

# Transportation Commission

September 21, 2022

7PM

City Council Workroom and Electronic



# Notice

The September 21 meeting of the Transportation Commission is being held in the City Council Workroom on the second floor of City Hall (301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of Transportation Commission and staff are participating either in-person or from a remote location through video conference call on Zoom.



# Commission Members

- **Oleksandr Faryga** – Environmental Policy Commission (*New! – Introduction*)
- **Oscar Gonzalez** – Resident East, High School Project
- **Casey Kane** – Traffic and Parking Board, Eisenhower West/Landmark/Van Dorn Advisory Group, Ad Hoc Duke Street Transitway Committee
- **Jody Manor**- Planning Commission
- **Bruce Marsh** –Resident East, Potomac Yard Metro Implementation Working Group
- **Jim Maslanka**– Resident West
- **Melissa McMahon** – Planning Commission
- **Matthew McManus** – Resident West
- **Murat Omay** – DASH
- **Kirk McPike** – Council (non-voting)
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# Public Comment Period

Agenda Item #1



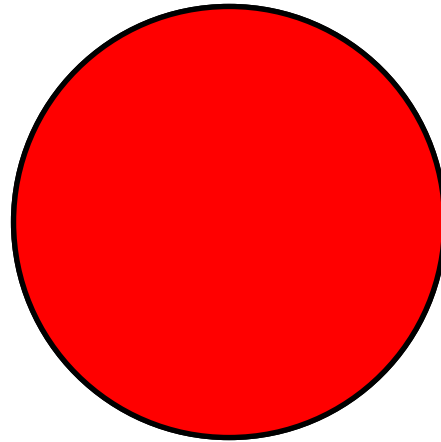
# Public Comment

- For speakers not discussing items related to the public hearings.
- For virtual attendees:
  - Raise hand or press \*9
  - Mute or unmute press \*6
  - 3 minutes per speaker



## 3 Minute Timer

*Announcement will sound automatically when time is up*



# Transportation Commission Minutes: June 15, 2022

Agenda Item #2



# Consideration of Endorsement of the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Grant Application

Agenda Item #3







# Background: Grant Information

- **Reconnecting Communities Program**

- Aims to reconnect places cut off from economic opportunities by interstates, roads or rail
- Funding supports planning, construction or technical assistance

## **Selection Criteria**

- Equity, environmental justice, and community engagement
- Mobility and connectivity
- Community partnerships
- Equitable development and shared prosperity

