January 2020 Alexandria Mobility Plan Project Update

Happy New Year from the Alexandria Mobility Plan (AMP) Project Team! This is the inaugural monthly newsletter about this important planning effort and we are grateful for your participation.

The Alexandria Mobility Plan is seeking to hear from all voices in the community about how the City can help improve your ability to get around safely, efficiently, and as sustainably as possible. This plan will establish policies and strategies to address what we hear from the community to guide decision making over the next 5-10 years.

This effort has been underway in earnest since June and is expected to be completed by the beginning of 2021. We have worked with the community through a variety of methods – online participation, a public innovation forum, stakeholder meetings, through community ambassadors, and most recently at pop-up events around the City to hear from members of the community who may not otherwise know about the effort. We thank all of you who have participated so far and hope that you will help us spread the word to your neighbors and broader community!

Results on Fall 2019 Outreach

This fall, we identified 7 locations across the City to reach members of the community we may not traditionally hear from in this type of planning process: Spanish and Amharic speakers, youth, students, working parents, shoppers, and people who may or may not receive City eNews updates or attend City meetings. At these pop-up events, we encouraged participants to share their top priorities for mobility in the City and discuss them with the project team. We also
provided the opportunity to submit input online for those who wanted to share their ideas, but did not see us at a pop-up event.

While the order of priority differed between online and in-person participants, the top four priorities we heard were consistent across all venues:

- congestion management
- safe and comfortable places to bike and walk
- reliable and efficient transit
- maintaining our infrastructure

You can check out the results at [www.Alexandria.gov/MobilityPlan](http://www.Alexandria.gov/MobilityPlan) under What’s New.

**Focus Groups in February**

Coming up in February, we will be conducting our first round of focus groups for a deeper discussion into potential strategies to help address these priorities and achieve our vision for **safe, seamless and connected mobility options that foster a thriving Alexandria for all.** We will also be reaching out to key stakeholder groups while continuing to provide opportunities for the community to share ideas on our engagement page at [www.alexandriava.gov/MobilityPlan.com](http://www.alexandriava.gov/MobilityPlan.com). We will analyze the ideas we hear and report back to the broader community in the spring.

If you have any questions or would like to make sure you are receiving project updates, please contact MobilityPlan@alexandriava.gov. Thank you for helping us plan for the future of our City’s mobility!