

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 11, 2015

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: SANDRA MARKS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #7 - 2015 UPDATE TO THE TRANSPORTATION LONG RANGE PLAN

ISSUE: 2015 update to the Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission (Commission) review the draft update of the 2015 LRP.

DISCUSSION: As part of its responsibility to develop and maintain a comprehensive Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP) that identifies the City's long-range transportation needs, the Commission first adopted an LRP in April 2010. The LRP is an unconstrained list of all transportation related capital projects, programs and studies identified in City plans and policies. Projects on the LRP have no identified funding source. Once projects on the LRP receive partial or full funding, they are moved from the unconstrained LRP to the City's constrained Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Each year the Transportation Commission updates the LRP transportation projects, programs and studies from plans adopted since the last update and additional projects not captured in the previous LRP. In 2014, the "programs" list was removed from the LRP because the programs are generally covered within the City's Complete Streets program. This year, the updates include the following changes:

Projects to be added to Transportation Long Range Plan:

- Mt. Vernon at Four Mile Road – Construct pedestrian, bicycle improvements as well as vehicular circulation improvements within the vicinity of the intersection of Mount Vernon Avenue and Four Mile Road. *(This project was removed from the 2014 LRP, but on October 15, 2014, the Transportation Commission approved this new language, and for the project to be added to the 2015 LRP).*
- Mt. Vernon at Russell Road Intersection Improvements - safety improvements identified in the Arlandria Small Area Plan. *(This project was in the FY 2015-2024 CIP, but removed from the FY 2016-2025 CIP).*
- DASH Bus Expansion – Purchase additional buses for the DASH fleet to accommodate future enhanced transit service. *(This project was in the FY 2015-2024 CIP, but removed*

from the FY 2016-2025 CIP).

Projects to be deleted from Transportation Long Range Plan:

- Prince Street / Cameron Street Bicycle Facility – Construction of a bicycle facility on both Prince Street and Cameron Street within Old Town. *(This project is now included in the FY 2016-2025 CIP).*

The Transportation Commission has indicated the need to review the current prioritization criteria that is applied to the projects list. These criteria are included in Attachment 1. An LRP Subcommittee of the Transportation Commission convened as part of a work session on May 11 to discuss the prioritization criteria, and a summary will be presented during the regular session. The LRP prioritization criteria developed by the Commission will be applied to the full list of LRP projects and considered by the full Commission in June.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft 2015 LRP
LRP Project Prioritization Criteria