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City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** JANUARY 17, 2020

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER /s/

**DOCKET TITLE:**

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation for the Support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2020. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

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**ISSUE:** Increasing the FY 2020 Capital Improvement Program Appropriation for the purpose of acquiring 1315 Duke Street (Freedom House) and to make planned improvements to Eisenhower Avenue.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council hold a public hearing and pass on second reading on January 25 an ordinance:

1. Increasing the appropriation for capital projects by \$1.8 million for the purchase of 1315 Duke Street (Freedom House) utilizing as the funding source not yet programmed bond interest earnings;
2. Increasing the appropriation for capital projects by \$0.9 million for Eisenhower Avenue Improvement Project utilizing as the funding source not yet programmed bond interest earnings; and
3. Transferring \$0.4 million previously appropriated for the Van Dorn Metrorail Station Public Transit project to the Eisenhower Avenue Improvement Project.

**DISCUSSION:** This Ordinance reflects the recommended additional appropriation of exiting Capital Improvement Program Funds for the purpose of (1) purchasing a property at 1315 Duke Street known as the Freedom House. The property will be purchased for \$1.8 million with bond interest earnings accrued on the City's existing Bond Proceeds; (2) The additional appropriation of \$1.3 million will provide funds needed to add an additional left turn lane on westbound Eisenhower Avenue at Mill Road, widening the receiving lanes on Mill Road, constructing streetscape improvements, and replacing the traffic circle at Holland Lane with a signalized "T" intersection. The full details of the proposed funding for the Eisenhower Avenue Improvement Project are reflected in the January 7, 2020 memo from the City Manager (Attachment 3).

Staff recommends that the FY 2020 Appropriation be amended to accomplish the following purpose:

Section 1. The appropriation of project budget authority in the FY 2020 Capital Improvement Program.  
This appropriation of \$2.7 million will increase the budget authority in Public Buildings - Preservation of Historic Facilities by \$1.8 million and Transportation - Streets and Bridges by \$1.3 million and decrease the appropriation to Public Transit - Van Dorn Metro Project by \$0.4 million.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The ordinance appropriates a total of \$2,738,554 as listed below.

Section 1 Net Appropriation of Capital Improvement Program Funds \$2,738,554

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Ordinance Cover to Amend the FY 2020 Capital Improvement Program  
Appropriation

Attachment 2: Ordinance to Amend the FY 2020 Capital Improvement Program Appropriation

Attachment 3: Eisenhower Avenue Improvement Project Memo from City Manager dated  
January 7, 2020

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