

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: JANUARY 5, 2011

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: SANDRA MARKS, DIVISION CHIEF, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #4 - FUNDING FOR PRIORITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

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This memorandum provides an update on the status of the initiative to develop a strategy for the funding of priority transportation projects. An outreach effort is underway to solicit input from citizen and stakeholder groups on the proposed list of transportation projects that might be funded by a Commercial Real Estate Tax.

At its September and October meetings, the Commission received and considered a draft list of transportation projects that might be funded by a Commercial Real Estate Tax. The Commission received public input on the draft list of projects under consideration at a public hearing during its November 3, 2010 meeting.

### **Public Outreach**

To date, the City has met with over 18 citizen and business groups attended by over 350 people including two Citywide meetings. In the coming months the City will be meeting with another 10+ groups to gain input and will hold another Citywide meeting on January 13, 2011.

### **Subcommittee Recommendations**

The Transportation Commission Subcommittee met on December 15, 2010 to review the public comments received to date, and to make recommendations to the Draft Priority Transportation Project list. Attachment 1 shows a summary of the public meetings and comments that have been received to date, and the subcommittee recommendations. Attachment 2 shows the full list of Priority Transportation projects.

There are three major changes to the previous Draft Priority Transportation Project list that are being recommended. These include:

- **DASH Bus Service Enhancements System-Wide:** This project should include the addition of queue jumps and transit signal priority (TSP) throughout the City where warranted and feasible.
- **Trolley Service to Del-Ray:** This project should be redefined as “King Street Trolley service expansion”, and include as part of it, a general description of service enhancements. This may include service expansion to the Del Ray and Arlandria neighborhoods, and may include increased service frequency on the

- existing King Street Trolley.
- **King / Braddock / Quaker Intersection Improvements:** This project was not previously included as part of the Draft Priority Transportation Project list. It was recommended during a Civic Association meeting that this project be added to the list. This is an important project that is currently only funded through preliminary design. The Subcommittee recommended that this project be added to the list.

Staff is asking the Transportation Commission for approval of the draft Priority Transportation Project list, and/or recommendations to be considered by the City Manager in the preparation of his proposed City Budget.

**Attachments:** Commercial Real Estate Tax Outreach Efforts  
Draft list of Priority Transportation Projects