

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 17, 2015

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: SANDRA MARKS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #4 – UPDATE ON THE ALEXANDRIA TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP)

ISSUE: Update on City of Alexandria Transit Development Plan (TDP)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission (Commission) receive the report on the Alexandria TDP. Upon addressing any comments, the TDP plan will seek an endorsement of the Transportation Commission prior to City Council adoption.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) requires any City or transit agency providing transit service in Virginia to develop a six-year Transit Development Plan (TDP). An approved TDP is a prerequisite for state operating and capital assistance and applying for DRPT-funded grant opportunities.

The TDP will serve as a policy document intended to guide and inform capital and operating funding decisions for all transit services that operate in the City of Alexandria – Metrobus, Metrorail, MetroAccess, DOT Paratransit, DASH, Fairfax Connector, Virginia Railways Express (VRE), and Amtrak.

Consultant support for the development of the City’s TDP is funded and managed by DRPT staff. Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) – Transit Services, DASH, and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) staff are members of the Project Management Team (PMT) and have been responsible for providing data and feedback and reviewing project deliverables.

To date the project team has developed an overview of Existing Conditions, reviewed and provided feedback on the origin and destination patterns for trips to and from the City, and is engaged in an ongoing discussion to develop reasonable, fiscally constrained transit funding scenarios. Upon completion and approval of the TDP, the City will be required to provide an

annual update to DRPT each year that will include the status of capital projects and any service enhancements that have been implemented.

The presentation at the June 2015 Transportation Commission meeting will provide an overview of the TDP process and requirements, including the role of the Transportation Commission in the endorsement of the TDP will be prior to City Council adoption. The project team will brief the Alexandria Transit Company Board and requesting the Board's endorsement as well.