Public Hearing

South Washington Street Streetscape Improvement Project
VDOT Project # U000-100-616

City of Alexandria
Department of Transportation & Environmental Services

January 25, 2012
Introduction

- The project team includes . . .

- City of Alexandria
  - Rashad K Friday, MBA, MS, Project Manager, T&ES
  - Planning & Zoning/BAR – Al Cox
  - RPCA – Ron Kagawa

- Design Team - STV
  - Mike Randolph, P.E., Project Manager, STV, Inc.
  - Other design team staff

- The citizens of Alexandria

- Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

- National Park Service (NPS)

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Location Map
Welcome!

- We are here to . . .
- Present the design of the Washington Street Streetscape Project
- Facilitate your participation
- Receive your suggestions and input
  - Court Reporter
  - Comment card
  - Email us: rashad.friday@alexandriava.gov
  - Talk to City Representatives

Find us on the Web at
Project History

• **1999**
  - Part of the WWB/FHWA Settlement Agreement
  - Federally funded project

• **2011**
  - Project Kickoff
  - Project Design Begins
  - Environmental Document Amendment
  - 30% Plans

• **2012**
  - Citizen Information Meetings
  - Public Hearing
  - 90% Plans
  - Advertisement Spring 2012
  - Construction begins Summer 2012
Major Considerations

Impacts to Sidewalks and Lighting

- Improvements to lighting and sidewalk to be coordinated with property owners on a block by block basis

Impacts to Parking

- Parking accommodations will be assessed individually to maintain access & minimize impacts during construction
Project Objectives & Benefits

- **Promote safety for pedestrians**
  - Construct brick sidewalks
  - Add landscaped buffers or tree wells between street and sidewalks
  - Install accessible pedestrian signals
  - Upgrade signals with countdown timers

- **Streetscape Improvements**
  - Add additional street trees and landscape buffers or tree wells
  - Remove old or dead trees and prune existing healthy trees
  - Remove and replace lighting fixtures, poles, and bases
  - Consolidate existing signs
  - Install bike station
  - Bus shelter improvements
Proposed Design

900 Block South Washington Street
Double row of trees at residential adjacency
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800 Block South Washington Street
Double row of trees at residential adjacency
All Brick sidewalk at retail center outdoor dining
Proposed Design

700 Block South Washington Street
Mixed residential/commercial block
Proposed Design

600 Block South Washington Street
Wide brick walks adjacent to commercial uses
Schedule & Funding

- Public Meeting: January 2012
- Design complete: Spring 2012
- Advertisement: Spring 2012
- Construction: Summer 2012 – Winter 2012

Federally funded project

- Total Project Cost: $1.5 Million
- Design: $200K
- Construction: $1.3 Million
Communication

1. E-News – enews.alexandriava.gov
2. Facebook - www.alexandriava.gov/facebook
4. City’s Website –

Contact:

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What You Can Do Next . . .

- Discuss the project with City and design team
- Submit written comments for public record by February 8, 2012
- Provide comments to the Court Reporter
- E-mail us: rashad.friday@alexandriava.gov
  - Please reference “Washington Street Streetscape Comments” in the subject heading
- Visit the project Web site:
THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?