

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION STATE AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY 2020

WHEREAS, in 2018, the General Assembly passed HB 1539, which required the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to update the State Aid Grant Programs for operating and capital assistance based on performance metrics beginning in FY 2020; and

WHEREAS, HB 1539 establishes separate prioritization processes for the Board's Six Year-Improvement Program, state of good repair projects, and major expansion projects and makes numerous changes to the administration of revenues for mass transit in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the State Aid Grant Program is to fund transportation projects through a prioritization process that evaluates each project's merits using key benefits related to congestion mitigation, economic development, accessibility, safety, environmental quality and land use; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020 capital assistance projects will be scored and prioritized based on the new Transit Capital Prioritization Process to determine which projects attain and maintain a state of good repair for transit assets, while also supporting needs beyond state of good repair that would enhance transit utilization, efficiency, and reduce congestion; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020 operating assistance projects will be evaluated solely based on performance metrics beginning in FY 2020 of which the Department of Rail and Public Transportation is currently in the process of developing; and

WHEREAS, in October 2018, Governor Ralph Northam announced the Commonwealth's investment of \$14 million into the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust (VW Trust) to fund the deployment of electric transit buses across Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds up to \$85,000,000 million for both City of Alexandria and Alexandria Transit Company (DASH) projects, through the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation State Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, the following state aid operating assistance application for the City of Alexandria include: 1) City of Alexandria Operating Assistance - \$20,170,000; and

WHEREAS, the following state aid capital assistance applications for the City of Alexandria include: 1) Potomac Yard Metro South Entrance - \$50,000,000; 2) Metroway

Extension - \$1,000,000; 3) DASH Bus Replacements - \$8,260,000; 4) DASH Expansion Buses - \$3,500,000; 5) DASH Hybrid Bus Powertrain Reconditioning - \$900,000;

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

1. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports the applications for an allocation of up to \$85,000,000 million through the Virginia Department of Rail Transportation and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for the State Aid Grant 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: _____

JUSTIN WILSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, City Clerk