

The meeting will begin at 7:00PM.
We will be conducting audio/video
checks between 6:45 and 6:55PM.

Transportation Commission

February 16, 2022



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Meeting Notice

Agenda Item #1



Electronic Meeting Notice

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, the February 16, 2022 meeting of the Transportation Commission is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) and the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 to undertake essential business. All of the members of the public body and staff are participating from remote locations through a Zoom Webinar.



Public Comment Period

Agenda Item #2



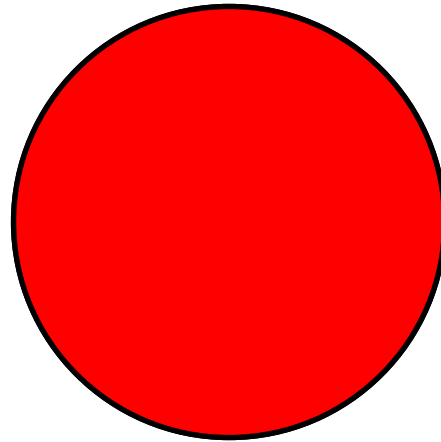
Public Comment

- For speakers not discussing items related to the public hearings.
- Raise hand or press *9
- Mute or unmute press *6
- 3 minutes per speaker



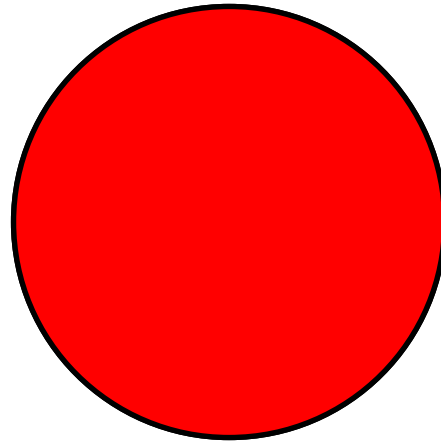
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Transportation Commission Minutes: January 19, 2022

Agenda Item #3



Consideration of Endorsement of an FY23 Regional Roadway Safety Grant Application

Agenda Item #4



Background

Program Overview

- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG)
- Short-term consultant services for projects that address roadway safety issues
- Up to \$80,000 for design or preliminary engineering

MWCOG Funding Priorities

- Safety Improvements for Low-Income and Minority Communities
- Improving Road User Behavior
- Identifying and Designing Safety Measures
- Understanding Safety Data
- Cross-Jurisdictional Safety Improvements

