

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 6, 2013

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: EMILY A. BAKER, P.E., CITY ENGINEER, TRANSPORTATION
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES 

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #3– EISENHOWER AVENUE WIDENING AND
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

ISSUE: Update on the Eisenhower Avenue Widening and Roadway Improvement Project.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission receive the project update.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) is working on a roadway improvement project on Eisenhower Avenue between Mill Road and Holland Lane. The proposed at-grade improvements will create a multi-modal environment and promote safety for pedestrians and motorists by adding an additional left turn lane on westbound Eisenhower Avenue at Mill Road, widening the receiving lanes on Mill Road, providing streetscape improvements, and removing the traffic circle at Holland Lane and constructing a “T” intersection. The improvements will increase capacity and safety through the corridor. These improvements are consistent with the East Eisenhower Small Area Plan. This project was included in the FY2013 CIP, which was recommended for approval by Transportation Commission at the February 1, 2012 meeting.

The project is funded with State Urban Funds which consist of Federal (80%), State (18%) and City (2%) funds. The total funding for the project is \$7 million. The design is approximately 60% complete and construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2014. The construction duration is anticipated to be eighteen months.

On April 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., T&ES will hold a design public meeting at the Lee Center in the Gold Room, to discuss the proposed project improvements, project schedule, and give the public the opportunity to ask questions, review the plans, exhibits, and environmental document. Notification is being made via newspaper advertisement, E-news, Facebook, Twitter, City’s website, Weekly & Official Events, and letters will be mailed out to all the businesses and residential buildings along Eisenhower Avenue, in addition to various neighborhood and civic association groups in the project area.