

**RESOLUTION NO. 2546**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Complete Streets Program of the Federal Transportation Administration allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by City Council resolution be made in order that the Federal Transportation Administration fund Complete Street Program applications for:

- ✓ A Project grant of \$400,000 to make safety improvements including installation of pedestrian countdown signals, ADA compliant curb ramps and sidewalks and associated pedestrian safety improvements at four intersections with transit stops.

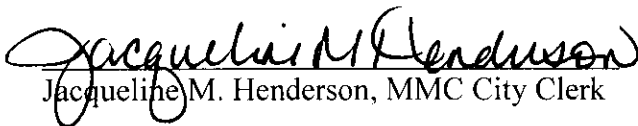
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council that the City Manager is authorized, for and on behalf of the City of Alexandria, hereafter referred to as the PUBLIC BODY, to execute and file an application to the Federal Transportation Administration, hereafter referred to as the FTA, for financial assistance in the amount of \$320,000 to defray the costs borne by the PUBLIC BODY for Complete Street Programs programs; and to accept from the FTA reimbursements in such amounts as expenses are submitted, and to authorize the City Manager to furnish the FTA grants in such amounts as may be awarded, and to authorize the City Manager to furnish to the FTA such documents and other information as may be required for processing the application. The City Council certifies that the funds shall be used in accordance with the requirements of Section 58.1-638.A of the Code of Virginia.

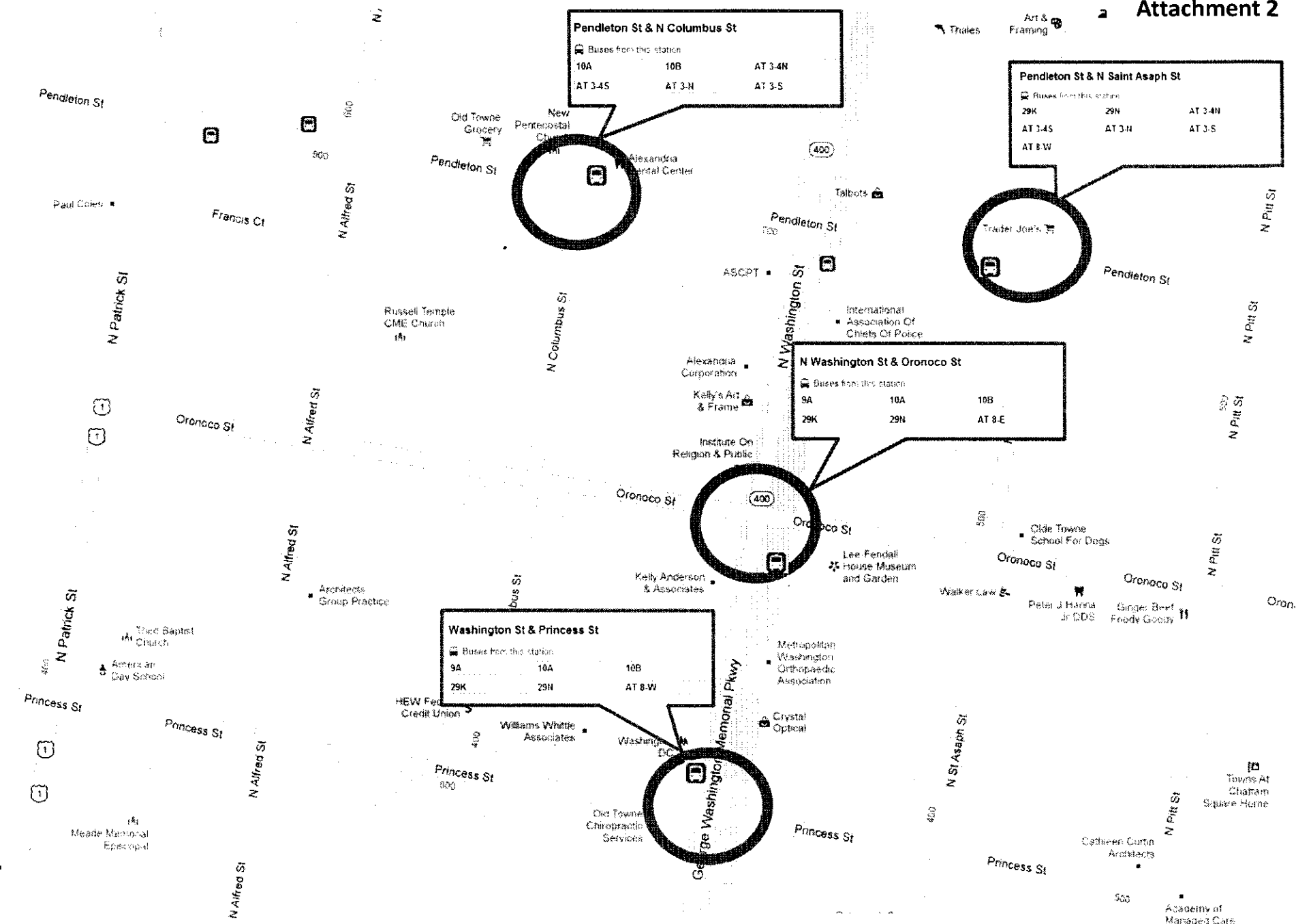
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the PUBLIC BODY will provide funds in the amount of \$80,000, which will be used as a 20 percent match to the FTA funds in the ratio as required in such Act, and that the records of receipts of expenditures of funds granted the PUBLIC BODY may be subject to audit by the FTA and by the State Auditor of Public Accounts, and that funds granted to the PUBLIC BODY for defraying the expenses of the PUBLIC BODY shall be used only for such purposes as authorized in the Code of Virginia. The undersigned duly qualified and acting as City Clerk of the PUBLIC BODY certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the City Council held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.