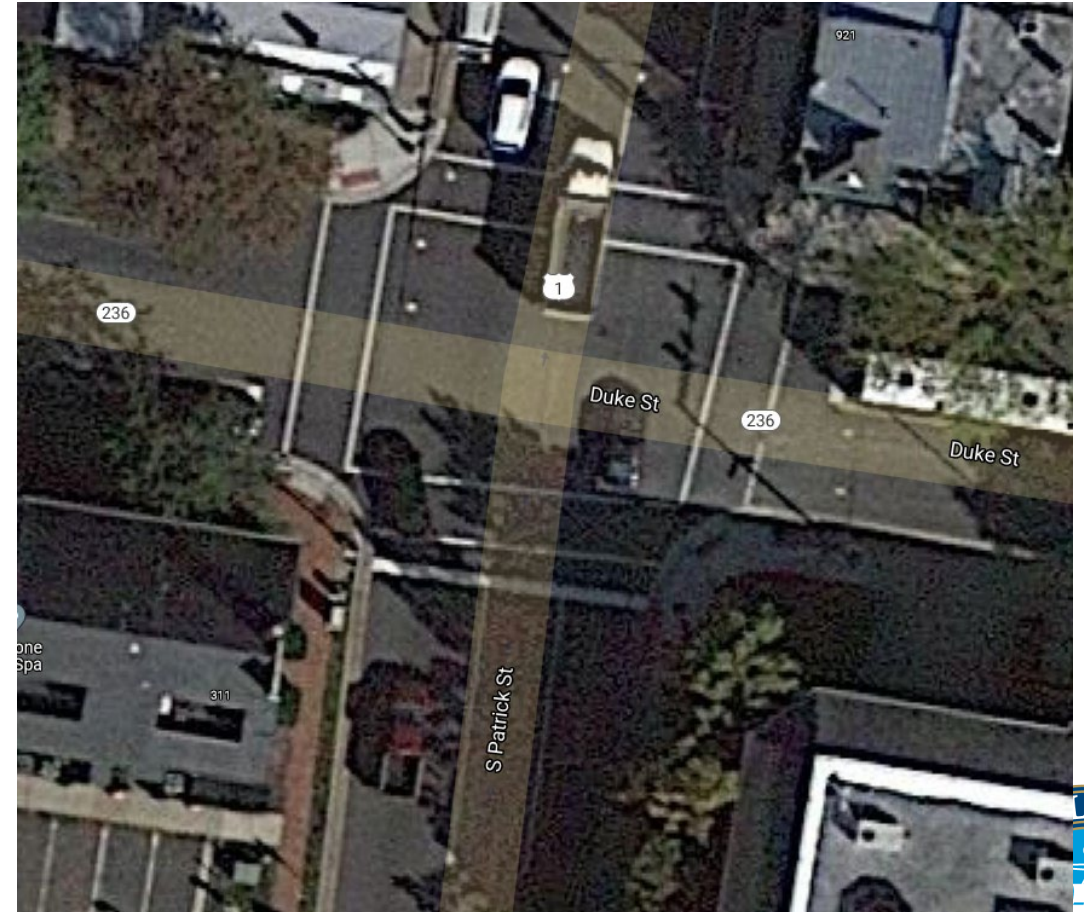


Proposed FY23 Grant Application



- Up to \$80,000 requested
- Design for safety improvements at S Patrick St/Duke St and S Henry St/Duke St
- Locations identified on Vision Zero high-injury network

Duke/S. Henry and Duke/S. Patrick



Grant Timeline

Applications Due: March 18, 2022

Project Award: May/June 2022

Project Kickoff: Fall 2022



Recommendation

That the Transportation Commission provide an endorsement to City Council for the proposed grant application to the FY 2023 Regional Roadway Safety Program.



Duke Street in Motion Update – Outreach Summary

Agenda Item #5





DUKE STREET *IN MOTION*

Transportation
Commission

February 16, 2022

alexandriava.gov/DukeInMotion

\$87M in Northern Virginia Transportation Authority regional revenues are being utilized towards this Duke Street Transitway project.



DUKE STREET *IN MOTION* WEEK AND RELATED EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- **Outreach** through social media, email, flyers, lawn signs, door hangers, etc.
- **Pop-up events & bus stop chats**
 - Bilingual street teams
 - Bus stop chats
 - Grocery stores
 - Public parks and library
 - Apartment / condo complexes
 - Laundromats
- **Web-based feedback form**
 - Feedback form and materials also in Spanish and Amharic.



MANY PEOPLE PARTICIPATED!

- 1,785 responses on the feedback form
- 3,587 project handouts distributed
- 6,393 received City T&ES eNews blast
- 95,889 reached on social media
- 22 community pop-up events
- 92 webinar attendees

Engagement Demographics

- **Pop-up events:** Most strategically located to reach & collect input from minority, low-income, marginalized non-English speaking community members.
- **Bus-stop chats:** 83% of participants at bus stop chats were minority members of the community (51% Hispanic, 29% Black, 3% Asian or other).
- **Feedback form:** Relative to the overall demographic composition of the corridor's population, feedback form responses had higher % of responses from affluent and white individuals, as well as from homeowners.



FINDINGS: BUS RIDING FREQUENCY

Many people would consider riding the bus more often if options were improved, safer, and more efficient.

- **47%** of all respondents said they would ride or would consider riding the bus more often if improved, safer, and more efficient options were provided.
- **72%** of respondents who currently ride the bus 1-5 times per month said the same.

FINDINGS: IMPROVEMENTS & AMENITIES

Most people interested in improving the bus riding experience.



	All Respondents	Current Bus Riders
<i>Access</i>	58% - <u>pedestrian and bicycle access</u> to/from bus stops.	68% - <u>improved pedestrian and bicycle access</u> to/from bus stops.
<i>Amenities</i>	68% - <u>bus stop improvements</u> were “very” or “somewhat” important.	78% - <u>bus stop improvements</u> were “very” or “somewhat” important.
<i>System</i>	51% - interested in <u>bus signal priority improvements</u> . 48% - interested in <u>dedicated bus lanes</u> .	62% - interested in <u>bus signal priority improvements</u> . 57% - interested in <u>dedicated bus lanes</u> .

FINDINGS: TRAVEL TIME & EFFICIENCY

Most are interested in traveling more efficiently.

- **88%** of all respondents AND current bus riders selected reduced traffic as an important priority for future improvements.
- Current bus riders selected “congestion” as a top challenge
 - » But less often than the average survey respondent (57% vs. 64%).

Many would like to have more predictability in bus arrival times.

- **65%** of all respondents and **74%** of current bus riders would like to see real-time bus arrival information at bus stops.

