

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: SANDRA MARKS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #3 - 2014 UPDATE TO THE TRANSPORTATION LONG RANGE PLAN

ISSUE: 2014 update to the Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission (Commission) hold a public hearing, and approve the draft update of the 2014 LRP.

DISCUSSION: At the July 23, 2014 Commission meeting, staff reviewed the proposed additions and deletions to the 2014 LRP Update and Commission initial ranking of priorities. The updates include the following project additions:

- Two proposed circulator routes, based on recommendations in the DASH Comprehensive Operations Analysis;
- A new bridge over Sanger Avenue at I-495 to better accommodate future Bus Rapid Transit and non-motorized users; and
- A new Holmes Run trail bridge

In addition, the following changes were recommended by the Commission:

- The “Mt. Vernon Avenue at East / West Glebe Road intersection improvement” project should be moved from the 2013 LRP “Programs” list to the “Projects” list.
- The “Redesign of the intersection of Mt. Vernon Avenue and Four Mile Road” (2013 LRP Program # 8) will be removed from the LRP as the project is no longer supported by staff because it would result in a decrease of usable park space without a significant benefit. The project was initially intended to provide better access to the park from Mt. Vernon Avenue, but the park design has been revised to allow for additional pedestrian access off of Mt. Vernon Avenue.
- Remove the “Programs” element of the LRP since these programs are now generally covered through the City’s Complete Streets program. Staff requested that the Commission members individually score / prioritize the LRP project list.

Upon review of the proposed changes at the July 23, 2014 meeting, the Commission recommended the following changes for the 2014 LRP:

- The Glebe Road Bridge and Four Mile Run pedestrian bridge (2013 LRP Project #3) be moved from the project list to the studies list.
- The Eisenhower Avenue Metrorail Platform Extension (2013 LRP Project #10) be moved from the project list to the studies list.

The Commission also recommended increasing the “Livability” criteria scores of the Royal Street Bikeway project.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft 2014 LRP Project List
- Draft 2014 LRP Studies List
- LRP Scoring Criteria