

RESOLUTION NO. 2923

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION-LAND USE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM FOR FY 2021

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Board of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments offers the Transportation-Land use Connections Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Transportation-Land use Connections Program is to provide short-term consultant services to local jurisdictions for small planning projects that promote mixed-use, walkable communities and support a variety of transportation alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the program provides consultant assistance of \$30,000 to \$60,000 for planning projects; and

WHEREAS, several U.S. jurisdictions are conducting evaluations of free and discounted transit fares, which will look at the impact of cost on low-income residents' public transit use and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, there is a potential benefit for Alexandria's low-income residents to benefit from such a program; and

WHEREAS, transit delays at bottlenecks lead to slower, less reliable, and more costly transit service and would be potentially cost-effective to address; and

WHEREAS, all Alexandrians benefit from faster, more efficient transit service;

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 the Transportation-Land Use Connections Program for an evaluation of a low-income transit fare programs or for an identification of transit bottlenecks; 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; and
3. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby authorizes the letter of support to the Transportation Planning Board of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments in support of this application.

Adopted: February 25, 2020



JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:



Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

February XX, 2020

Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002

RE: City of Alexandria's Application to the Transportation-Land Use Connections Program

Dear Members of the Transportation Planning Board:

I would like to convey my full support for the City of Alexandria's application to the Transportation-Land Use Connections program to assess transit improvements for low-income riders.

Alexandria is home to many low-income residents, many of whom were born in other countries and whose native language is not English. And many of these residents rely on the bus to access jobs, medical appointments and other services in the City. There is a great potential to increase the quality of life for these residents by exploring programs that improve transit, whether by reducing fares for low-income riders or other barriers to ridership.

We are looking forward to working with the TPB on this important topic and to improve the quality of life of all Alexandria residents.

Sincerely,

Justin Wilson, Mayor
City of Alexandria, Virginia