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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

DOCKET TITLE:

Consideration of a Temporary Construction Use and Maintenance Agreement with Arlington County to Construct the Potomac Yard/Four Mile Run Connector Trail over City-Owned Property.

ISSUE: Consideration of a temporary construction use and maintenance agreement with Arlington County to construct the Potomac Yard/Four Mile Run Connector Trail over City- owned property.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a temporary construction use and maintenance agreement (Attachment 1) with Arlington County to construct the Potomac Yard/Four Mile Run Connector Trail over City-owned property and to authorize the City Manager, if necessary, to execute additional documents to effectuate the construction use and maintenance agreement.

BACKGROUND: Arlington County's Short Bridge Park (South Park) is a 3.5 acre park located along Four Mile Run that straddles the boundary between Arlington and Alexandria. The park was created through the County's Potomac Yard Phased Development planning process. In 2018, the County and City worked jointly to develop a park plan that is integrated with the City parkland and that would connect with future planned open space in the North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan. The park plan includes new trails, plazas and other activity areas. Arlington will implement the park plan in several phases.

DISCUSSION: The first phase of the park plan will construct a ten (10) foot wide multi-use trail connection from Route 1 to the Four Mile Run trail, as depicted in the Exhibit Plan (Attachment 2). Arlington is requesting to use City property for construction access and staging. Construction activities will occur on a 19,539 square feet portion City property, and approximately 771 square feet of trail will be located on the City parcel. Arlington will secure all City permit approvals required for construction and restore the City property upon completion of construction.

FISCAL IMPACT: Arlington County will manage and fund all construction activity. The County has received a Transportation Enhancement Grant through the Virginia Department of Transportation to fund trail

construction. Arlington County will also maintain the small segment of trail located on the City parcel.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Temporary Construction, Use and Maintenance Agreement

Attachment 2: Exhibit Plan Potomac Yard -Four Mile Trail Connection

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