

RESOLUTION NO. 3066

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT
APPLICATION FOR THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING (RAISE) FOR
FY 2022**

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) was signed into law, and in 2022, funded \$1.5 billion for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program (formerly known as TIGER grants); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of RAISE is to fund the small and large infrastructure projects through a prioritization process that evaluates each project's merits using key factors, including: improvements to safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, partnerships and collaboration and innovation. 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 a merit criteria review by the U.S. Department of Transportation evaluation team. RAISE also requires that project benefits be analyzed relative to project cost and demonstrate readiness in terms of environmental risk and permitting, financial completeness to obligate funds by September 30, 2026, and technical assessment of feasibility and capacity to deliver the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds up to \$6 million through the DOT RAISE Program for the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, up to \$11 million is required to fund critical transportation needs for the King Street and Beauregard Street Intersection Improvements 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 \$6 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE 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: April 5, 2022



JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:



Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk



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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

March 16, 2022

Re: **Endorsement of Consideration of the RAISE Grant Funding Requests**

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its March 16 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse the staff-recommended project for the new U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure With Sustainability And Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant, previously known as TIGER grants. The proposed application would be for up to \$6 million for improvements at the intersection of King Street and N. Beauregard Street.

The proposed design includes crossing improvements, pedestrian refuge islands, and curb ramps to enhance safety at this location. The medians will be widened to narrow travel lanes to slow traffic and will include green elements to improve stormwater management on the site.

This request supports the goals of the Alexandria Mobility Plan and the Vision Zero Action Plan. The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff recommendations for RAISE funding, as well as to provide its endorsement to Council.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gonzalez Oscar (Mar 17, 2022 15:32 EDT)

Oscar Gonzalez

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission
Jim Parajon, City Manager
Emily Baker, Deputy City Manager

Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES
Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES
Christopher Ziemann, Division Chief, Transportation Planning

RAISE Grant Applications

April 5, 2022

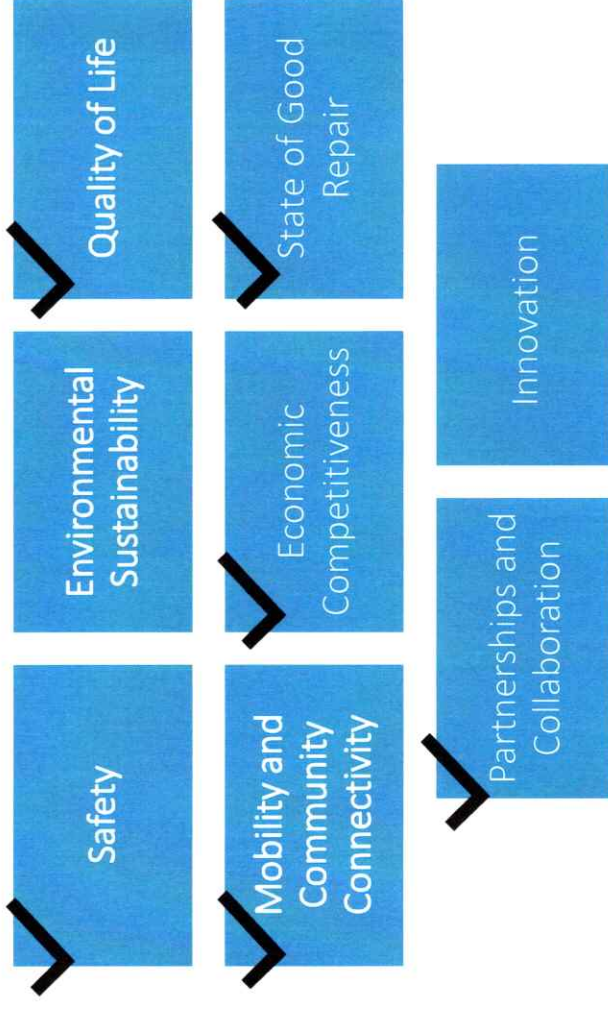


RAISE – Selection Criteria



- Merit Criteria
- Benefit Cost Analysis
- ✓ Demonstrate Readiness
 - ✓ Environmental risk & permitting
 - ✓ Technical assessment of feasibility and capacity to deliver project
 - ✓ Financial completeness
 - ✓ Obligating funds by September 30, 2026

