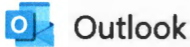


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[EXTERNAL]Support Eisenhower Ave Road Changes

From Ian Smith <gm.smithir@gmail.com>

Date Fri 10/4/2024 1:08 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

Hello,

My name is Ian Smith and I am a resident of Alexandria. I am writing to urge City Council to support the Traffic & Parking Board decision to redesign the Eisenhower Ave East of Holmes Run in the following way:

Redesign the street to maintain similar travel times as today (and even to reduce congestion at the intersection with Van Dorn Street) while including one motor vehicle travel lane in each direction, a center turn lane, a lane of parking, safer pedestrian crossings, protected bicycle lanes, a new sidewalk near the metro stations, as well as no right turn on red and a 25 MPH speed limit. This would make this growing area safer for pedestrians, and also help move the City towards a connected low stress bike network.

Thank you

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[EXTERNAL]Support for Eisenhower Ave Transportation Study and interim improvements

From Asa Orrin-Brown <asaorrinbrown@gmail.com>**Date** Thu 10/3/2024 1:57 PM**To** CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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City Council and Mayor,

I am writing to support the T&ES interim improvements and full traffic study for Eisenhower Ave. This project has already been approved by the Traffic and Parking Board, and has a wide range of benefits for the community, and I sincerely hope that you will vote to confirm the Traffic and Parking Boards decision.

This project fills in a vital gap in the Alexandria East-West bike route, which will help cyclists, ebike riders, and scooter riders of all ages and abilities. This project proposes separate heels and wheels facilities, which is industry best practice and is supported by the local safety advocacy groups, including Alexandria BPAC, NFFSS and the Coalition for a safer Eisenhower.

I saw a blind pedestrian walking in the street by the curb along this stretch of Eisenhower the other day. I stopped and talked to him. His name is Irwin. I encouraged him to write to you as well, but I'm not sure how easy that is for him to do without sight. He was initially defensive when I stopped, as if he was expecting me to yell at him. That saddens me and makes me think he has been yelled at by other roadway users in the past for walking in the only place he can. He explained that because the sidewalk has so many trip hazards and non ADA compliant sections, walking in the road is actually the best thing he can do currently. He was very excited to hear that a new sidewalk might be built that was ADA compliant! If for no other reason, please support this project so Irwin doesn't have to walk in the street anymore!

The linear park concept between Holmes Run and Mill is a brilliant idea! I love the way this creates more tree cover, reduces a heat island, reduces the amount of runoff, reduces the amount to paved surface in the City, allows for rain garden infrastructure and other sustainable water solutions right next to a vulnerable waterway, and leads the way on linear park conversion in our City, which could be a great solution in multiple areas (like the West End and Old Town) as people transition away from personal vehicle dependence.

This plan also has the support of the Eisenhower Partnership, a business group representing the existing and emerging businesses on the West end of Eisenhower. They welcome the multi-modal development and are confident that it will help bring more clients to their part of the city. As someone who frequents business in that area, I concur. The main reason I don't go more often is because there isn't a safe and comfortable route to bike.

This plan also helps deal with the deadly and congested intersection at Van Dorn, as well as the dangerous curve on Eisenhower just East of the Metro. These are both high crash areas that need solutions as a part of Alexandria Complete Streets and Vision Zero. T&ES's interim solution creates great short term solutions, and it makes sense to adopt them as soon as possible.

This plan also leaves space for an eventual BRT lane (turned to temporary street parking in the interim) in compliance with the Eisenhower small area plan. Increased service and faster bus routes will be critical as this part of the City continues to develop.

This plan also finds an affordable and innovative solution for moving traffic onto Metro Way, an existing and underutilized road, to alleviate congestion at the intersection of Eisenhower and Van Dorn. While I don't love the slip lanes this leaves in place, it is a reasonable solution for a difficult intersection. As long as there are adequate metered crossings installed for pedestrians and bicycles/scooters, I am in support of this solution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Asa Orrin-Brown

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[EXTERNAL]Eisenhower Ave Improvements

From (null) (null) <softail180@yahoo.com>

Date Thu 10/3/2024 2:09 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello , A quick note in support of adding pedestrian , bicycle & scooter improvements . It makes sense to update the west end of Eisenhower Ave into safer multi use roadway since more residential homes are being built now , there is more need to provide a Vision Zero environment . Thanks . Kirk Saunders 9 S French St

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Gloria Sitton

From: noreply@salesforce.com on behalf of Alex311 <alex311@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 1:19 AM
To: Christina Thompson; Amy Jackson; John Chapman; Kirk McPike; Tenesia Wells; Calvin Moore; Regina Benavides; Melissa Douglas; Sarah Bagley; Keia Waters; Alyia Gaskins; Karl Bach; Canek Aguirre; Michele Griffin; Christine Macey; Gloria Sitton; Mark McHugh; Kristine Devine; Suzanne Derr; Justin Wilson; CRM Administrator
Subject: [EXTERNAL]24-00030156 - Open - COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council

COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council (24-00030156) service request has been created, updated, and/or requires your attention.

Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	<u>24-00030156</u>	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Android	Submitted On:	10/4/2024 1:17 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	10/11/2024 1:17 AM
Description:	A Safe and Sustainable Eisenhower Ave. I fully support the Traffic & Parking Board's decision to redesign the street, preserving current travel times and even reducing congestion at the Van Dorn Street intersection. The plan's inclusion of one motor vehicle lane in each direction, a center turn lane, parking, safer pedestrian crossings, protected bicycle lanes, a new sidewalk near the metro stations, a 25 MPH speed limit, and no right turn on red is a smart approach to making this area safer for all. As someone who frequently bikes and uses public transportation around the city, I believe these changes will enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists while helping the City progress toward a connected, low-stress bike network.		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
Which Council Member would you like to contact?	All Members
What is the nature of your request?	Legislative or Policy Issues
Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

Gloria Sitton

From: noreply@salesforce.com on behalf of Alex311 <alex311@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 5:27 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides
Subject: [EXTERNAL]TES-Transportation and Environmental Services General Comments, Complaints, or Inquiries - (24-00029639) [thread::-7jUxOTmFeaGYUsqo9VgGSA::]

Dear Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson and Members of City Council:

This request has been assigned to TES Mobility for review and response. Updates about this case will be shared on the weekly wrap-up sent every Monday. Please let us know if you have any questions. We are here to help!

COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council (24-00029639) service request has been created, updated, and/or requires your attention.

Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	24-00029639	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	9/29/2024 5:57 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	10/4/2024 5:57 PM
Description:	I'd like to comment on the petition for a Safe and Sustainable Eisenhower Ave. As a cyclist who bikes down Eisenhower almost every day, I've witnessed and experienced several close calls where accidents with cars were narrowly avoided. From what I've seen, this is from cars going too fast, making turns on red without stopping or looking for people in crosswalks, and the lack of a protected bicycle lane (especially between Telegraph Road and Hoofs Run). I support the Traffic & Parking Board decision to redesign the street to maintain similar travel times as today (and even to reduce congestion at the intersection with Van Dorn Street) while including one motor vehicle travel lane in each direction, a center turn lane, a lane of parking, safer pedestrian crossings, protected bicycle lanes, a new sidewalk near the metro stations, as well as no right turn on red and a 25 MPH speed limit. This would make this growing area safer for pedestrians, and also help move the City towards a connected low stress bike network. Completing the connection of the trail on Eisenhower from Van Dorn past Mill Road would significantly improve the area's connectivity, enabling access to more bicyclists and pedestrians.		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
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Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

Gloria Sitton

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Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 11:42 AM
To: Christina Thompson; Amy Jackson; John Chapman; Kirk McPike; Tenesia Wells; Calvin Moore; Regina Benavides; Melissa Douglas; Sarah Bagley; Keia Waters; Alyia Gaskins; Karl Bach; Canek Aguirre; Michele Griffin; Christine Macey; Gloria Sitton; Mark McHugh; Kristine Devine; Suzanne Derr; Justin Wilson; CRM Administrator
Subject: [EXTERNAL]24-00029857 - Open - COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council

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Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	24-00029857	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	10/1/2024 11:40 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	10/8/2024 11:40 AM
Description:	I support the Traffic & Parking Board decision to redesign Eisenhower Avenue to maintain similar travel times as today (and even to reduce congestion at the intersection with Van Dorn Street) while including one motor vehicle travel lane in each direction, a center turn lane, a lane of parking, safer pedestrian crossings, protected bicycle lanes, a new sidewalk near the metro stations, as well as no right turn on red and a 25 MPH speed limit. This would make this growing area safer and more comfortable for people walking, biking, and rolling, and also help move the City towards a connected low stress bike network.		

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Service Questions:

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To: Christina Thompson; Amy Jackson; John Chapman; Kirk McPike; Tenesia Wells; Calvin Moore; Regina Benavides; Melissa Douglas; Sarah Bagley; Keia Waters; Alyia Gaskins; Karl Bach; Canek Aguirre; Michele Griffin; Christine Macey; Gloria Sitton; Mark McHugh; Kristine Devine; Suzanne Derr; Justin Wilson; CRM Administrator
Subject: [EXTERNAL]24-00029429 - Open - COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council

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Service Request Number:	24-00029429	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	9/27/2024 11:36 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	10/4/2024 11:36 AM
Description:	I spoke at the Traffic & Parking Board meeting in favor of the changes on Eisenhower Ave. I have had to walk near & cross that street and every time I've felt unsafe. I support traffic calming measures, better integration with public transit (e.g. MetroRail), and a dedicated bike lane.		

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Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2024 5:12 PM
To: Christina Thompson; Amy Jackson; John Chapman; Kirk McPike; Tenesia Wells; Calvin Moore; Regina Benavides; Melissa Douglas; Sarah Bagley; Keia Waters; Alyia Gaskins; Karl Bach; Canek Aguirre; Michele Griffin; Christine Macey; Gloria Sitton; Mark McHugh; Kristine Devine; Suzanne Derr; Justin Wilson; CRM Administrator
Subject: [EXTERNAL]24-00029369 - Open - COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council

COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council (24-00029369) service request has been created, updated, and/or requires your attention.

Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	24-00029369	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	9/26/2024 5:10 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	10/3/2024 5:10 PM
Description:	I support the Traffic and Parking Board's decision to redesign Eisenhower Avenue. I bike and walk on Eisenhower almost every day. I shop at Hoffman Center, walk my dog to Holmes Run Trail, and use the recycling center. The current design, which promotes dangerous and fast driving, is unnecessary and unsafe. The redesign is a step to a more liveable and safe street where, no matter how you travel, you can do so comfortably.		

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