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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council  
City Hall  
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April 19, 2023

Re: **Endorsement of Grant Application for the FY 2023 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program**

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its April 19 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse a grant application for the FY 2023 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for bringing critical charging infrastructure to support the growing adoption of electric vehicles.

The City is a leader in advancing transportation electrification in the region. The City has developed an Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Readiness Strategy (EVRS) to act as a roadmap to meet the electric vehicle charging infrastructure and technical needs of City residents, workforce members, and visitors as electric vehicle adoption increases. The EVRS includes 31 recommendations that will build an effective, innovative, and sustainable electric vehicle ecosystem. The EVRS includes recommendations around meeting the charging demand of the community, workforce development, and equity, which can be accelerated by the CFI Program.

The Transportation Commission supports staff's proposal to request funding to implement the EVRS recommendations through the installation of publicly accessible Level 2 and DC Fast Chargers at multiple sites across the City, such as public parks, libraries, and on-street locations. The chargers will be located in areas that will benefit disadvantaged communities and serve areas with a high concentration of multi-unit dwellings and limited off-street parking. The City of Alexandria residents are adopting electric vehicles at a rate faster than the national average, and this project will help meet the needs of the community.

The Transportation Commission understands that the CFI grant program requires a 20% local match. USDOT encourages applicants to partner with private entities after award to implement the project, and the terms of the grant indicate that recipients can require those private entities to provide the local match. Any remaining match would be funded through the City's FY 2023 CIP for the Citywide Electric Vehicle Charging Station 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*

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