

**RESOLUTION NO. 3149**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATION FOR THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING (LOW-NO & BUS AND BUS FACILITIES) FOR FY 2023**

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) was signed into law, and in 2023, funded \$1.22 billion and \$469 for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Low or No Emissions (Low-No) and Buses and Bus Facilities discretionary grant programs, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Low-No is to fund the transition of transit fleet to the lowest polluting and most energy efficient transit vehicles and Bus and Bus Facilities Programs assists in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing or leasing bus-related facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, projects are scored based on a merit criteria review by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration. Evaluation criterion includes: demonstration of need, demonstration of benefits, reducing energy consumption, reducing harmful emissions, reducing direct carbon emissions, safety, system condition, enhanced access and mobility, planning and local/regional prioritization, local financial commitment, project implementation strategy, and technical, legal and financial capacity. Additional priority considerations include climate change, full fleet transition, creating good –paying jobs, zero emission fleet transition plan with a focus on work force development, and projects that support the Justice40 initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria commits to support the transition of the DASH fleet to 100% zero emissions buses by the year 2037 in support of the City's Eco-City initiative and Environmental Action Plan 2040; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds up to \$38 million through the DOT 2023 Low-No and Bus and Bus Facilities Program for the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, up to \$38 million is required to fund critical transportation and sustainability needs in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia:

1. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of up to \$38 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation Low-No & Bus and Bus Facilities Program;

2. the City Council hereby commits to include funds for its local match of agency funds of up to \$5.3 million, if awarded, in its Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvement Program Budget; and
3. 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.

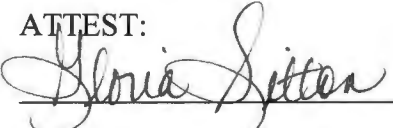
Adopted: March 28, 2023



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**JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR**

ATTEST:



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Gloria Sitton, CMC, City Clerk