

**RESOLUTION NO. 2848**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT  
APPLICATION FOR THE HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM FOR FY 2020 to FY 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a core program administered at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Safety and at the State level by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT); and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of HSIP is to make significant progress in reducing highway fatalities and serious injuries on all public roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, projects are scored based on an objective, data-driven analysis applied statewide that assesses crash risk, risk reduction, and proposal feasibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria has adopted a Vision Zero Action Plan, which aims to eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries by 2028, and the proposed project area was identified as a high-crash corridor in the Vision Zero Action Plan; and

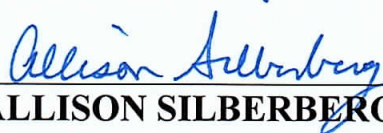
**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria has adopted the Route 1 South Housing Affordability Strategy, which aims to improve safety and increase quality of life on South Patrick Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria wishes to submit an application for an allocation of funds of \$2.5 million through the HSIP for FY 2020 to FY 2021 for the Route 1 South Median Refuge Island.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of \$2.5 million through the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to apply for these grant funds and enter into any necessary agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia to accept this grant.

Adopted: October 23, 2018

  
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**ALLISON SILBERBERG MAYOR**

ATTEST:

  
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Gloria Sitton, CMC City Clerk



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Honorable Mayor Allison Silberberg and Members of City Council  
City Hall  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

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,

  
Stephen Klejst  
Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission  
Mark Jinks, City Manager  
Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES  
Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES  
Alexandria Carroll, Complete Streets Planner



# Highway Safety Program (HSP) Funding

City Council

October 23, 2018





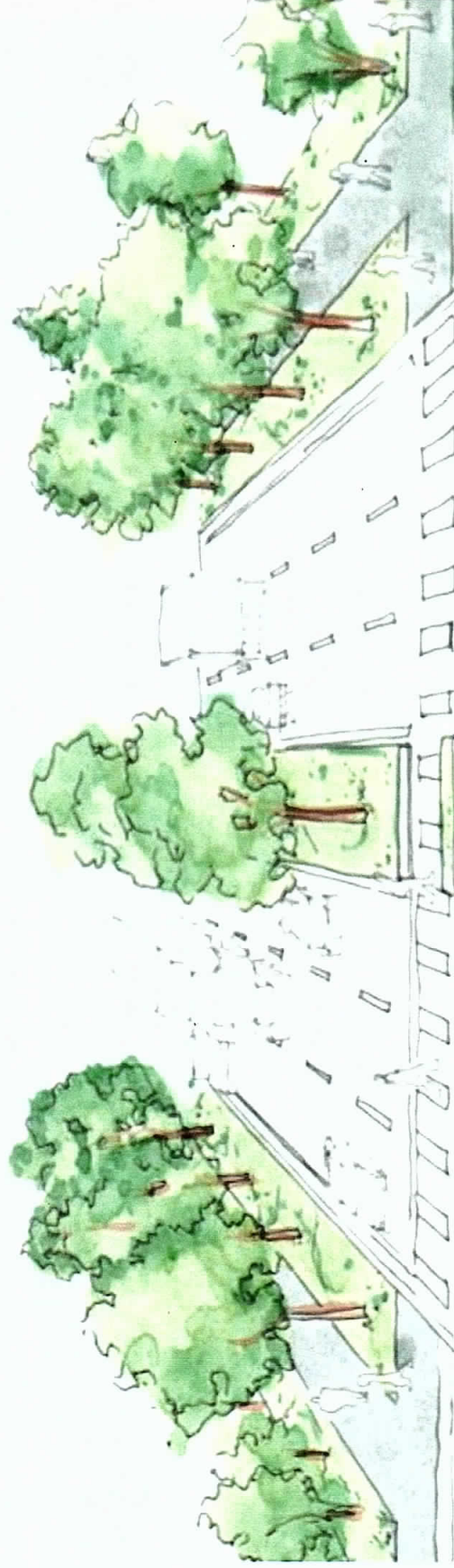


# Highway Safety Program (HSP)

- One of four programs under the Highway Safety Improvement Program
- Purpose: reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries
- 90% federal share/10% local share
  - VDOT allocates State funds for local match
- Eligible projects:
  - Relevant safety purpose
  - Hazardous situations, data-driven screening
  - Strategic Highway Safety Plan emphasis area

# HSP Application

- Requesting \$2.5 million for the 2020-2025 Six-Year Improvement Program for design and construction
- 10-12' landscaped median refuge island and lane diet
- Consistent with:
  - South Patrick Street Housing Affordability Strategy
  - Vision Zero Action Plan
  - Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan







# Recommended Action

That the City Council:

1. Approve the FY 2020 to FY 2021 grant request for \$2.5 million in HSP funds.
2. Authorize the City Manager to apply for these grant funds and enter into any necessary agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia to accept this grant.

