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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
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September 21, 2023

Re: **Endorsement of Grant Application for the FY 2025 Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program (VHSIP) Systemic Safety Funding Program**

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its September 20 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse a grant application for funding of \$2,000,000 through the FY 2025 VHSIP Systemic Safety Funding Program from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to support systemic safety measures at all of the City's signalized T-intersections.

T-intersections are particularly challenging for pedestrians because all crossings with a vehicle present include a turning vehicle movement which is inherently more dangerous. The Transportation Commission supports staff's proposal to request funding for these signage and signal systems upgrades to improve safety for all users at these locations.

This project supports the Vision Zero Action Plan strategy to implement systemic safety improvements. It also supports the following strategies in the Alexandria Mobility Plan:

- Implement the Vision Zero Action Plan to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2028.
- Create a safe, well-maintained, and comfortable walking and biking environment.

The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff's proposal and to provide its endorsement to Council.

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

Sincerely,

Melissa McMahon
Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

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