

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 15, 2016

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #7 – 2016 TRANSPORTATION LONG RANGE PLAN

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission (Commission) review the draft evaluation scores of the 2016 LRP project list and provide feedback.

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 and studies not captured in the previous LRP may be added, and projects and studies no longer relevant may be removed if they have been completed or funded in the City's CIP.

The draft 2016 LRP update includes changes based on the guidance provided by the Commission at its April 20, 2016 work session. This includes a number of projects and studies that have been removed, consolidated, or moved to a new developer contingent list. A number of recent plans have been recently approved since the 2015 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 and studies that are currently unfunded or have not been added to the CIP, and have been added to the 2016 LRP. They have been organized in a manner consistent with the guidance provided by the Commission.

DISCUSSION: At the May 18, 2016 Commission work session, staff provided an overview of the draft 2016 LRP project list, developer contingent list, and studies list. The following is a summary of input from the Commission at the work session:

- The Commissioners in attendance agreed that the current evaluation criteria is sufficient, and no changes are needed;
- The Commissioners in attendance agreed that the developer contingent list would not be evaluated for prioritization as those projects are specifically timed, and dependent with the adjacent development;
- The project numbering should be reorganized to differentiate between projects, developer contingent projects, and studies. Staff have renumbered the lists based on this input;
- The project located at Quaker Lane at Seminary Road should be separated into two different projects to differentiate the pedestrian and safety improvements from the traffic operation improvements. Project P-15 is the original traffic operation improvement (which was included in the 2015 LRP), and project P-25 is the pedestrian and safety improvement that was forwarded to the 2016 LRP from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan;
- The Commissioners in attendance suggested that the traffic study for Seminary Valley be potentially included in the 2016 LRP. Because this project was not recommended in an approved small area plan, and it will likely be funded over the next year, it has not been added to the LRP;
- The Commissioners in attendance suggested that the Bradlee Transit Center be looked at by staff to determine if it is still necessary, or if it could be removed from the project list. Staff have determined that the improvements that have been made to date partially fulfill the project, and that other shelter improvements can be implemented at a later date using existing resources. Therefore, staff has removed this project from the project list.

The Commission was asked to individually review the draft 2016 LRP, and prioritize the projects using the prioritization criteria. On June 15, 2016 the Commission will review the results of the individual prioritization exercise, and provide comments and adjust the prioritization as needed.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. Draft 2016 LRP – Projects List
 2. Draft 2016 LRP Project Prioritization
 3. LRP Project Prioritization Criteria
 4. LRP Project Sheets