

RESOLUTION NO. ____

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION STATE AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY 2025

WHEREAS, in 2018, the General Assembly passed HB 1539, which required the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to update the State Aid Grant Programs for operating and capital assistance based on performance metrics beginning in FY 2020; and

WHEREAS, HB 1539 establishes separate prioritization processes for the Board's Six Year-Improvement Program, state of good repair projects, and major expansion projects and makes numerous changes to the administration of revenues for mass transit in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for Operating Assistance State Aid for the City of Alexandria to include up to \$37,000,000 in eligible expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for Capital Assistance State Aid of up to \$400,000 to acquire batteries, and spare parts for DASH hybrid buses in an effort to extend the useful lives of these buses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Commuter Assistance Program for up to \$350,000 to increase the percentage of commuters using alternative transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Public Transportation Workforce Development Program for up to \$110,000 to continue funding two planning intern positions to gain valuable experience in the public transportation industry; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Demonstration Project Assistance Program for up to \$300,000 to fund a pilot project to support and enhance the customer experience through a passenger information screen pilot and to improve safety by increasing visibility in blind spots; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Transit Rider Incentive Program for up to \$500,000 to fund bus stop amenities city wide to increase safety and improve the rider experience;

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 applications for State Aid funding for up to \$1,660,000 in State Aid Grant Programs, and \$37,000,000 in State Aid Transit Operating Assistance for eligible expenses through the Virginia Department of

Rail and Public Transportation and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) State Aid Grant Programs; and

2. The City Council hereby commits to include funds for its local match up to \$312,000 for the Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for the State Aid Grant Programs, if awarded, in the FY 2025 budget or supplemental appropriation process; and
3. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager and the DASH General Manager to enter into any necessary agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia and/or NVTC and to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program to accept and implement the grants.

Adopted:

JUSTIN M. WILSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk