulated the following City budget priorities for the [FY23](#) budget:

1. Additional staff for the Complete Streets program
2. Implementation of the Alexandria Transit Vision Plan
3. Contingency funding for trail infrastructure repair and maintenance
4. Supporting the transportation recommendations of the Energy and Climate Change Action Plan

DISCUSSION:

FY24 City Budget

The City Manager sees the City budget continuing to focus on safe, equitable, and green initiatives. The budget this year is an “off year” for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, in which there is no new unrestricted funding. CIP changes should be limited and in response to matters like urgent issues, statutory changes, or new grant funding.

The City Manager anticipates FY24 being a challenging budget year as the City seeks to continue to recover from the COVID 19 pandemic, navigates a tight job market, responds to cost increases and supply chain issues, and consider debt serve increases to support recent and planned investments in School and City projects. In that light, the City Manager seeks input on the Commission’s 1) highest priorities for funding and 2) areas where additional resources (if available) should be applied. The City Manager noted that anticipated areas of focus will be

housing, youth and family support, economic development, community engagement, and attracting and retaining employees.

The City Manager is requesting these priorities by November 4. Staff will incorporate feedback provided through this discussion into a draft letter to be endorsed by the Commission at the October meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: City Manager Budget Letter



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JAMES PARAJON
City Manager

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August 31, 2022

Dear City Board, Committee, and Commission Chairs,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your leadership of one of our City boards, committees and commissions. Your commitment helps represent the voices of our community throughout the budget process. Your expertise, knowledge and interest identify areas for the City to continue to grow as we strive to meet the expectations of the residents we serve.

The FY 2023 budget and CIP adopted in May provided funding for initiatives that build on Alexandria's successes; address emerging issues; maintain core services that support those who need help the most; and promote equity through programs aimed at maximizing Alexandria's affordability and accessibility. It also meets goals that maintain and strengthen current infrastructure and continue the City's investment in school facilities.

These targeted investments represent important and emerging issues identified by City Council, many of the boards, committees and commissions, department staff, and our residents. Examples of the FY 2023 budget's investments in these key areas include:

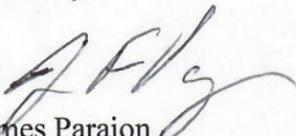
- **Recovery (COVID, Economic and Equitable):** ACORP (Alexandria Co-Response Program) program expansion; Re-Employment and Upskilling Project; Race and Social Equity operations staffing; Community Emergency Volunteer Management; Citywide COVID Response Contingency; West End Service Center Branch
- **Infrastructure (Smart, State of Good Repair):** Broadband Initiative Staffing; 4850 Mark Center Drive Facility; Stormwater Development Plan Reviewer; Network Cybersecurity Monitoring; DASH Service Expansion
- **Climate Change and Environmental Justice (Green Community):** Energy and Climate Change Action Plan; including Heat Vulnerability Analysis, Planning, and Community Engagement; Electric Vehicle Charging Station Navigator; Brine System Canopy
- **Housing:** Eviction Prevention and Support Services; Rent Relief Program for elderly and/or disabled renters with low incomes; Arlandria Chirilagua Housing Cooperative; AHDC Arlandria Project Infrastructure
- **Youth and Family Support (Out of School Focus):** Out of School Time Program investments; Enhanced support for children with disabilities participating in afterschool and summer Out of School Time Programs
- **Community Engagement:** Alexandria Community Remembrance Project; City 275th Commemoration; Community Engagement Contingency
- **Employee Compensation:** Citywide compensation step increases; adding steps at the top of the general schedule pay scale; and pay scale increases granted in FY 2022 and FY 2023

FY 2024 looks to be a challenging fiscal year as we (1) continue to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, (2) navigate an increasingly tight job market with pay competitiveness issues, (3) modify the 10-year Capital Improvement Program to address emergent needs, including cost increases and supply-chain related issues, and mitigate affordability-issues of the capital program, and (4) a potential increase in debt service due to recent and planned investments in School and City projects.

I would appreciate input on the priorities of your board, committee, or commission to help inform my budget priorities and decision making. Specifically, it would be helpful to know the policy and programmatic areas under your respective purview that are the highest priorities in this upcoming budget. As was the case in FY 2023, beyond the debt service pressure, I see ongoing budget focus on recovery, housing, youth and family support, economic development, and community engagement in FY 2024, as well as focusing on improving the City's competitive position in attracting and retaining employees. Your feedback will assist City staff in developing budget proposals that support the priorities of our community at large.

