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Honorable Mayor Allison Silberberg and Members of City Council
City Hall
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October 20, 2016

Re: Endorsement of Pedestrian and Bicycle Grant Proposals for VDOT Funding

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council:

At its October 19, 2016 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted unanimously to endorse two
pedestrian and bicycle grant request proposals, that will be brought to Council at its October 25, 2016
meeting. The first proposal will seek $800,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
through the Transportation Alternatives Grant Program in support of the Holmes Run Trail Connector. The
second proposal will seek $400,000 from VDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program for safety improvements
at the intersection of Seminary Road and Howard Street.

Both projects are identified in the Pedestrian and Bicycle chapter of the Transportation Master Plan, adopted
by Council in April 2016. The Plan recommends the Holmes Run Trail Connector project as a priority trail
project. This project is also in the City's 2016 Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP), recently approved by
the Commission. The proposed intersection improvements at Seminary Road at Howard Street are included
in the Seminary Road Case Study area of the Pedestrian and Bicycle chapter of the Transportation Master
Plan. These improvements are important to address the number of accidents and safety issues at this
intersection.

The Commission recommends that Council support these grant requests. We appreciate the opportunity to
provide input on grant proposals in support of multimodal initiatives consistent with the intent of the City's
Transportation Master Plan.

Sincerely,

J.J. King III
Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

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