

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 20, 2020

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: WORK SESSION ITEM – 2020 TRANSPORTATION LONG RANGE PLAN

ISSUE: 2020 update to the Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission (Commission) review the proposed 2020 LRP project lists and evaluation criteria and provide feedback.

BACKGROUND: The Commission is responsible for developing and maintaining a comprehensive Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP) that prioritizes long-range transportation projects. The LRP is an unconstrained list of all transportation related capital projects and studies identified in City plans and policies with no identified funding source.

Every two years, the Commission updates the LRP projects and studies from plans adopted since the last update. New projects to add to the LRP (from approved plans) are major projects that are unfunded, and that are not anticipated to be implemented through another funding sources. Projects and studies are removed if they have been completed or funded in the City's CIP. While staff maintains a list of developer contingent projects as part of each update, the Commission is only responsible for prioritizing projects that require coordination with developer actions or funding.

During each LRP update, the Commission reviews the criteria to determine if the criteria are still appropriate. The Commission incorporated safety as a measure in 2016 and equity in 2018.

DISCUSSION: Staff is initiating the 2020 LRP project discussion and receiving guidance via email from the Transportation Commission. For this update, staff added projects from 2018-2019 City planning efforts:

- The Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Study
- The Eisenhower East Small Area Plan
- South Patrick Street Housing Affordability Study.

Staff removed the following projects that are currently funded:

- Mt. Vernon Avenue Intersection Improvements (2018 – Rank 1)
- Pedestrian Improvements at King Street Waterfront (2019 – Rank 16)

Staff also further consolidated projects that were included in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as per Commission guidance in 2016.

Given the inability for the Commission to meet in person until late summer or early fall, staff is providing this information as a written update to determine 1) if the Commission members wish to keep the existing criteria for this LRP update and 2) if Commission members have any questions or feedback about the project list. If there is a consensus to keep the existing criteria, staff will then circulate additional information about the new projects to enable members to evaluate projects prior to the next meeting, at which time the Commission can discuss preliminary scores.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 2020 LRP – Projects List
 2. 2020 LRP – Developer Contingent Project List
 3. LRP Project Prioritization Criteria