

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2012

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: SANDRA MARKS, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #4 - FY 2014 CIP UPDATE

ISSUE: Update on FY 2014- FY 2023 City Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission (Commission) recommend the draft FY 14 Transportation Improvement Program and provide guidance to staff for preparation of FY 2014 CIP for inclusion in the City Manager's FY 2014 budget.

DISCUSSION: Each year the City Manager presents a proposed City Budget to the City Council for consideration and action. As part of the budget process, a ten-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is developed that programs funding for major capital projects in the City. Funding for the CIP comes from the City's general fund, grants and other non-City sources of funding including developer contributions.

As part of the Council's Strategic Plan, one of the objectives is to *develop local, reliable funding mechanisms to support a fiscally constrained transportation plan*. In 2011, the Council approved a 2.2 cent reservation of the property tax to fund transportation projects. This revenue source has provided the opportunity to fund many of the projects in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRP) over the next ten years. However, there are still a number of unmet funding needs.

In January, staff met with a subcommittee of the Commission to review changes to the draft FY 14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Changes of note from the FY 13 TIP are as follows:

- 1.) Corridor C
 - a. Revised budget based on completed Feasibility Study
 - b. Revised schedule, incorporates FTA process
- 2.) Projects shown in the FY 13 TIP in 2022 are shifted to 2023 in the draft FY 14 TIP
- 3.) Additional DASH expansion bus purchases
Impact on operating expenditures
- 4.) Operating Costs for Corridors A & C

5.) Changes to Trolley Service

At the November Transportation Commission meeting, the Commission recommended the following policy guidance to staff in the preparation of the FY 14 CIP:

- Limit funding adjustments within Expanded Transportation Funding and Base CIP (Other)
- Maintain funding for highest priorities set by Transportation Commission
- Maintain funding across modes
- Continue to fund existing programs

Staff has prepared a draft FY 14 CIP budget based on the Commission's guidance. The recommendations will be forwarded to the City Manager for inclusion in his budget. After the City Manager presents his draft budget in February, the Transportation Commission will review the proposed budget and provide additional input and recommendations to the Council prior to the approval of the budget later in the spring.