

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 #5 - 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.

At the May 11, 2015 Commission meeting, staff introduced the proposed additions and deletions to the 2015 LRP Update. The updates include the following additions:

- 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 requested 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 and therefore it is being added to the LRP).*
- 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 and therefore it is being added to the LRP).*

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).*

In addition, a work session was held on May 11, 2015 prior to the regular meeting, where an LRP subcommittee reviewed the prioritization criteria. The subcommittee recommended the following key changes to the prioritization criteria:

- Under the Livability category, add language related to the ability of the project to improve accessibility and encourage active / healthy living
- Under the Infrastructure category, add language related to applying environmental best practices and upgrading facilities to meet accessibility standards
- Revise Multimodal Choices category, to be renamed “Mode Choice”, and to move the “Reduce Single Occupancy Vehicle Travel” to the Mode Choice category as a sub-category
- Adding the “Safety” category to the LRP criteria
- Remove the TIP criteria, and just note these in the introduction as important items for consideration when adding projects to the CIP

The Commission was asked to individually review the draft 2015 LRP, and prioritize the projects using the updated prioritization criteria. On June 17, 2015 the Commission will review the results of the individual prioritization exercise, and provide comments and adjust the prioritization as needed.

A public hearing on the LRP update will be held during the July 8, 2015 Commission meeting, and a recommendation on the LRP update is anticipated following the public hearing.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft 2015 LRP
LRP Project Prioritization Criteria (Revised)
Draft Transportation Commission prioritization for 2015 LRP