RESOLUTION NO. 3231

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED PROJECT APPLICATION FOR THE STRENGTHENING MOBILITY AND REVOLUTIONIZING TRANSPORTATION (SMART) GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY 2024

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) was signed into law and in Section 25005, authorized and appropriated \$100 million to the Department of Transportation (USDOT) for FY 2024 for the SMART Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the SMART Grants program is to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems in a variety of communities to improve transportation efficiency and safety. Funding for projects is focused on using technology interventions to solve real-world challenges and build data and technology capacity and expertise in the public sector; and

WHEREAS, projects are scored based on a merit criteria review by the U.S. Department of Transportation evaluation team. For planning grants, SMART also requires that project benefits align to program priorities of safety and reliability, resiliency, equity and access, climate, partnerships, and integration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds up to \$2 million through the U.S Department of Transportation SMART Grant Program for the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, up to \$2 million is required to fund a critical planning study for the integration of AI-powered road quality and sign detection into our asset management process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of the City of Alexandria:

- The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of up to \$2 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation SMART Program, for FY 2024; 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.

Adopted: June 25, 2024

JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST: Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk 10