

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 18, 2018

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: WORK SESSION ITEM – 2018 TRANSPORTATION LONG RANGE PLAN

ISSUE: 2018 update to the Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission (Commission) review the proposed 2018 LRP project and study lists and provide feedback.

BACKGROUND: As part of its responsibility to develop and maintain a comprehensive Transportation Long Range Plan (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 not captured in the previous LRP, or projects and studies no longer relevant, can also be removed if they have been completed or funded in the City’s CIP.

As part of the 2015 LRP update, the Commission approved updated evaluation criteria, adding “safety” as a new evaluation measure. In 2016, the Commission provided guidance to staff on the 2016 LRP update that will be used again in the development of the 2018 LRP. The guidance included the following:

- Remove any projects or studies that are either completed, shown to be not feasible through additional analysis already completed, or should be combined with another existing funded project;
- Existing or proposed projects such as roadways that are dependent on the timing of redevelopment proposals should be moved to a separate list, and not prioritized. These projects may also be implemented through developer requirements or contributions;
- For projects from a specific approved plan, such as a small area plan, consider consolidating projects that are similar, or within proximity of each other;

- New projects to add to the LRP (from approved plans) should be major projects that are unfunded, and that are not anticipated to be implemented through another funding source. For example, a number of priority projects identified in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan are currently in the Capital Improvement Program, or are anticipated to be implemented through the Complete Streets program.

Staff has put together a list of projects and studies, and removed and consolidated projects that are no longer relevant for the 2018 LRP.

DISCUSSION: Staff would like to initiate the 2018 LRP project discussion and receive guidance from the Transportation Commission.

A number of recent Small Area and smaller plans have been recently approved and new projects have been identified since the 2016 LRP exercise, including projects within the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan, and Oakville Triangle-Route 1 Corridor Plan. These plans include a significant number of recommended transportation projects or studies that are currently unfunded or have not been added to the CIP and are being added to the 2018 LRP.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2016 LRP – Final Approved Projects List
2. 2016 LRP – Final Approved Developer Contingent Project List
3. 2016 LRP – Final Approved Studies List
4. LRP Project Prioritization Criteria