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**From:** michaelandbob@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 2:44 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #43884: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council This is Bob Eiffert writing on behalf of

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- Name: Robert Eiffert
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-212-7116
- Email: [michaelandbob@comcast.net](mailto:michaelandbob@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: This is Bob Eiffert writing on behalf of the Alexandria Commission on Aging to thank you for your support of the amendments to the Eisenhower East Plan to install concrete sidewalks with brick accents. Your support will enable a much improved travel path for everyone who uses the area. We look forward to continuing this policy in other development and redevelopment areas of the City. Thank you again!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, December 30

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**From:** michaelandbob@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 11, 2013 10:22 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #43430: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council ROBERT C. EIFFERT1418  
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[michaelandbob@comcast.net](mailto:michaelandbob@comcast.net)

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: City Council Public Hearing Docket Item #10, Master Plan Amendment #2013-007, Eisenhower East Plan, Regarding Brick Sidewalks

DATE: December 11, 2013

My name is Bob Eiffert and I am writing on behalf of the Alexandria Commission on Aging in support of the proposed concrete and brick sidewalk surfaces in the Eisenhower East Plan (docket item #10 for the December 14, 2013 public hearing). The Commission, along with the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, is a strong proponent of Boston's "No Net New Brick" policy for its sidewalks for safety and accessibility reasons. While we recognize the historic nature of the brick sidewalks in Old Town, we see no reason to extend them outside of the Old and Historic District. Brick sidewalks are inherently rougher and more prone to maintenance issues than concrete. Even the newest installation techniques applied in Eisenhower East are failing. Sidewalks in a number of areas are already uneven and unsightly. What we are calling a "hybrid model" of a main walkway that is unobstructed concrete with brick banding and accents seems an excellent compromise of aesthetics with safety, accessibility and lower maintenance costs.

As the staff report notes, the 2 commissions worked with staff from Planning and Zoning and the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services on this issue. We wish to commend Rich Baier from T&ES and Jeffrey Farner from Planning and Zoning for their willingness to listen and observe with us, and the creativity that they and their excellent staff demonstrated in approaching this issue. We are grateful for their insights and support.

We appreciate the Planning Commission's unanimous vote in favor of this amendment, and we urge the City Council to do likewise. We further urge you to extend this policy to other new developments in the city, including Potomac Yard, Landmark and Beauregard, as well as any other small area plans outside the Old and Historic District. The safety and accessibility of sidewalks for all residents – not just older residents or those with disabilities – is enhanced by this design principle.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, December 18

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**From:** Cityworks.Mail@alexandriava.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2013 2:07 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Request: 43577

**Request: Complete Streets Requests 43577**

Address: Initiated By: CitizenRL  
Date Initiated: 12/13/2013 1:48:49 PM

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Details: Please Choose a Complete Streets Topic "Sidewalk" ACPD appreciates the staff cooperation and understanding that went into the new policy on brick sidewalks. We support what staff has proposed. We believe sidewalks in the historic district could be slowly replaced with walks using higher standards instead of repairs using old standards and urge additional funding for this purpose. We do believe the new standards for street trees with larger growing space [See attached file for full comment.]

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