

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 5, 2013

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: JOEL MARCUSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #6 – CAPITAL BIKESHARE UPDATE

ISSUE: Staff update to Transportation Commission on Capital Bikeshare in Alexandria.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive the staff update.

DISCUSSION: Capital Bikeshare launched in Alexandria with eight stations in September 2012 and in the short time since, has been very successful, and has exceeded cost recovery goals. Alexandria and staff consistently gets requests for additional stations.

In 2013-2014, the City of Alexandria will expand the system into Carlyle, Del Ray, and other parts of Old Town. Eight stations will be added in 2013, and more stations are planned for 2014. Proposed station locations for the 2013-2014 expansion are shown in Attachment 1.

Station locations were selected from locations suggested by the public, through an interactive online crowdsourcing map, and were evaluated using criteria, including connectivity to transit to expand between metrorail stations, mixed-use activity centers, potential bicycle activity as identified in the City's Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Plan shown in Attachment 2, and proximity to other Capital Bikeshare stations. Staff will seek input this summer on the proposed locations. Further technical engineering analysis will need to be conducted to identify specific station locations. Some technical considerations include direct sunlight, at least 11' X 32' of space, a minimum of a quarter mile from another station, sidewalk pedestrian clearance, flat ground and utility clearance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Capital Bikeshare Expansion – Draft
2. Potential Bicycle Activity Map