

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 15, 2023

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #7 – ITEMS FOR CONSENT

ISSUE: Staff update to Transportation Commission on various projects.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive the items for consent.

A. West End Transitway Updates

Phase I of the West End Transitway project is currently in design. The City is advancing a transit systems management (TSM) approach for the transitway, which includes transit signal priority and 1-2 queue jumps, along with enhanced stations and bicycle and pedestrian improvements for the new route from Van Dorn Metro to the Pentagon. The 30% design is anticipated to be completed early this Spring and will be shared with the Transportation Commission. Final design plans will be completed in mid-2024. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2025 with completion by 2027. The project is being discussed with the community through the Alexandria West Small Area Plan planning process.

B. State Legislative Session Updates

The regular 2023 Virginia Legislative Session adjourned on Saturday, February 25. Transportation bills that passed include:

- **HB 2330** Assault and battery; public transportation service vehicle operators
 - Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for a person to commit a battery against another knowing or having reason to know that such individual is an operator of a vehicle operated by a public transportation service who is engaged in the performance of his duties. The bill requires the sentence of such person, upon conviction, to include a term of confinement of 15 days in jail, two days of which is a mandatory minimum.
- **SB 1326/HB 2338** Transit Ridership Incentive Program
 - Directs CTB to use up to 30 percent of available funds of TRIP to support local, regional, and state entities in improving the accessibility of transit bus passenger