FULL SUMMARY IS AVAILABLE

Visit the website to download the summary document:
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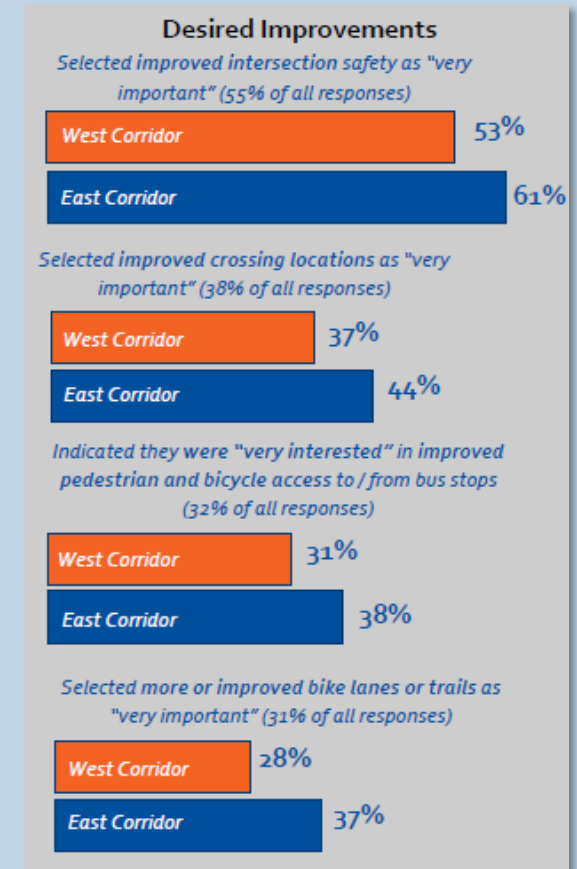
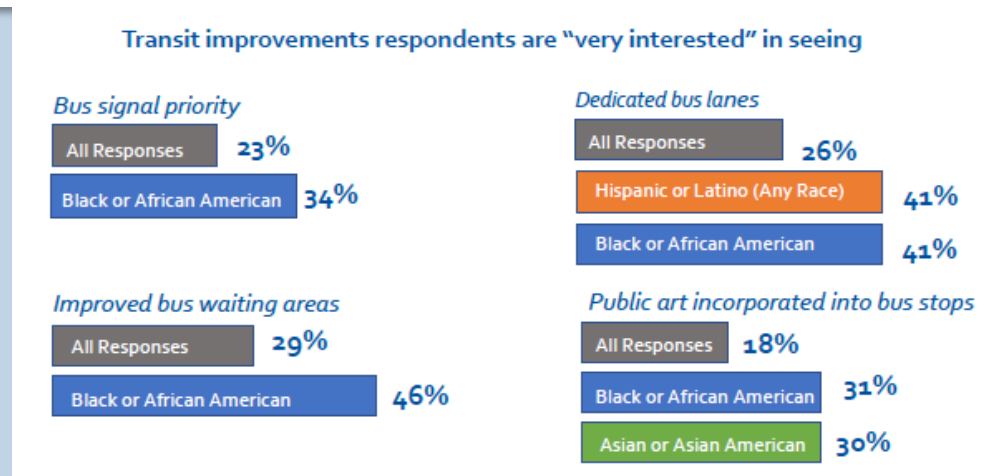
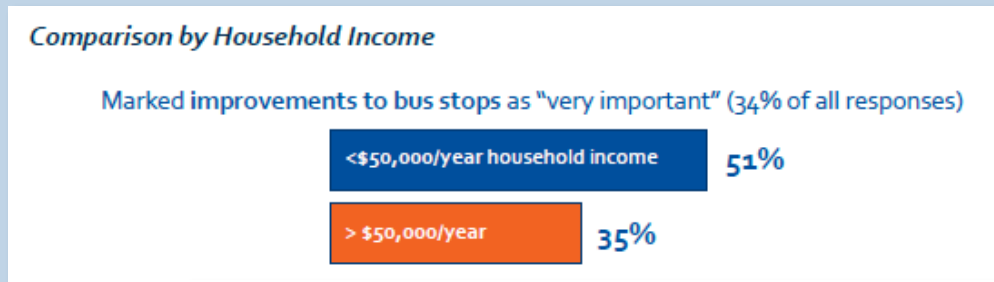


DUKE STREET
IN MOTION

Summer 2021
Community Engagement Summary

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ADVISORY GROUP PROPOSED COMPOSITION

9 members

- Transportation Commission member (1)
- Planning Commission member (1)
- Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities member or designee (1)
- DASH Bus Riders Group member or designee (1)
- Federation of Civic Association member or designee (1)
- At-large community representatives (3)
- Representative of the development community (1)

At large community members will represent interests unique to this project such as students, renters, businesses, minority communities, and non-driving households.

NEXT STEPS

February

- Onboard Design Consultant

March

- Establishment of Advisory Group by CC
- TC to assign member to Advisory Group

April

- Advisory Group kick-off meeting
- Finalize project Vision and Guiding Principles

Spring-
Winter 2022

- Use community input to inform the design of conceptual plan options
- Community engagement to gather feedback on concept designs
- Development and Council adoption of preferred alternative

Interdepartmental Long-Range Planning Work Program

Agenda Item #6



Background

- Each year
 - City departments prepare an Interdepartmental Long-Range Planning Work Program (ILRPWP)
- Includes
 - Completion of plans
 - Studies underway
 - New plans
 - Implementation of previously approved plans
 - Timelines





Key Transportation Projects in Work Program

- Duke Street Transitway
- Lower King Street Closures
- TMP Reform
- Beauregard Ellipse Traffic Study
- Update to Multimodal Transportation Study Guidelines
- Evaluate Curbside Management for Food Trucks
- Parking Standards Evaluation



Feedback?



Commissioner Updates

Agenda Item #7



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Items for Consent

Agenda Item #8



Other Business

- Legislative Session
- Transportation Commission Retreat



Adjourn Transportation Commission Meeting

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