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City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** JUNE 3, 2020

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

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

**DOCKET TITLE:**

Consideration of Approval of the First Amendment to the FY 2020 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Capital Funding Agreement. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

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**ISSUE:** Council consideration of a one-year amendment to the FY 2020 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Capital Funding Agreement.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council:

1. Approve a one-year WMATA Capital Funding Agreement (CFA) extension for FY 2021 (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021) (Attachment 1); and
2. Adopt the resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign and execute the first amendment to the FY 2020 WMATA CFA (Attachment 2).

**BACKGROUND:** The WMATA CFA has since FY 2011 served as the legal Capital Funding Agreement between WMATA and its contributing jurisdictions, including the City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, City of Falls Church, Fairfax County, Arlington County, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia. The CFA provides a capital funding commitment for WMATA to match Federal funds, to advance capital projects and programs, and to fund ongoing contractual agreements. The current CFA was executed in 2020 and covered a one-year period, from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The 2020 CFA contains most of the terms and conditions from the 2011 agreement, but it also incorporates the 2018 Dedicated Funding Laws passed by Maryland, the District of Columbia and Virginia, reconciles WMATA Board policy with the language in the agreement, and amends reporting requirements.

Staff have been working on a long-term capital funding agreement, but due to the pandemic, determined the final agreement would not be achievable prior to the expiration of the current agreement. Thus, an extension is needed to ensure the continued progress of WMATA's capital program.

**DISCUSSION:** The first amendment (Attachment 1) to the FY 2020 CFA maintains most of the existing CFA language. The only changes for the first amendment of the FY2020 CFA include:

- 1) A one-year extension of term
- 2) Addition of Loudoun County as a Participating Jurisdiction

The FY 2021 extension will fund the jurisdictions' share of the \$1.88 billion FY 2021 capital budget.

Staff is continuing regular coordination with WMATA to negotiate a six-year agreement for FY 2021-2026 with the goal of final approval before the end of the calendar year.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The City's share of the approved FY 2020 WMATA capital contribution is \$12,401,646. The City has currently budgeted \$13.0 million for WMATA capital contributions for FY 2021 in the Approved CIP. This budget is composed of \$8,417,000 of bond funding, \$3,483,000 of NVT 30% funds, and \$1.1 million of TIP funding. This agreement will not impact the amount of money paid to WMATA, however, this CFA is required for jurisdictions to contribute their shares of dedicated funding.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. First Amendment to FY20 WMATA CFA
2. Resolution

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