

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION STATE AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY 2024**

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, the General Assembly passed HB 1539, which required the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to update the State Aid Grant Programs for operating and capital assistance based on performance metrics beginning in FY 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 1539 establishes separate prioritization processes for the Board's Six Year-Improvement Program, state of good repair projects, and major expansion projects and makes numerous changes to the administration of revenues for mass transit in the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for Operating Assistance State Aid for the City of Alexandria to include up to \$34,000,000 in eligible expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for Capital Assistance State Aid of up to \$20,000,000 to acquire replacement buses and batteries to replace buses and equipment at the end of their useful lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Commuter Assistance Program up to \$331,300 to increase the percentage of commuters using alternative transportation options; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Public Transportation Workforce Development Program for \$55,000 to continue funding one planning intern position to gain valuable experience in the public transportation industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Demonstration Project Assistance Program for \$315,000 is to fund pilot project to support the conversion to electric vehicles, to improve bus speed and reliability.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, THAT:**

1. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports the application for State Aid up to \$20,701,300 and eligible expenses up to \$34,000,000 through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for the State Aid Grant Program; and

2. The City Council hereby commits to include funds for its local match of agency funds of \$140,260 for state aided grants, if awarded, in its Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget;  
and
3. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to enter into any necessary agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia and/or NVTC and to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program to accept and implement the grants.

Adopted:

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**JUSTIN M. WILSON, MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk