

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION STATE AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY 2022

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 MERIT Statewide Transit 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 City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit application for Operating Assistance State Aid for the City of Alexandria to include up to \$23,800,000 in eligible expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit application for Capital Assistance State Aid of \$8,840,000 to procure eight electric buses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit application to the Transit and Commuter Assistance Grant Application for \$220,000 to increase the percentage of commuters using alternative transportation options; 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 \$32,860,000 through the Virginia Department of Rail Transportation and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission 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 TDM grants, if awarded, in its Fiscal Year 2022 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