

RESOLUTION NO. 2954

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING “SMART
SCALE” FOR FY 2026 to FY 2027**

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, the City’s Transportation Master Plan recommends improvements to the Mount Vernon Trail to address safety and capacity issues; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service has released a corridor study in May 2020 outlining additional deficiencies in the Mount Vernon Trail; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County has worked with the National Park Service, the City of Alexandria, and VDOT to add the portion of the trail within Alexandria to the County’s existing SMART SCALE pre-application; and

WHEREAS, by extending the project boundaries and unifying the Alexandria and Arlington portions of the project, the National Park Service will be able to address the needs along the corridor more quickly and cost-effectively; and

WHEREAS, this application will not count against the maximum number of SMART SCALE applications that the City of Alexandria can submit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria will coordinate with the National Park Service and Arlington County on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements and design of the project.

**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 Arlington’s application for up to \$20 million for safety and capacity enhancements to the Mount Vernon Trail, of which about half of the funding would improve the portion of the trail within the City of Alexandria, 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 as a result of this application.

Adopted: June 23, 2020


JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:


Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk