

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING “SMART SCALE” FOR FY 2033 to FY 2034**

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, HB2 was signed into law, and in June 2016, the program was renamed SMART SCALE. SMART stands for System Management Allocation of Resources for Transportation and SCALE stands for Safety, Congestion Mitigation, Accessibility, Land Use, Environmental and Economic Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of SMART SCALE is to fund the right transportation projects through a prioritization process that evaluates each project’s merits using key factors, including: improvements to safety, congestion reduction, accessibility, economic development and environmental quality. The evaluation focuses on the degree to which a project addresses a problem or need relative to the requested funding for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, projects are scored based on an objective and fair analysis applied statewide. SMART SCALE also requires that project benefits be analyzed relative to project cost. Commonwealth Transportation Board policy requires the project benefits be analyzed relative to the amount of SMART SCALE funds requested, so the final SMART SCALE score is based on the project cost to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds of up to \$35 million for City of Alexandria projects, through the Virginia Department of Transportation SMART SCALE Program; and

**WHEREAS**, up to \$35 million is requested to fund the critical transportation needs in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and City of Alexandria applications include: 1) King Street-Bradlee Safety and Mobility Enhancements: Up to \$27 million, 2) Mount Vernon Avenue North Intersection Improvements: Up to \$8 million.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the city council of the City of Alexandria:

1. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports these applications for an allocation of up to \$35 million through the Virginia Department of Transportation SMART SCALE Program; and
2. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ALYIA GASKINS, MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC, City Clerk