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Honorable Mayor Allison Silberberg and Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
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September 20, 2018

Re: Endorsement of Grant Proposals for VDOT Highway Safety Program Funding

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council:

At its September 19, 2018 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted unanimously to endorse a Highway Safety Program grant proposal, which will be brought to Council at its October 23, 2018 meeting. The proposal will seek \$2.5 million from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) through the Highway Safety Program for the design and construction of a landscaped median refuge island on South Patrick Street.

This project was identified in the South Patrick Street Housing Affordability Strategy, which was approved by Council on September 15, 2018. The proposed project includes design and construction of a 10-12 foot landscaped median refuge island on South Patrick Street between Wolfe Street and Jefferson Street. This project would increase safety and calm traffic by adding street trees and narrowing the adjacent travel lanes, create a refuge for pedestrians crossing South Patrick Street, and create a more vibrant gateway into the city. Route 1 was identified as a high-crash corridor in the Vision Zero Action Plan, which was adopted by Council in 2017. The proposed project is also consistent with strategies and techniques identified in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (2016) and Alexandria Complete Streets Design Guidelines (2016).

The Commission recommends that Council support this 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 and Vision Zero Action Plan.

Sincerely,


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Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

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