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# City of Alexandria, Virginia

# MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2017

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

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

#### DOCKET TITLE:

Consideration of a Resolution Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to Make Changes to the VDOT Inventory of Roadways in Alexandria that are Eligible for Annual Maintenance Payments from the State's Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB).[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a resolution requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to make changes to the VDOT inventory of roadways in Alexandria that are eligible for annual maintenance payments from the State's Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB).

**<u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>**: That City Council:

- (1) Adopt the attached resolution requesting VDOT update the list of roadways and lanes in the City that are eligible to receive annual maintenance payments from the State; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to forward the resolution to the VDOT.

**BACKGROUND:** Section 33.2-319 of the *Code of Virginia* provides that qualifying cities receive payments from the CTB to assist in funding the maintenance of certain roadways. Each quarter, the City receives a payment from VDOT to maintain certain designated roadways in Alexandria through the Urban Maintenance Program. Roadways eligible for a maintenance payment must be classified through the State Functional Classification System as Principal and Minor Arterial Roads or Collector Roads and Local Streets. Payments are based on the criteria outlined in Section 33.2-319, including general eligible lane mileage for each roadway that also meets additional minimum situational standards, such as right-of-way width, roadway width, and pavement thickness.

Each year, jurisdictions can notify the State of adjustments they wish to make in roadway mileage (additions and deletions) as well as changes to the functional classification of existing roadways. These changes can be the result of an increase in traffic or other guidelines set forth by VDOT such as reconstruction and/or widening. The process of notification requires authorization by a jurisdiction's governing body.

**DISCUSSION:** The purpose of this change is to propose the addition of 16.09 lane miles. Presently, the City's eligible roadway mileage for Principal and Minor Arterial Roads is 166.90 lane miles and 334.96 lane miles for Collector Roads and Local Streets. If the requested changes are approved, the Principal and Minor Arterial Roads lane miles will increase by 1.98 lane miles to 168.88 lane miles and the Collector Roads Local Streets lane miles will increase by 14.11 lane miles to 349.07

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**FISCAL IMPACT:** The highway maintenance payment rates for FY 2018 are \$21,061 per lane mile for Principal and Minor Arterial Roads, and \$12,365 per lane mile for Collector Roads and Local Streets. This request, if approved by the CTB, will increase City payments in FY 2018 by approximately \$216,170.93. This is a conservative estimate and depends on the functional classification assigned to the roads by VDOT. (Attachment 3)

### ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution for Additions/Deletions Attachment 2: City of Alexandria State Highway Inventory Map Attachment 3: VDOT Letter, June 2017

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