

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED APPLICATIONS FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING FOR FY 2023

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) was signed into law, and in 2023 the Federal Transit Administration announced approximately \$13.4 million in competitive grants for the fiscal year 2023 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning created by President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to strategically provide funding to communities to integrate land use and transportation planning in new methods for guideway and the core capacity of transit project corridors. The U.S. Department of Transportation will prioritize projects that will (1) renew our transit systems, (2) reduce greenhouse gas emissions from public transportation, (3) advance racial equity by removing transportation related disparities to all populations within a project area and increase equitable access to project benefits, and (4) maintain and create good paying jobs with a free and fair choice to join a union, and (5) connect communities by increasing access to affordable transportation options; and

WHEREAS, Grant applications are evaluated by the Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration with considerations including enhancing economic development and ridership facilitating multimodal connectivity and accessibility, increasing access to transit hubs for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, enabling mixed-use development, and encouraging affordable housing particularly in areas with high incidence rates of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria commits to supporting the City’s Duke Street Corridor Plan, which will incorporate recommendations from the City’s transit capital project, *Duke Street in Motion*, in the form of a comprehensive land use plan for the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning to support the implementation of the Duke Street Corridor Plan through community-based land use planning that will address the community’s need for increased affordable housing, access to reliable, frequent public transportation, and community amenities and infrastructure, and consistency with existing City policy; and

WHEREAS, up to \$750,000 is required to publicly fund the Duke Street planning process through the integration of land use and transportation planning in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

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

1. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of up to \$750,000 through the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration; and
2. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby commits to include funds for its local match of agency funds of up to \$150,000, if awarded, as already allocated in the Capital Improvement Program “Development Studies” project in the Community Development section; and
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, CMC, City Clerk