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Honorable Mayor William D. Euille and Members of City Council City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

September 17, 2015

Re: Consideration of House Bill Two Grant Applications

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

At its September 16, 2015 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse the staff-recommended prioritized list of projects to seek grant funding via House Bill Two (HB2). This includes the following funding requests:

- \$1.8 million for DASH technology;
- \$1 million for broadband communications infrastructure associated with the Transportation Security Administration site;
- \$7 million for adaptive traffic control signals;
- \$6 million for Old Cameron Run Trail Project; and,
- \$500,000 for the Farrington Connector Feasibility Study

In 2014, House Bill Two (HB2) was signed into law. The law requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to develop and implement a quantifiable and transparent prioritization process for making funding decisions for capacity enhancing projects within the six-year improvement program. The Northern Virginia planning district scoring factors are weighted as follows:

- Congestion Mitigation 45%
- Land Use 20%
- Accessibility 15%
- Environmental Quality 10%
- Economic Development 5%
- Safety 5%

Applications will be submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Department of Rail and Public Transit (DRPT), and are due on September 30, 2015. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will make funding determinations in July 2015. Funding for approved projects is expected to be available by the end of July 2016.

The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff recommendations for HB2 funding, as well as the consideration of its endorsement by Council.

Sincerely,

Nathan M. Macek

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

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