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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

DOCKET TITLE:

Consideration of Approval of the City of Alexandria's Proposed FY 2017 Transportation Project List Request for Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) 70 Percent Funds.

ISSUE: Consideration of the City of Alexandria's proposed program of projects for submission to NVTA for 70 percent funding in FY 2017.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

1. Authorize application to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for 70% NVTA funding of \$66.0 million for the proposed Potomac Yard Metrorail Station and \$7.0 million for Transit Corridor "C" Beauregard/West End Transitway; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to submit the above two projects to the NVTA and execute all necessary documents that may be required.

BACKGROUND: In the spring of 2015, NVTA approved the following program of projects for the City of Alexandria:

FY 2015

- Potomac Yard Metrorail Station - \$500,000
- Transit Corridor "B" Duke Street Transit Signal Priority - \$190,000

FY 2016

- Potomac Yard Metrorail Station - \$1,000,000

- Transit Corridor C- Beauregard/West End Transitway - \$2,400,000

The projects are to only be funded from 70 percent funds and will be included in the FY 2017-FY 2026 Capital Improvements Program. Alexandria received 70% funding for all of the projects it requested in FY 2015 and FY 2016, with the exception of the \$500,000 requested for a Real Time Traffic Adaptive Control feasibility study.

DISCUSSION: In the fall of 2015, NVTa will formally request applications for 70% funds for FY 2017 projects. The City of Alexandria's application for FY 2017 is consistent with the ten-year plan approved by the City Council in January 2014, with exception to the request for Transit Corridor C - Beauregard/West End Transitway. For this project, staff proposes moving \$12,740,000 from FY 2017 to FY 2020, with a remaining budget of \$7,000,000 for FY 2017. The reason for this adjustment is to reflect a revised phasing of the West End Transitway project (Transit Corridor "C" Beauregard). As a result, the City of Alexandria's proposed application, shown in Attachment 1, includes the following:

- Potomac Yard Metrorail Station - \$66,000,000
- Transit Corridor C - Beauregard/West End Transitway- \$7,000,000

FISCAL IMPACT: By seeking NVTa 70 percent funds for critical transportation projects, the City improves its ability to deliver needed transportation projects.

ATTACHMENT: NVTa 70 Percent Fund: Proposed 10-Year Plan

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