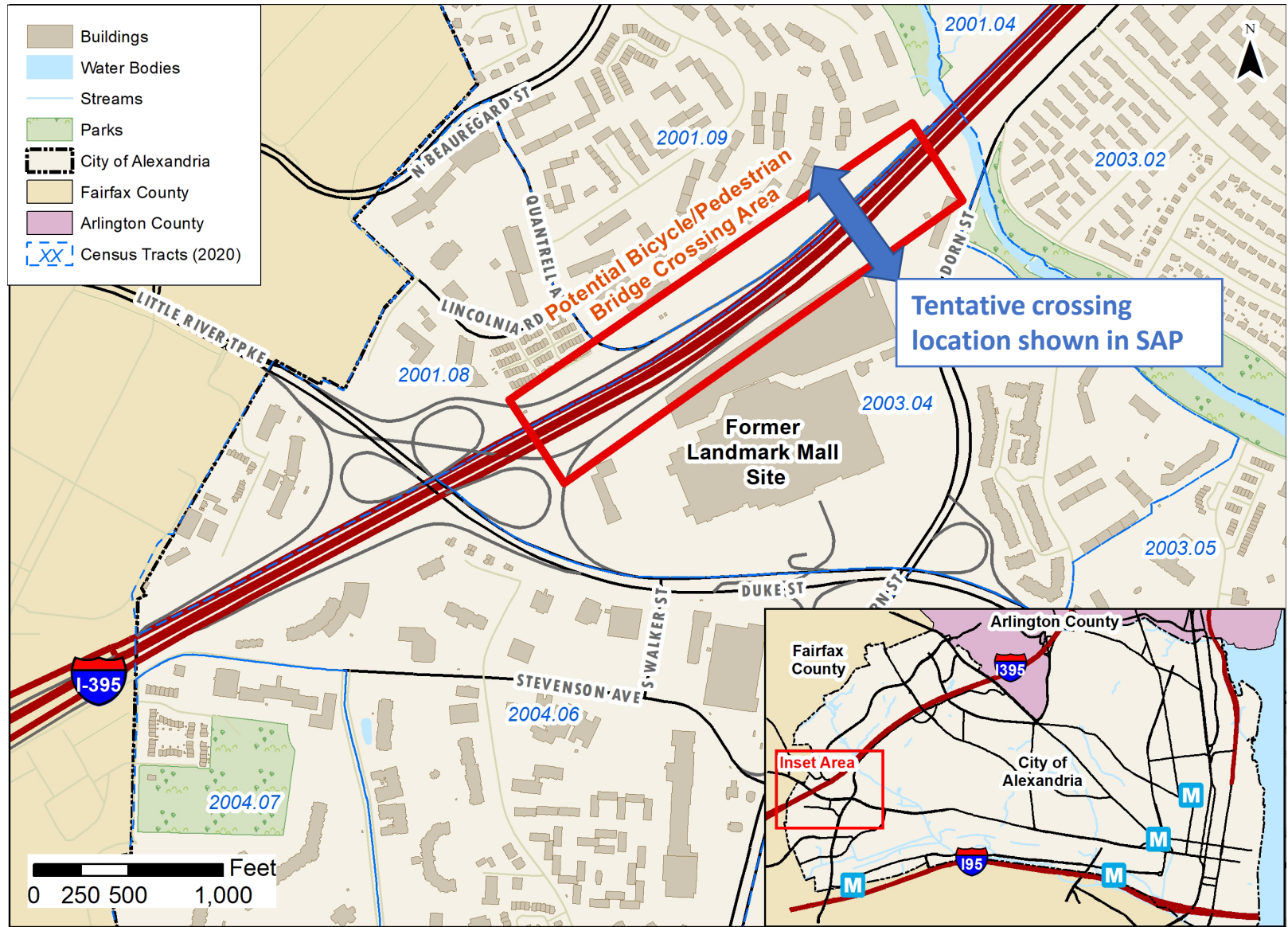


# Proposed Project – Study Feasibility of Landmark Mall Ped/Bike Bridge

- **Bicycle and pedestrian bridge over I-395**
  - Could connect Landmark Mall site to the west
  - Provides safe, direct access to jobs, amenities
- **Feasibility Study Scope**
  - Public outreach and stakeholder meetings
  - Recommendations for locations of the bridge landings and alignments
  - Conceptual bridge design
  - Cost estimates
  - Improve competitiveness for design and construction funding
- **Consistent with:**
  - Landmark/Van Dorn Small Area Plan (SAP)
  - Landmark Mall Coordinated Development District (CDD) Plan
  - Alexandria Mobility Plan
  - Environmental Action Plan 2040
  - ALL Alexandria Resolution
  - Alexandria Transportation Long Range Plan
  - TransAction (NVTA)
  - Visualize 2045 (TRB)