Please provide feedback to me, coordinated through your staff liaison, by **Friday, November 4, 2022**. There will be additional opportunities to provide input in the budget process through the department for which you provide advice and counsel and at the budget public hearing in March. Thank you in advance for thoughts on your board, committee, or commission's priorities as the City begins the development of the FY 2024 budget.

Sincerely,



James Parajon
City Manager

cc: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
Morgan Routt, Director, Office of Management & Budget
Department Heads
Staff Liaisons to Boards, Committees and Commissions

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #8 – ITEMS FOR CONSENT

ISSUE: Staff update to Transportation Commission on various projects.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive the items for consent.

A. Grant Updates

In August, the City received notice that it did not receive funding for the Beauregard and King Street Intersection Improvements project through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program from the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) or for the proposed bus fleet improvements applied for through the Low and No Emissions and Bus and Bus Facilities grant program from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The City will continue to work on improving the process for identifying projects and developing applications for grants related to funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in order to improve competitiveness for future applications. On September 15, the City submitted an application for the DOT's Safe Streets for All grant program, as endorsed by the Transportation Commission in June 2022.

B. Duke Street Corridor Projects Updates

a. Duke Street in Motion

The Duke Street In Motion Advisory Group (AG) met on August 18 to discuss potential design concepts for two portions of the corridor. On September 15, the AG will meet to discuss design concepts for segment 2, the middle segment of the corridor. In October, the City will be hosting a variety of in-person and virtual opportunities to learn about the project and collect input to help narrow down design elements under consideration. There will be future engagement efforts on

this project as designs are further refined.

b. Duke Street Traffic Mitigation Pilots

The City is working through two pilot projects to reduce regional cut-through traffic on neighborhood streets and shift traffic onto the major arterials. Efforts are being made to improve traffic flow on the arterials and make those routes faster than cutting through the neighborhoods. On September 12, access to the Telegraph Road ramp from West Taylor Run Parkway was restricted. By allowing a mostly free-flow lane onto the ramp, congestion on Duke Street should decrease. DASH and TES staff will evaluate the impacts to determine if transit access can be improved with these changes.

C. Metro Service Updates

Shutdown

On September 10, WMATA suspended service south of the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport station as it works to connect Alexandria's new Potomac Yard station with the rest of the system. This closure is expected through October 24. The City was approved for grant funding from the Department of Rail and Public Transit (DRPT) to provide mitigations for the shutdown, as endorsed by the Transportation Commission in June.

From September 10 to October 22, the rail service changes will be as follows:

- No rail service south of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Station
- No Yellow Line service north of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Station; riders should use the Blue or Green lines
- Additional Blue Line service, with trains departing every seven to nine minutes (every 15 minutes after 9:30 p.m.) from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and New Carrollton stations (Blue Line customers traveling between Pentagon and L'Enfant Plaza stations should plan on approximately 15 minutes of extra travel time)
- Green Line trains to operate every eight minutes (every 10 minutes after 9:30 p.m.)

Residents and visitors can use the following alternatives:

- Seven free shuttles, including local and express shuttles replacing Blue and Yellow line service in Virginia, and three limited-stop shuttles crossing the Potomac River.
- Free parking at the Van Dorn Street, Franconia-Springfield, and Huntington Metrorail station garages and lots during the rail service suspension.
- Alternate transit service, including free DASH bus service, the Metroway-Potomac Yard Bus Rapid Transit Line (offering free service between Braddock

Road, Crystal City, and Pentagon City stations through October), and Virginia Railway Express (VRE), which is offering free rides in September.

- Travel alternatives, including free Capital Bikeshare memberships, free water taxi, ridesharing, and dockless mobility devices such as scooters.

Additional information about the Metro projects and travel alternatives can be found [here](#).

7000-series Rail Cars Return to Service

On September 12, Metro returned additional 7000-series trains to operations, marking a significant step in the restoration of all 7000-series railcars, which is key to Metro's plan to improve train frequency for customers. Metro's updated return to service plan allows the agency to safely operate up to 20 of its 7000-series trains per day, up from the previous limit of eight trains.

D. Long Bridge

The Long Bridge is a CSX-owned, two-track, 117-year-old bridge that spans the Potomac River between Arlington, VA and Washington, D.C. The Long Bridge Project will construct a new, two-track railroad bridge next to the existing Long Bridge, creating a four-track corridor. A new bike-pedestrian bridge also will be constructed as part of the mitigation to National Park Service (NPS) parkland and will span the Potomac River and George Washington Memorial Parkway, connecting Long Bridge Park directly to East and West Potomac Parks. The project is in the Preliminary Engineering stage and is scheduled to advance to a final design and construction in 2023. More information can be found on the [project website](#). A public meeting was held in June 2022, and additional public outreach is planned before proceeding to the final design.