

RESOLUTION NO. _____**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT
APPLICATION FOR THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING (RAISE) FOR
FY 2024**

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) was signed into law and in 2022, funded \$1.5 billion for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program (formerly known as TIGER grants); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of RAISE is to fund the small and large infrastructure projects through a prioritization process that evaluates each project's merits using key factors, including: improvements to safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, partnerships and collaboration and innovation. 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 a merit criteria review by the U.S. Department of Transportation evaluation team. For planning grants, RAISE also requires that project benefits be analyzed relative to project cost and demonstrate readiness in terms of start and completion dates, schedules for public engagement, financial completeness to obligate FY 2024 funds by September 30, 2028, and technical assessment of feasibility and capacity to deliver the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds up to \$1 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE Program for the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, up to \$1 million is required to fund a critical planning study for Seminary Road between Library Lane and North Beauregard Street, with these studies being conducted in collaboration between the Virginia Department of Transportation and the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

**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 this application for an allocation of up to \$1 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE Program, for FY 2024 and
2. The City Council hereby commits to include funds for its local match up to \$250,000 from developer contributions already acquired for this area, and already appropriated as prior year funds in the Seminary Road and Beauregard Street Ellipse Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project.

3. 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: _____

JUSTIN M. WILSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, City Clerk