

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2010

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: ABI LERNER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR PRIORITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

This memorandum provides an update on the status of the initiative to develop a list of priority transportation projects and an outreach strategy for funding those projects. The Transportation Commission established a subcommittee to work with staff to coordinate the outreach plan and identify projects for consideration. The subcommittee includes Commissioners Donna Fossum and Jennifer Mitchell.

The City of Alexandria is considering an initiative to collaboratively articulate a vision for transportation investments and priorities over the next 10 years. A primary objective is mobility, a cornerstone of Eco-City Alexandria and the Transportation Master Plan. It is one of City Council's seven strategic focus areas in the 2010 Strategic Plan. To accomplish this goal, one of the City's objectives is to **develop local, reliable funding mechanisms to support a fiscally constrained transportation plan.**

At its September meeting, the Commission received a draft list of transportation projects for consideration to potentially be funded by a Commercial Real Estate Tax. The draft list of projects may originate in the Long Range Plan although other projects will be considered. The Subcommittee will recommend to the Commission a public process to develop the project list for recommendation to City Council for inclusion in a future CIP.

Attached is the docket item outlining the proposed work program, timeline and project list that was presented to the City Council at its September 28, 2010 meeting. The Council received the report and asked staff to come back with a refined work plan.

The Commission should provide comments on the draft project list for the Council's consideration during the budget process and for outreach to stakeholder groups.

Attachment: Council Docket, 9/28/2010