

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 20, 2016

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: CARRIE SANDERS, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: WORK SESSION ITEM – 2016 TRANSPORTATION LONG RANGE PLAN

ISSUE: 2016 update to the Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission (Commission) provide guidance on the 2016 LRP

BACKGROUND: 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 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 Commission updates the LRP transportation projects and studies from plans adopted since the last update. Additional projects not captured in the previous LRP, or projects and studies no longer relevant, can also be removed if they have been completed or funded in the City's CIP.

As part of the 2015 LRP update, the Commission approved updated evaluation criteria, adding "safety" as a new evaluation measure.

DISCUSSION: As part of the 2015 LRP Update, the Commission noted the following items to be considered as part of the 2016 LRP Update.

- Develop project sheets for each project that provide more detailed information of projects;
- Consider having a work session to review all of the projects prior to having Commissioners do their individual scoring;
- Consider packaging projects that are similar. An example includes the two intersection improvements (Braddock at Van Dorn Street; Beauregard at Braddock) within proximity

- to each other that were originated from the same plan (i.e., Beauregard Small Area Plan);
- As part of the 2016 LRP update, the Commission should work with staff on more specific safety improvements that are needed on Seminary Road at Janney's Lane / Quaker Lane (2015 LRP Project Rank #28);
 - Consider removing projects and/or studies that are no longer pertinent, even if they remain in a prior approved plan.

A number of recent plans have been approved, or are likely to be approved prior to the completion of the 2016 LRP, including the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan, Oakville Triangle-Route 1 Corridor Plan, and Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update. All of these plans include a significant number of recommended transportation projects or studies that are currently unfunded or have not been added to the CIP, and should be added to the 2016 LRP. A key consideration for the Commission will need to determine how these projects are organized, and added to the LRP.

Staff is recommending the following as preliminary changes to the 2016 LRP:

- Remove any projects or studies that are either completed, shown to be not feasible through additional analysis already completed, or should be combined with another existing funded project;
- Existing or proposed projects such as roadways that are dependent on the timing of redevelopment proposals should be moved to a separate list, and not prioritized. These projects may also be implemented through developer requirements or contributions;
- For projects from a specific approved plan, such as a small area plan, consider consolidating projects that are similar, or within proximity of each other;
- New projects to add to the LRP (from approved plans) should be major projects that are unfunded, and that are not anticipated to be implemented through another funding source. For example, a number of priority projects identified in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan are currently in the Capital Improvement Program, or are anticipated to be implemented through the Complete Streets program.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. Approved 2015 LRP – Projects List
 2. Approved 2015 LRP – Studies List
 3. LRP Project Prioritization Criteria
 4. Example LRP Project Sheet
 5. Proposed 2016 updates to Projects / Studies list