

Alexandria Transportation Commission
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Mayor William D. Euille and Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

April 3, 2014

Re: FY 2015-FY 2024 Capital Improvement Program

Dear Mayor and City Council,

At its April 2, 2014 meeting, staff provided an overview to the Transportation Commission (Commission) of the recommended projects included in the draft FY 2015– FY 2024 transportation budget, highlighting significant funding changes from the FY 2014 – FY 2023 adopted budget and expanded definition of projects that could be funded with Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funds. The draft budget was developed based on guidance that the Commission provided to staff at its October 2, 2013 meeting regarding the preparation of the budget, as shown below.

- Maintain funding for highest priorities set by the Transportation Commission.
- Allocate Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) 70% funds for high priority major capital investments with regional impacts, with an emphasis on leveraging non-city funds and/or accelerating project delivery.
- Utilize funding sources with the least restrictions on project eligibility (i.e. CMAQ, RSTP, and NVTA 30% funds) for non-motorized projects, project development, ADA improvements, maintenance and operations.
- Commit adequate operating funds to provide the project management, procurement, management and of staff resources necessary to implement new capital projects and programs. Consider capitalizing staff positions that are directly related to capital project implementation, as allowable, in order to utilize capital funds and reduce impacts on the operating budget.
- Ensure that city transportation funding levels are maintained or increased above the maintenance-of-effort requirements of HB2313, to provide new transportation capacity and enhanced transportation services and programs while also maintaining existing assets in a state of good repair.
- Preserve the 2.2 cent transportation reservation in order to comply with maintenance-of-effort requirements, maintain flexibility, and to offset previous loss of state urban funds.

The Commission has had many discussions over the past six months on the FY 2015 – FY 2024 transportation budget. The members of the Commission that were present at the April 3, 2014 meeting support the expanded definition of the TIP and are supportive of the City Manager's draft budget, however, are concerned about the lack of adequate staffing resources to procure and deliver the projects included in the proposed budget.

We appreciate your consideration of the Commission's request to review the proposed FY 2015-FY 2024 CIP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan M. Macek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Nathan M. Macek

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria City Council
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