

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2012

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: ABI LERNER, P.E. DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #5 - BEAUREGARD SMALL AREA PLAN

ISSUE: Update of the Beauregard Corridor Plan and traffic analysis results.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission receive the Draft Beauregard Small Area Plan recommendations, and provide input to the Planning Commission and City Council for their consideration.

DISCUSSION: The Beauregard Small Area planning process has been underway since the Summer of 2010. The ad hoc citizens' stakeholder group, known as the Beauregard Corridor Stakeholder Group (BCSG) was formed in early 2011, and led a number of public meetings to receive citizen input and identify individual citizen recommendations to be forwarded to staff. At the same time, five separate developers went through a planning process for the redevelopment of their properties over a 30 year period, and also held a number of public meetings throughout the past year. The City conducted the necessary traffic analysis based on the proposed redevelopment. The traffic study included an analysis for existing conditions (2010), the 2035 baseline conditions (regional growth, approved and unbuilt development), and 2035 Market Demand conditions (proposed development).

Two separate transportation documents have been completed, that incorporate the results of the traffic analysis. The City has submitted the Chapter 527 Draft Report to VDOT, and is currently responding to comments from VDOT. In addition, the Beauregard Small Area Plan Transportation Study has been completed, and has been posted to the project webpage. Staff provided an update to the Commission on the results of the traffic analysis at its October 2011 meeting. The City has received public comments and questions related to the transportation analysis, which staff provided answers to and posted on the project webpage. A public meeting held on December 12, 2011 provided an update on the Transportation issues, including a response to questions from the public.

In the Fall of 2011, the BCSG provided individual citizen recommendations for the Beauregard Small Area Plan (Plan). Since then, staff have reviewed, and incorporated or modified the recommendations into the Plan. A Draft Plan was released to the public on January 23, 2012. The Transportation element of the draft plan includes the recommendations and those that were modified by staff, as well as an overview of the traffic analysis, and recommended transportation improvements within or near to the plan

area. The Plan was closely coordinated with the Transitway Corridor Feasibility Study, and in particular, the recommendation for Corridor C (Van Dorn/ Beauregard) that was approved by Council in September 2011.

A joint Planning Commission / City Council work session is scheduled for February 13, 2012. Staff is seeking input from the Transportation Commission to be forwarded at the joint Planning Commission / City Council work session.

More information on the project, including the Transportation Study, can be found at:
<http://alexandriava.gov/BeauregardPlan>