

RESOLUTION NO. 2973

**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: January 12, 2021


JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:


Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk



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Honorable Mayor Justin Wilson and Members of City Council
City Hall
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December 16, 2020

Re: Endorsement of the FY2022 DRPT Operating and Capital Assistance State Aid Applications and the Commuter Assistance Program Grant Application, and Approval of Required Matching Funds

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its December 16, 2020 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse the staff recommended requests for FY 2022 Department of Rail and Public Transit (DRPT) operating and capital assistance, and FY 2022 Commuter Assistance Program Operations Grant application and approved the required matching funds:

DRPT Operating Assistance

- Up to \$23,800,000, the City's eligible operating expenses for FY 2022

DRPT Capital Assistance

- Up to \$8,840,000 to buy eight electric buses

DRPT Commuter Assistance Program

- Up to \$220,000 to fund two staff and programming. This requires a \$44,000 local match. This is a decrease of \$14,480 decrease from the FY 2021 request.

The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff recommendations for these requests, and finds that these grants would, if awarded, support the goals of the City's Transportation Master Plan and the City's efforts to provide a high level of transportation services to the community. The Transportation Commission understands the

current constraints on local matching funds that impact the Commuter Assistance Program request this year, and we are hopeful that in future years our local funding will allow us to take even greater advantage of this State source.

The Transportation Commission recommends that Council support these grant requests. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Melissa McMahon

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

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