

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2020

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #4 – 2020 TRANSPORTATION LONG RANGE PLAN

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission hold a public hearing and approve the 2020 LRP update.

BACKGROUND: As part of its responsibility to develop and maintain a comprehensive 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).

Every two years, 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. City staff refer to the LRP when there are calls for grant funded projects and consider the projects against the grant evaluation criteria to determine which might be good candidates for funding.

DISCUSSION: The 2020 LRP update includes changes based on the guidance provided by the Commission at its fall work sessions including a number of projects and studies that have been removed, consolidated or moved to a new developer contingent list.

Several plan updates have been approved since the 2018 LRP including Eisenhower East, Landmark/Van Dorn, and the South Patrick Street Housing Affordability Study. These plans recommended transportation projects and studies that are currently unfunded and have been added to the 2020 LRP. They have been organized in a manner consistent with the guidance provided by the Commission.

At the September 18, 2020 Commission work session, staff provided an overview of the draft 2020 LRP project list, developer contingent list and studies list. Before the October

Transportation Commission meeting, Commissioners individually reviewed the draft 2020 LRP, and prioritized the projects using the criteria discussed during the September meeting. On October 21, 2020 the Commission had a fruitful discussion over the results of the individual prioritization exercise that resulted in minor adjustments. At the November meeting, Commissioners reviewed the revised scores and agreed to shift an additional project from the developer list to the prioritized project list: the I-395 Bike/Ped Bridge to the Landmark Mall site due to the need for City funding for the project. Commission members subsequently scored this project. The final scores can be found in Attachment 1. The final prioritized project list, developer list, and studies list are available in Attachments 2, 3, and 4, respectively.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2020 LRP – Project Scores
2. Final 2020 LRP Project Prioritization List
3. Final 2020 LRP – Developer Contingent Project List
4. Final 2020 LRP – Studies List