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

RE: <u>City of Alexandria's Application to the Transportation-Land Use Connections</u>
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