

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 17, 2011
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 
SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 20 : EISENHOWER AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT FUNDING

This memorandum responds to a request from Councilman Donley and Councilman Fannon regarding funding for the Eisenhower Avenue Widening Project. This project received \$18,000,000 in State Urban Funds from FY 2006 – FY 2009, along with \$404,000 in City funds the required project match, for a project total of \$18,404,000. To date, \$1,401,184 in Urban Funds and \$404,000 in City funds have been allocated.

With the revisions in projected development build out and assessments of current traffic conditions in this corridor, City staff revisited the project scope and timetable, and proposed scaling back the project as part of the FY 2012 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The revised cost of this project totals \$6,630,000 (\$6,500,000 in State Urban Funds and \$130,000 in City funds for the required project match), freeing up \$11,500,000 in State Urban Funds, and \$274,000 in City matching funds.

As part of the FY 2012 CIP, City staff proposed shifting the \$11,500,000 in State Urban Funds to the following projects:

<u>Project</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
DASH Bus Replacement (FY 2012 – 2014)	\$3,100,000
King & Beauregard Intersection	\$2,100,000
Eisenhower Avenue Metro Bus Facility Improvements	\$2,100,000
BRAC Area Intersection & Turn Lane Improvements	\$2,000,000
Holmes Run Greenway/Eisenhower East Shared-Use Paths	\$1,750,000
Eisenhower Avenue Metro Platform Extension	<u>\$450,000</u>
Total	\$11,500,000

City staff developed the list of potential projects for reallocation of Eisenhower Avenue Widening funds based on an assessment of priority transportation projects and critical transportation needs. A brief explanation for the inclusion of each project is provided on the next page.

DASH Bus Replacement Program (FY 2012 – 2014) \$3,000,000

Replacement buses are needed to fulfill the DASH replacement needs in accordance with the DASH replacement schedule. Using Urban Funds frees up City funds for other critical capital needs. Without these funds, the replacement program would likely be delayed.

King & Beauregard Intersection \$2,100,000

As a result of right-of-way cost estimates exceeding preliminary cost estimates, this intersection improvement project required additional funding. The majority of funding already received for this project is from State Urban Funds

Eisenhower Avenue Metro Bus Facility Improvement \$2,100,000

The City is undertaking improvements to enhance pedestrian and bus operations at the Eisenhower Avenue Metro Station. Additional funding is needed to complete the pedestrian infrastructure at the Metro Station. The provision of the pedestrian enhancements is a requirement in an agreement between WMATA, Hoffman (developer) and the City.

BRAC-133 Area Intersection and Turn Lane Improvements \$2,000,000

This project is to facilitate the implementation of technology, geometric improvements and traffic mitigation on affected streets as identified in the transportation studies.

Holmes Run Greenway/Eisenhower East Shared-Use Paths \$1,750,000

As a component of the City Transportation Long Range Plan, the City has acquired VDOT grant funding for engineering and construction of this project. The additional Urban Funds will provide the remainder of funding needed for project construction.

Eisenhower Avenue Metro Platform Extension \$450,000

After the Proposed FY 2012 – 2021 CIP was presented to City Council on February 8, 2011 City Council indicated that the Eisenhower Avenue Metro Platform Extension project would not be included in its current 10-year transportation plan. As such, staff recommends removing this project from consideration. These Urban Funds are proposed to be moved to the BRAC-133 Area Intersection and Turn Lane Improvements project.