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Honorable Mayor Justin Wilson and Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
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December 16, 2020

Re: Endorsement of Application for I-395/95 Commuter Choice (Round Two) Grant

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its December 16, 2020 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse two I-395/95 Commuter Choice Grant applications, which will be brought to Council on January 12, 2021. The proposals seek a total of \$10,990,000 over a two-year period for service enhancements on two DASH routes in the new 2022 Alexandria Transit Vision (ATV) Plan that provide important transit connections for the West End.

The proposed top priority project, “DASH West End – Pentagon Bus Service Enhancements”, would provide weekday, Saturday, and Sunday service enhancements for the new DASH “Line 35”. This route replaces the existing AT-1 Plus DASH route in West Alexandria with an extension up to the Pentagon. This project will build on pre-pandemic AT-1 Plus ridership increases along the planned West End Transitway corridor, maintain a potential future source of operations funding for the transitway, and support the implementation of the 2022 ATV Plan. Total project cost for FY 2022 – 2023 is \$6,810,000.

The second-priority project, “DASH West End – Potomac Yard Bus Service Enhancements”, proposes weekday, Saturday, and Sunday service enhancements for “Line 36”, which replaces the existing AT-9 DASH route. “Line 39” provides service to key destinations along the I-395 corridor including the Mark Center, Shirlington, Arlandria, and the future Potomac Yard Metro Station. The proposed service enhancements will increase service along this corridor so that it runs every 15 minutes, all-day, seven days each week, as outlined by the 2022 ATV Plan. The total two-year cost of the project is \$4,180,000.

The Commission recommends that Council support these grant requests.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

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