## **RESOLUTION NO.**

## RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING "SMART SCALE" FOR FY 2024 to FY 2025

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, HB2 was signed into law, and in June 2016, the program was renamed SMART SCALE. SMART stands for System Management Allocation of Resources for Transportation and SCALE stands for Safety, Congestion mitigation, Accessibility, Land use, Environmental and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of SMART SCALE is to fund the right transportation projects through a prioritization process that evaluates each project's merits using key factors, including: improvements to safety, congestion reduction, accessibility, land use, economic development and the environment. The evaluation focuses on the degree to which a project addresses a problem or need relative to the requested funding for the project; and

WHEREAS, projects are scored based on an objective and fair analysis applied statewide. SMART SCALE also requires that project benefits be analyzed relative to project cost. CTB policy requires the project benefits be analyzed relative to the amount of SMART SCALE funds requested, so the final SMART SCALE score is based on the project cost to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds of \$88.7 million for both City of Alexandria and Alexandria Transit Company (DASH) projects, through the VDOT SMART SCALE Program; and

**WHEREAS**, \$88.7 million is requested to fund the critical transportation needs in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the following project City of Alexandria applications include: 1) West End Transitway Corridor Investments - \$60,000,000; 2) Safety and Capacity Enhancement at Duke/Taylor Run/Telegraph - \$4,500,000; 3) Access Improvements to Landmark Transit Hub -\$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the following project Alexandria Transit Company (DASH) applications include: 1) DASH Zero Emission Fleet Program - \$12,000,000; and 2) City TSP on Major Corridors - \$2,160,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the expected applications will be prioritized and based on the 2018 limit number of applications allowed per applicant, based on population thresholds; and

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

- the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of \$88.7 million through the Virginia Department of Transportation SMART SCALE Program; and
- 2. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

ALLISON SILBERBERG, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, City Clerk