Merit Criteria

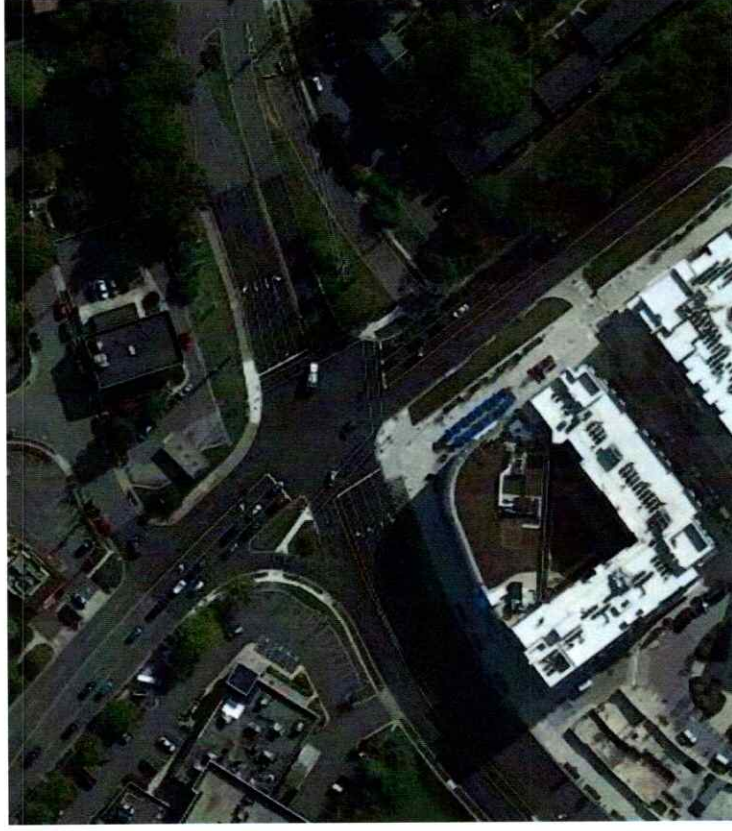


Summary of *MAXIMUM* Funding Requests



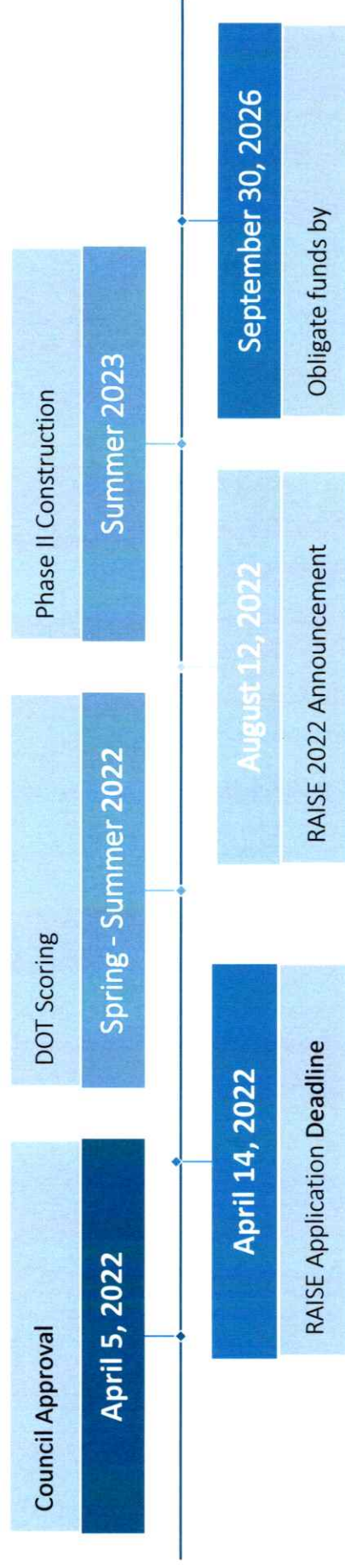
King Street and Beauregard Street Intersection Improvements	Project Funding Sources
Federal - RAISE Grant request	Up to \$6.0 million
State Grants	\$4.8 million
Local	\$100K
Total	Up to \$18 million

Project Location: King Street at Beauregard Street



- Intent of design modification is to provide a more pedestrian friendly environment to align with recent developments within the area.
- Modify plans to include:
 - One left turn lane on both approaches to King Street
 - Remove dedicated right turn lane on N. Beauregard Street to be consistent with standard urban design practices
 - Wider Medians to provide pedestrian refuge space on all legs of the intersection
 - Narrowed lanes consistent with the City's Complete Streets Design Guidelines

Next Steps



Recommendation



- That the City Council:
- Authorize the submission of an application with up to \$6 million to RAISE
- Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.