

Resolution No. ____

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING “SMART
SCALE” FOR FY 2027 to FY 2028**

WHEREAS, in 2014, HB2 was signed into law, and in June 2016, the program was renamed SMART SCALE. SMART stands for System Management Allocation of Resources for Transportation and SCALE stands for Safety, Congestion mitigation, Accessibility, Land use, Environmental and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of SMART SCALE is to fund the right transportation projects through a prioritization process that evaluates each project’s merits using key factors, including: improvements to safety, congestion reduction, accessibility, land use, economic development and the environment. The evaluation focuses on the degree to which a project addresses a problem or need relative to the requested funding for the project; and

WHEREAS, projects are scored based on an objective and fair analysis applied statewide. SMART SCALE also requires that project benefits be analyzed relative to project cost. Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) policy requires the project benefits be analyzed relative to the amount of SMART SCALE funds requested, so the final SMART SCALE score is based on the project cost to the state; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds of up to \$56 million for City of Alexandria and DASH projects, through the VDOT SMART SCALE Program; and

WHEREAS, up to \$44 million is requested to fund the critical transportation needs in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and City of Alexandria applications include: 1) I-395 Exit Ramp Improvements at Duke St: Up to \$14 million, 2) Duke St and Van Dorn St Intersection Improvements: Up to \$20 million 3) Metroway Extension: Up to \$10 million; and

WHEREAS, up to \$12 million is requested to fund the continued transition to 100% electric buses, the following DASH project application includes the DASH Facility Expansion Phase II.

**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 these applications for an allocation of up to \$56 million through the Virginia Department of Transportation SMART SCALE Program; 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: _____

Justin M. Wilson, Mayor
On behalf of the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, City Clerk
City of Alexandria, Virginia