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

April 21, 2015

Re: FY 2016-2025 Transportation Budget

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

This letter summarizes recommendations of the Transportation Commission on the City's FY 2016-2025 Transportation Budget given reductions in funding required for two major components of the budget.

At the April 15, 2015 meeting of the Transportation Commission, City staff shared with the Commission that the City can expect a decrease of approximately \$1.45 million in funds required to fund the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) in FY 2016. In addition, the City has refined the cost estimate for the King/Quaker Lane/Braddock Road intersection project, resulting in approximately \$1 million that will remain available in the City's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Given the reduced WMATA funding contribution and refined King/Quaker Lane/Braddock Road intersection project budget, the Transportation Commission requests that the funds all revert to the TIP to fund fiscal year (FY) 2016 implementation of the following transportation priorities:

- The Commission supports the expansion of Capital Bikeshare as an important element of the City's transportation system, connecting people to transit and enhancing mobility and active transportation in the City. The City has previously committed to expanding Capital Bikeshare in Alexandria through prior-year appropriations towards the capital cost of bicycles and stations. Developer contributions and grants provide all funds to purchase, equip, and install 16 new stations. The operating cost of this program is small, just \$10,000 per station, and the cost recovery factor is 70%. The Commission recommends that Council approve a budget that includes full funding for the operating cost of the 16 station expansion.

- The expansion of DASH service is a high priority of the Transportation Commission. The City Manager's proposed transportation budget anticipates very limited expansion of DASH service over the next 10 years. DASH is a critical element in moving people efficiently, supporting the City's development plans and promoting economic sustainability. The Commission recommends the purchase of additional DASH buses with the available TIP funds. (It should be noted that meeting the amount of FY 2016 funding approved in the FY 2015 budget would allow the City to leverage grant reimbursement funds from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to purchase these buses).
- The Commission recommends the acceleration of design for the Cameron Run trail project.

We appreciate your consideration of the Commission's input on proposed FY 2016-2025 budget during this difficult budget year.

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

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