# Landmark Mall Ped/Bike Bridge Feasibility Study

## Project Location



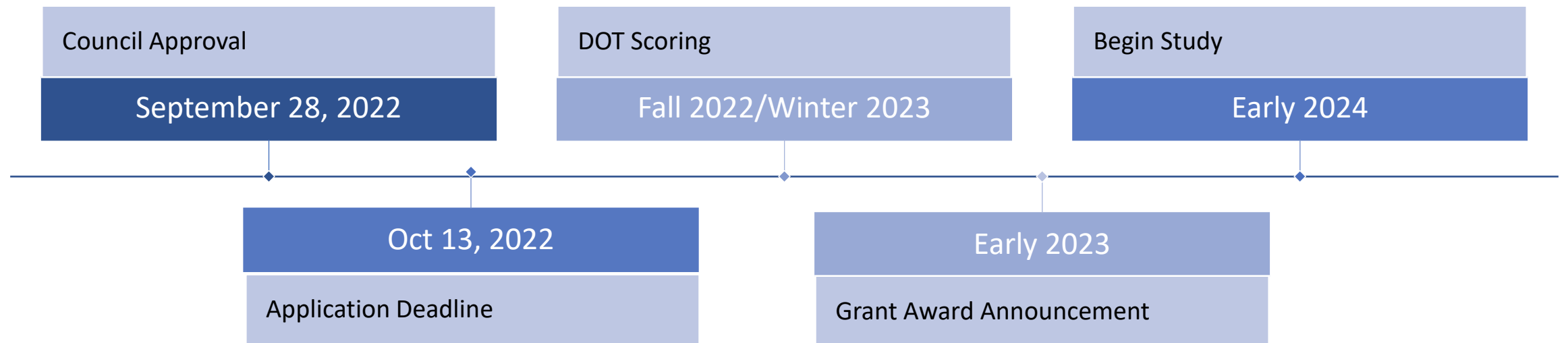
# Summary of Funding Requests & Costs

Cost	Funding Requests
Total Project Cost	\$300,000 (up to)
Federal Request	\$240,000
Local Match	\$60,000
Potential Available Local Match Sources	Transportation Project Planning CIP FY24 - \$250k FY25 - \$250k





# Next Steps



# Recommendation

- That Transportation Commission
  - That the Transportation Commission endorse the grant application for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program for up to \$300,000 to do a feasibility study for a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over I-395.



# Consideration of Adoption of Updated Electronic Meeting Policy

Agenda Item #4



# Background

- In September 2021, the Transportation Commission adopted a policy that allowed for the group to hold hybrid commission meetings outside of state of emergency.
- In 2022, state legislature enacted bill to allow some public bodies to conduct all-virtual public meetings outside of state of emergency.





# Policy

- Up to 2 all virtual meetings or 25% of meetings in a calendar year, whichever is greater
- Remote participation by individual commission members allowed
  - For a personal matter – up to 2 times or 25% of meetings in a calendar year
    - Commission shall record specific nature of the personal matter and location of remote participation
  - For temporary or permanent disability or a family member's medical condition that requires commissioner to care for family member
    - If commissioner's residence is more than 60 miles from meeting location
- Inform staff liaison and chair before the day of the meeting



# Recommendation

- That the Transportation Commission adopt the proposed electronic meeting policy.



# Legislative Priorities

Agenda Item #5



# 2023 Legislative Session

- Short session starting January 11
- Identify legislative priorities by September 30, 2022
- Proposals should be:
  - Focused on needs
  - Consistent with the six City Council priorities
  - As actionable as possible
  - Indicative of how they could be scaled up or down
    - Depending on the political environment, budget, or other unknown variables
  - Prioritized if identifying more than one



# 2022 Legislative Priorities

1. Preserve established transportation funding sources and funding sources identified in the 2020 Transportation Omnibus Bill
2. Expand automated speed and red-light enforcement allowances by jurisdictions.
3. Pursue vision zero goals including protecting vulnerable road users and increase funding to help achieve these goals.
4. Providing additional provisions for electronic meetings to make meetings more accessible to the public.



# Legislative Discussion



# Recommendation

- Provide verbal feedback to Legislative Director on Legislative Priorities.



# FY24 Budget Priorities

Agenda Item #6





# FY24 Budget

- City Manager seeking Board and Commission input
- Off-year CIP
  - Only limited changes
- Focus areas:
  - Housing
  - Youth and family services
  - Economic development
  - Community engagement
  - Attracting and retaining employees
- Feedback provided at this meeting will be incorporated by staff into a draft letter to be endorsed by the Commission in October



# FY23 Budget Priorities

1. Additional staff for the Complete Streets program
2. Implementation of the Alexandria Transit Vision Plan
3. Contingency funding for trail infrastructure repair and maintenance
4. Supporting the transportation recommendations of the Energy and Climate Change Action Plan



# Budget Discussion



# Commissioner Updates

Agenda Item #7



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# Items for Consent

Agenda Item #8



# Other Business

- Information sharing
- Office of Climate Action



# Adjourn Transportation Commission Meeting

Next meeting: October 19, 2022