Adopted: March 27, 2013

  
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**WILLIAM D. EULLE** MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk



**New Freedom Grant Application Locations**

## Improvements by Intersection

On Street	At Street	Missing Pedestrian Signals	Curb Ramps to be Upgraded	Curb Extension	Bus Bench	Upgrade Crosswalks to High Visibility
Pendleton Street	St. Asaph St	1	7	1	0	2
Pendleton Street	Columbus St	1	7	1	0	2
N. Washington St	Oronoco St	1	0	0	0	4
N. Washington St	Princess St	1	0	0	1	4
<b>TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>COST PER UNIT</b>		<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Total Construction Cost</b>	\$320,600	\$280,000	\$14,000	\$20,000	\$3,000	\$3,600
<b>Total Design Cost</b>	\$47,640	\$42,000	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$0	\$540
<b>Total Contingency Cost</b>	\$31,760	\$28,000	\$1,400	\$2,000	\$0	\$360
<b>TOTAL GRANT APPLICATION</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>

**Letters of Support**

1. Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities
2. Alexandria Commission on Aging
3. Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee



## **Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities**

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Chuck Benagh, Chair  
703.746.3148 Voice

Office of Human Rights  
421 King Street, Suite 400  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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703.838.4976 Fax

March 6, 2013

Hillary Poole, LEED Green Associate  
Complete Streets Coordinator  
Department of Transportation & Environmental Services  
421 King Street, Suite 300  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Ms. Poole:

The Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) in recent years, on an ad hoc basis, has noted several intersections, pedestrian crossings, or access points that are dangerous or difficult for persons with disabilities.

The City of Alexandria has been very responsive when the ACPD has made a request for infrastructure modifications. However, like other municipalities, budget constraints limit the amount of projects that can be addressed during any fiscal year. Additionally, preserving the historic heritage of the City often presents additional cost requirements.

All these factors make the ACPD very excited about being able to further enable all of our residents to have access to pedestrian pathways and public transportation throughout our City. We are enthusiastic about contributing our efforts and experience to this fine project.

Sincerely,

Chuck Benagh, Chair

# Alexandria Commission on Aging

March 13, 2013

Hillary Poole  
Complete Streets Coordinator  
Department of Transportation & Environmental Services  
421 King Street, Suite 300  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Ms. Poole:

The Alexandria Commission on Aging enthusiastically supports the city's request for New Freedom funds to make Alexandria safer for all those who traverse its streets. "The Alexandria of Our Future: A Livable Community for All Ages," the city's strategic plan on aging, establishes that the availability of a range of mobility options for older residents is a major priority. Our goal reflects the requirement, for those who are aging--and everyone else--for "safe, walkable, transit-oriented development."

We have found, however, that many of Alexandria's intersections and crossings are currently in great need of repair and are hazardous for many. The city fell behind in installing needed repairs and accommodations for those with disabilities during years of financial stress. We are very hopeful that an infusion of additional funds will accelerate the city's ability to make our intersections safer.

Most Alexandrians want to stay in the city as they age, but many will find their mobility options limited if measures to protect their safety on our sidewalks and crossings are not completed. Diminished hearing, vision and agility are common in older adults, but their freedom to move safely around their neighborhoods and in the city is crucial to their well-being.

We are collaborating with the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, whose members have identified the most pressing needs for intersection improvements. We hope that your review of the city's proposal will meet with your approval.

Sincerely,

*Jane King*  
Jane King, Chair  
703-519-7843

Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

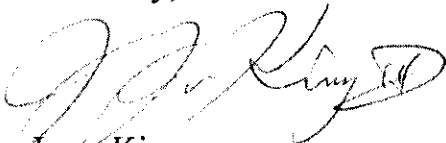
March 8, 2013

Hillary Poole, LEED Green Associate  
Complete Streets Coordinator  
Department of Transportation & Environmental Services  
421 King Street, Suite 300  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Ms. Poole:

The Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee strongly supports the grant application for pedestrian safety upgrades at four major intersections with transit stops in Old Town. As you realize our Committee is a strong advocate of reasonable improvements for pedestrians in our city. With budget constraints limiting most city expenditures we agree requesting grants is a cost effective alternative to fund these necessary projects. These upgrades will benefit our residents, especially those with disabilities. They also will encourage more use of the city's transit system which will in turn decrease vehicle traffic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry King". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "K".

Jerry King  
Chair