

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT
APPLICATION FOR THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING (LOW-NO AND
BUSES AND BUS FACILITIES) FOR FY 2022**

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) was signed into law, and in 2022, funded \$1.1 billion and \$372 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 Buses 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 criteria include: demonstration of need, demonstration of benefits, planning and local/regional prioritization, local financial commitment, project implementation strategy, and technical, legal and financial capacity. Additional priority considerations include climate change, environmental justice, racial equity and barriers to opportunity, creating good –paying jobs, zero emission fleet transition plan with a focus on work force development, and other selection criteria; 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 \$50 million through the DOT 2022 Low-No and Buses and Bus Facilities Program for the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, up to \$50 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 \$50 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation Low-No and Buses and Bus Facilities 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

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, CMC, City Clerk