

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** DECEMBER 16, 2020

**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**FROM:** HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION

**SUBJECT:** AGENDA ITEM #7 - FY 2022 CITY BUDGET LETTER

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**ISSUE:** Consideration of submission of a letter to the City Manager pertaining to the Commission's budget priorities for FY 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Transportation Commission endorse the draft letter to the City Manager.

**BACKGROUND:** At the November 2020 Transportation Commission meeting, Yon Lambert, Director of Transportation & Environmental Services presented the City Manager's budget priorities.

In FY20 and FY21, the impact on City revenue from the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in a \$41 million gap that needs to be closed while still meeting the basics safety-net human needs in our community in FY22. The four City staff Focus Area Teams have been asked to prepare draft FY22 budgets that reflect the five priority areas below and do so through a race and social equity lens:

- Human and Community Services and Assistance Recovery
- Business and Economic Recovery
- Building Community Resiliency to Climate Change
- Investments in Technology
- Policing Initiatives

The City Council held a retreat on November 7, 2020 in which the City Manager's budget goals and Council's budget goals were discussed and provided budget guidance at their November 10th meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** Members of the Commission shared their feedback for priorities at the meeting in November and via email to staff. Top priorities included Vision Zero, addressing priority bicycle and pedestrian projects, and implementation of the Alexandria Transit Vision Plan. A draft letter reflecting Commission feedback is provided as Attachment 1.