

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: JUNE 30, 2010

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: COMPLETE STREETS SUBCOMMITTEE

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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This memorandum provides an update to Commissioners on the status of the City's Complete Streets program. At its meeting on July 7, the Commission will consider whether to adopt a resolution to forward a draft Complete Streets ordinance to City Council.

In January, the Commission established a subcommittee to investigate adoption of a formal Complete Streets policy for the City of Alexandria. The members of the subcommittee are Jayme Blakesley and Kevin Posey. At meetings on March 25 and April 7, the subcommittee reviewed options for implementation of a Complete Streets policy by the City and determined that it would draft a resolution for consideration by the Transportation Commission. The resolution calls for City Council to adopt a Complete Streets ordinance in the fall of 2010.

At its June meeting, the Transportation Commission considered a draft Complete Streets resolution and text for a draft Ordinance for future consideration by City Council. By voice assent, the Commission agreed to accept public comments on the documents through June 23, 2010. Staff received and considered comments from the Department of Planning & Zoning, Office of Environmental Quality and BikeWalk Alexandria. The Subcommittee accepted and incorporated some, but not all, comments. Additionally, the draft Ordinance includes a section that calls for the development and maintenance of a Street Design Manual. Funding for development of this Manual is not included in the city's FY2011 budget and requests for staff resources or funding would require consideration by City Council in a future budget cycle.

If the Commission approves the Complete Streets resolution, the ordinance would be sent in draft form to the City Manager for consideration, additional staff input and consideration by City Council – including a public hearing – in September or October 2010.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Complete Streets resolution  
2. DRAFT Complete Streets ordinance