RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION STATE AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY 2021

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 and FY 2021 operating assistance projects will be evaluated solely based on performance metrics beginning in FY 2020 of which the Department of Rail and Public Transportation has developed; and

WHEREAS, the following Operating Assistance State Aid application for the City of Alexandria to include up to \$26,000,000 in eligible expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit application for Technical Assistance State Aid of \$150,000 to develop the Transit Agency Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit application to the Transportation Demand Management State Aid application for \$270,000 to increase the percentage of commuters using alternative transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the followings Mobility Programs Assistance State Aide application for the City of Alexandria includes \$105,000 to increase support to employers in the City; and

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

1. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports the application for State Aid up to \$26,150,000 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 hereby commits to include funds for its local match of agency funds for the technical assistance, TDM, and Mobility Programs grants, if awarded, in its Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget; and
- 3. 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