

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT  
APPLICATION FOR THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING  
(RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT) FOR FY 2022**

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) was signed into law, and in 2022, funded \$1 billion for the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Reconnecting Communities discretionary grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Reconnecting Communities grant is to fund projects to reconnect communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. Funding supports planning grants and capital construction grants, as well as technical assistance, to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure 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: equity, environmental justice, and community engagement; mobility and community connectivity; community-based stewardship, management and partnerships; and equitable development and shared prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria commits to study the feasibility of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over I-395 to provide critical mobility, access, safety, and connectivity improvements to the redeveloped Landmark Mall through this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds up to \$300,000 through the USDOT 2022 Reconnecting Communities Program to fund critical transportation and sustainability needs in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

**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 \$300,000 through the U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities Program;
2. the City Council hereby commits to include, if awarded, up to \$60,000 for the required 20% local match through the Transportation Project Planning Capital Improvement Program; 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Gloria Sitton, CMC, City Clerk