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The Hon. Mayor Allison Silberberg and Members of City Council
Alexandria City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

April 21, 2016

Re: FY 2017-2026 Transportation Budget

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council:

At its April 20, 2016 meeting, the Transportation Commission reviewed the City Manager's proposed FY 2017 Operating Budget and FY 2017-2026 Capital Improvement Program. The Transportation Commission additionally discussed a budget concept released by the City Manager on April 20 in response to City Council's request for options to invest an additional two cents of property tax revenue on capital projects. The City Manager's concept allocates \$2.7 million of the \$10.2 million of cash capital generated by the two cent increase toward transportation capital projects:

- \$570,000 in additional Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing funding
- \$730,000 in additional Complete Streets funding
- \$1,400,000 in additional DASH bus purchases

The Transportation Commission appreciates that the City Manager's budget addressed many of the Commission's budget recommendations, as outlined in previous correspondence with City Council (letter dated March 23, 2016).

The Transportation Commission encourages the Council to approve a two cent increase of the property tax to fund capital projects, and recommends that a fair share of the revenue be used to fund transportation projects. The Commission supports the concept presented by the City Manager described above, which would provide additional funding toward Complete Streets, street reconstruction and resurfacing, and DASH bus purchases.

The Commission commends the Council on its ongoing commitment to funding multi-modal, sustainable transportation options and appreciates the Council's continued consideration of the Commission's guidance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. J. King III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

J. J King III
Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission
Mark Jinks, City Manager
Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES