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Honorable Mayor Allison Silberberg and Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.J. King III".

J.J. King III
Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission
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