

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
APPLICATIONS FOR THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION STATE AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY 2026**

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 \$42,500,000 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 \$16,000,000 to acquire bus replacements; 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 or apprentice 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 MERIT Minor Enhancement Program for up to \$500,000 to fund bus stop amenities city wide to increase safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the MERIT State of Good Repair Program for up to \$350,000 to fund non-revenue vehicle purchases; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the MERIT State of Good Repair Program for up to \$375,000 to fund facility related capital expenditures for items in need of critical replacement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Transit Rider Incentive Program for up to \$1,025,000 to provide free rides on WMATA Metrobus and Metrorail for middle school and high school students; 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;

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 up to \$61,210,000 and eligible expenses through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for the State Aid Grant Programs, and
2. The City Council hereby commits to include funds for its local match up to \$10,954,000 for the Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for the State Aid Grant Programs, if awarded, in its Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget, up to \$100,000 its Fiscal Year 2028 Operating Budget; up to \$157,500 its Fiscal Year 2029 Operating Budget, and up to \$200,000 its Fiscal Year 2030 Operating Budget; and
3. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to enter into any necessary agreements with the DASH General Manager, 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:

ALYIA GASKINS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk