



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
Transportation Planning and
Mobility

Transportation Commission

October 21, 2026
7:00 P.M.





Notice

- ▶ The October 21, 2026 meeting of the Transportation Commission is being held in person at 2900 Business Center Drive, and electronically. Members of the Transportation Commission and staff are participating in person and from remote locations through video conference call on Zoom. The meeting can be accessed by the public in-person or via Zoom.



Commission Members

▶ ***Dan Beattie***- Environmental Policy Commission

▶ ***Kursten Phelps***- Traffic and Parking Board

▶ ***Tim Lovain***- Resident East with Transportation Expertise

▶ ▶ ***Steve MacBride*** - Resident East

▶ ***Jim Maslanka***- Resident West

▶ ***Melissa McMahon***- Planning Commission

▶ ***Matthew McManus***- Resident West, DASH Advisory Committee

▶ ▶ ***Jordan Miles*** -Commission on Aging

▶ ***John Chapman***- Council (non-voting)

▶ ***Sandy Marks*** - Council (non-voting)

Public Comment Period



Agenda Item 1





Public Comment

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

Transportation Commission Minutes: September 16, 2026

Agenda Item 2

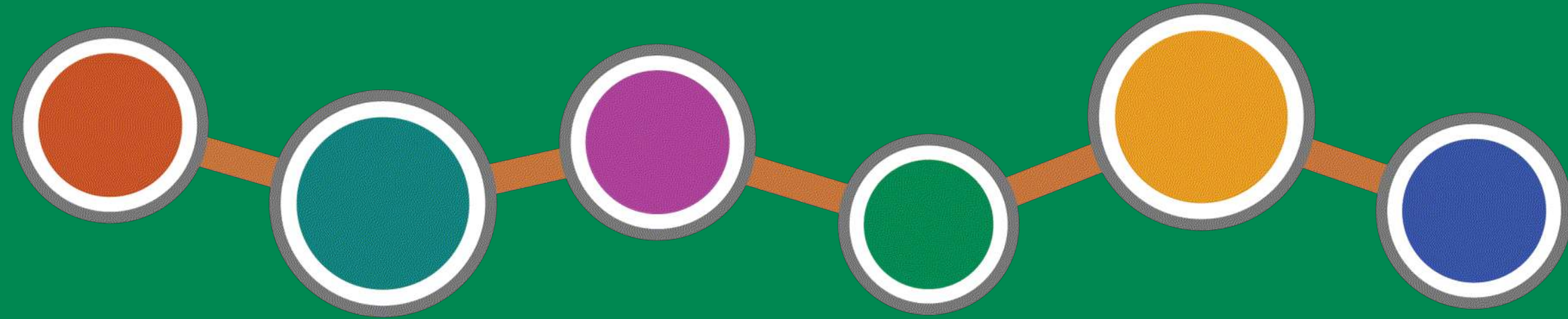


Discussion Item: Duke Street Land Use

Agenda Item 3

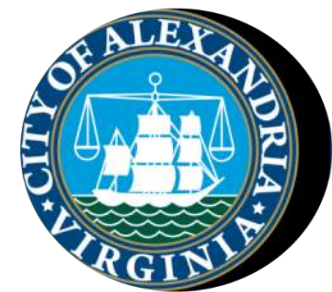


DUKE STREET LAND USE PLAN



Update for Transportation Commission

Wednesday, October 21, 2026



DEPARTMENT OF
**PLANNING &
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Agenda

1. Plan Background + Context
2. Overview of the Plan + Mobility Chapter
3. Next Steps + How to Comment

Plan Background

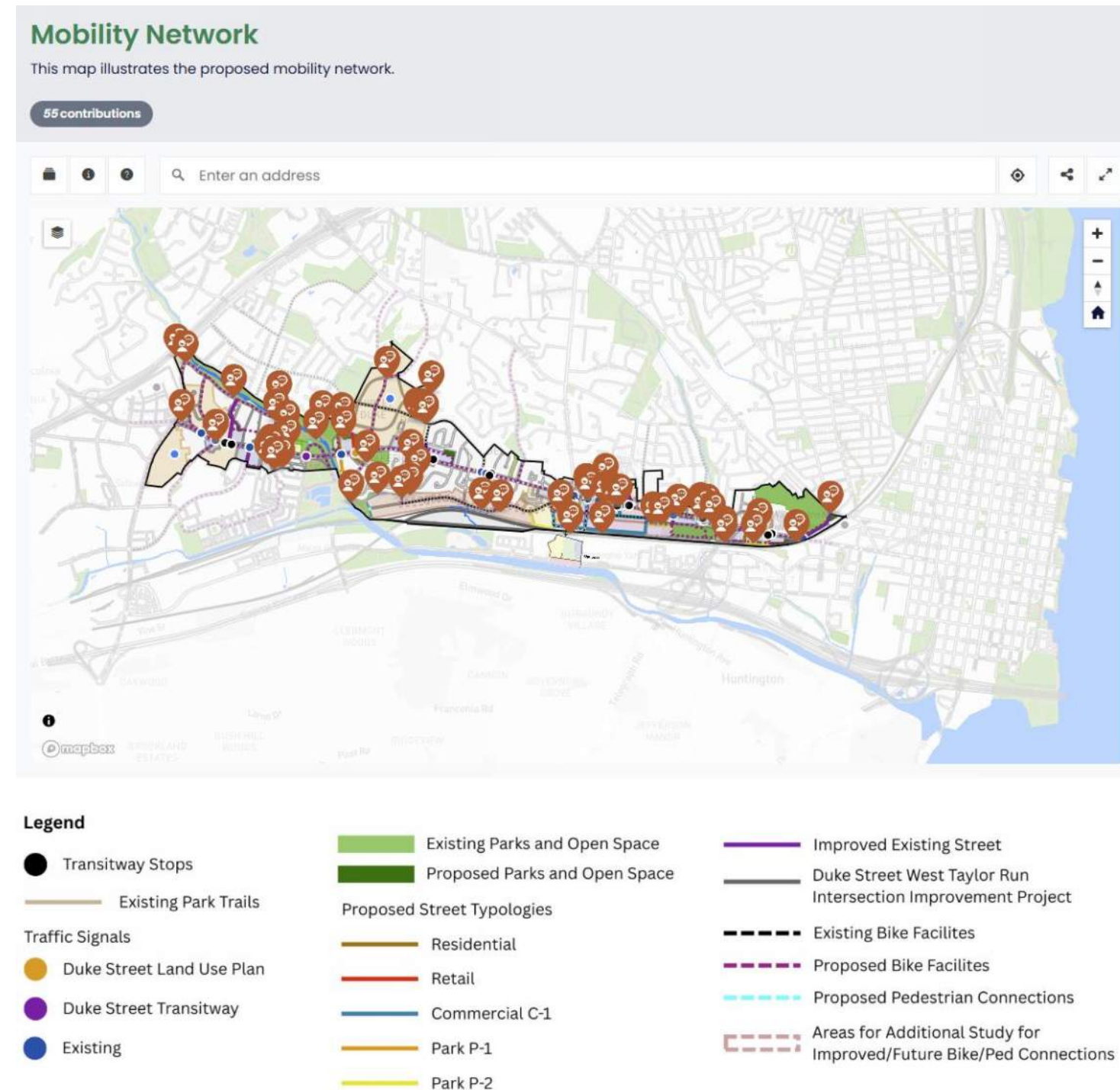


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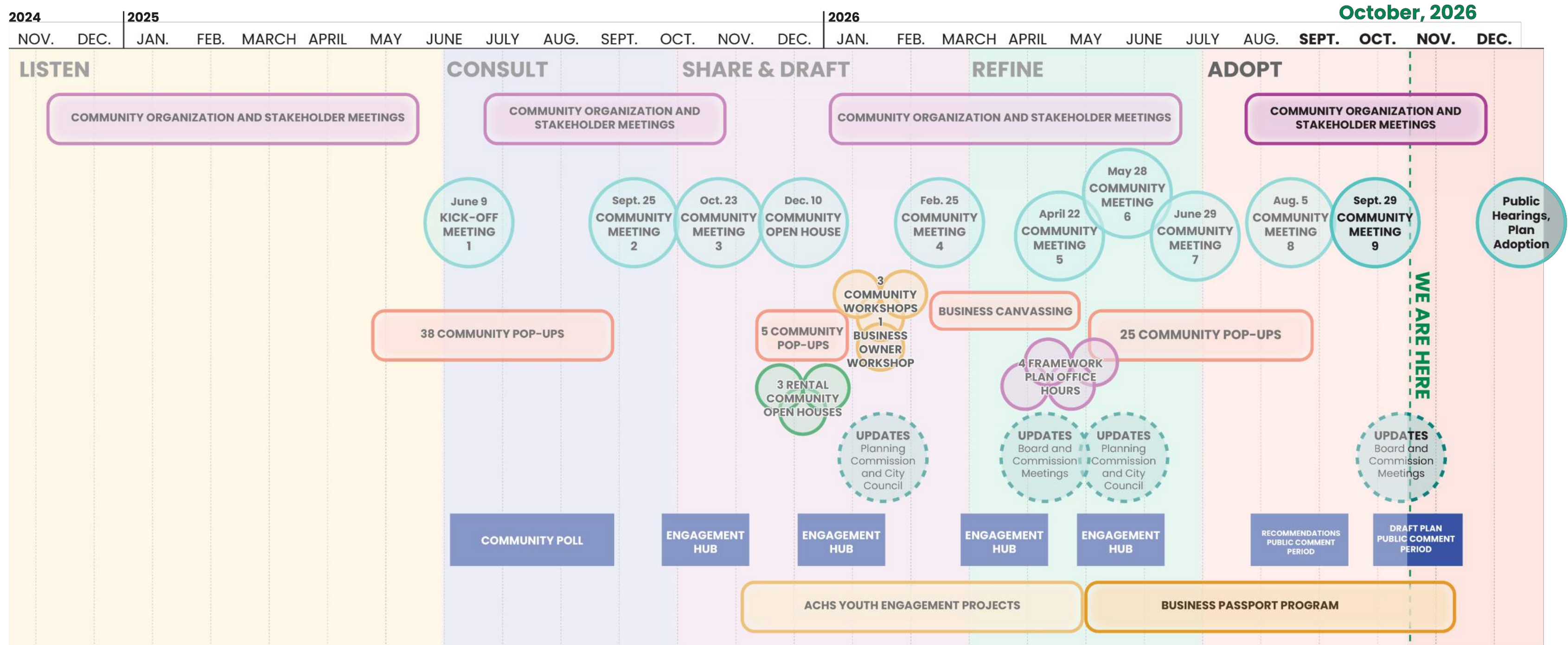


Planning Process + Where We Are Now

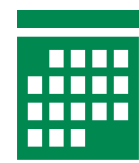
- We last presented to the Transportation Commission in May 2026
- Focused on the guiding principles and release of the Framework Plan



Planning Process + Where We Are Now



10 Community Events



70+
pop-ups



250
businesses



 **4,000+ residents**



100+
students

Mobility Guiding Principles

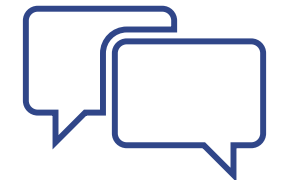
- Provide **safe ways** for people to get around along **the corridor**.
- Create a **well-connected system of streets, alleys, sidewalks, and trails** that makes it **easier to get around**.
- Support a **variety of travel choices**- including **walking, biking, transit, and driving**.
- Incorporate **current and emerging technologies** to **enhance mobility and safety**.

What the Community Has Said:



“Expand connectivity on the East Side.”

“Help people walk to parks and local shops.”

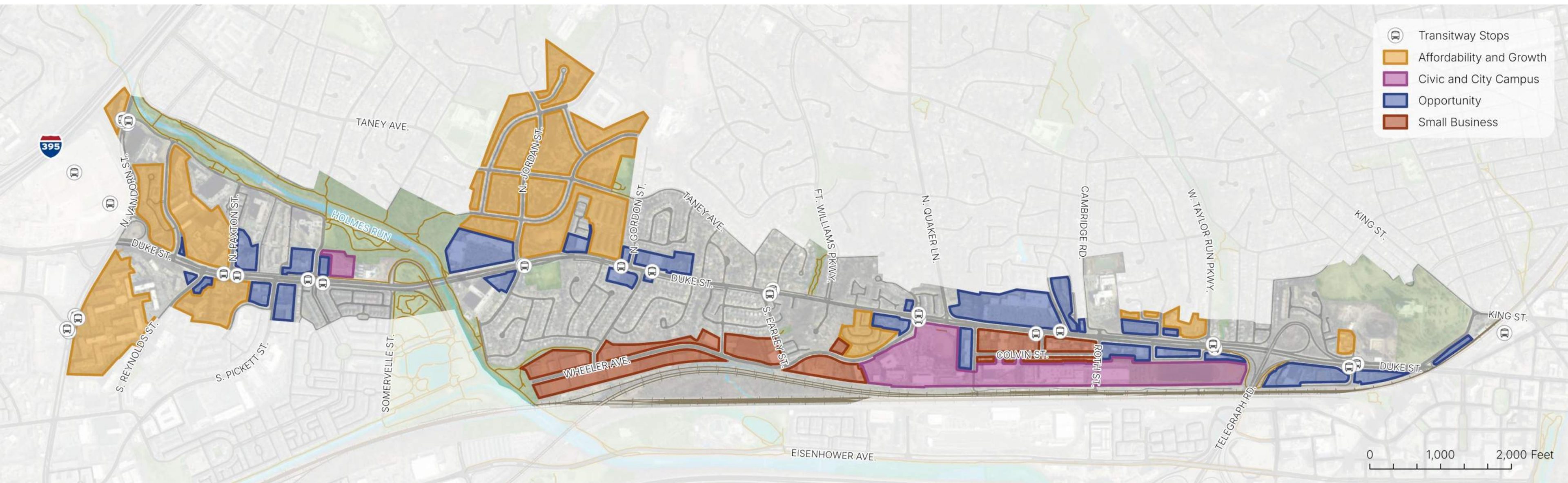


“It’s important to have safe and accessible bus lines, safe bike infrastructure, and safe walking.”

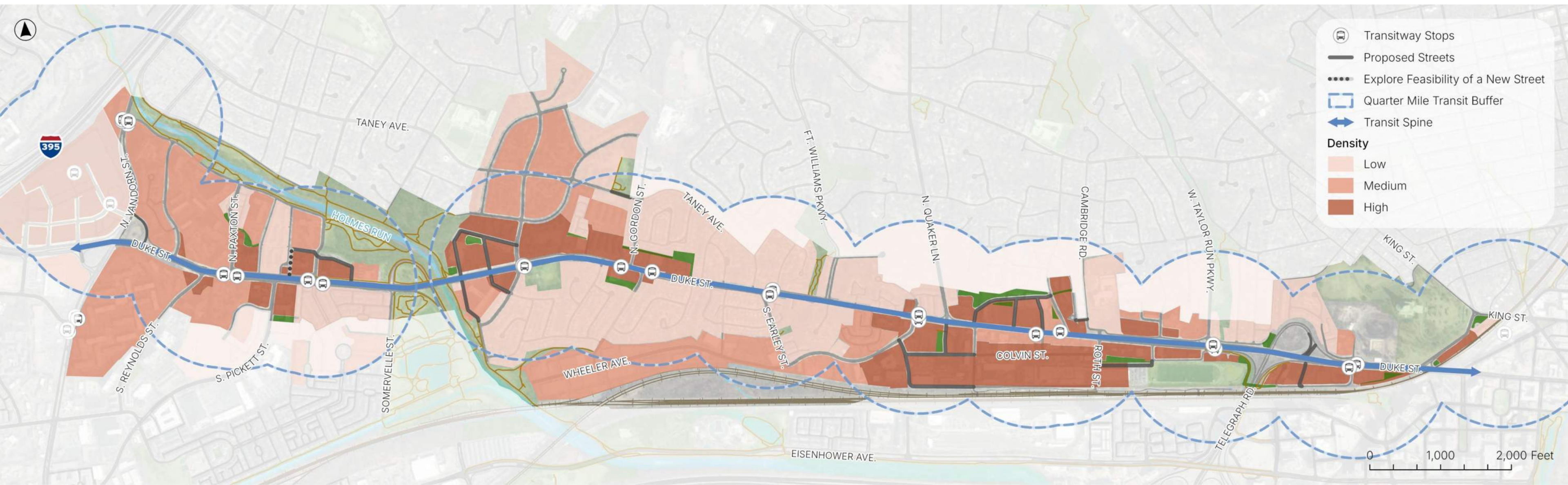
Orientation to the Plan



Plan Themes

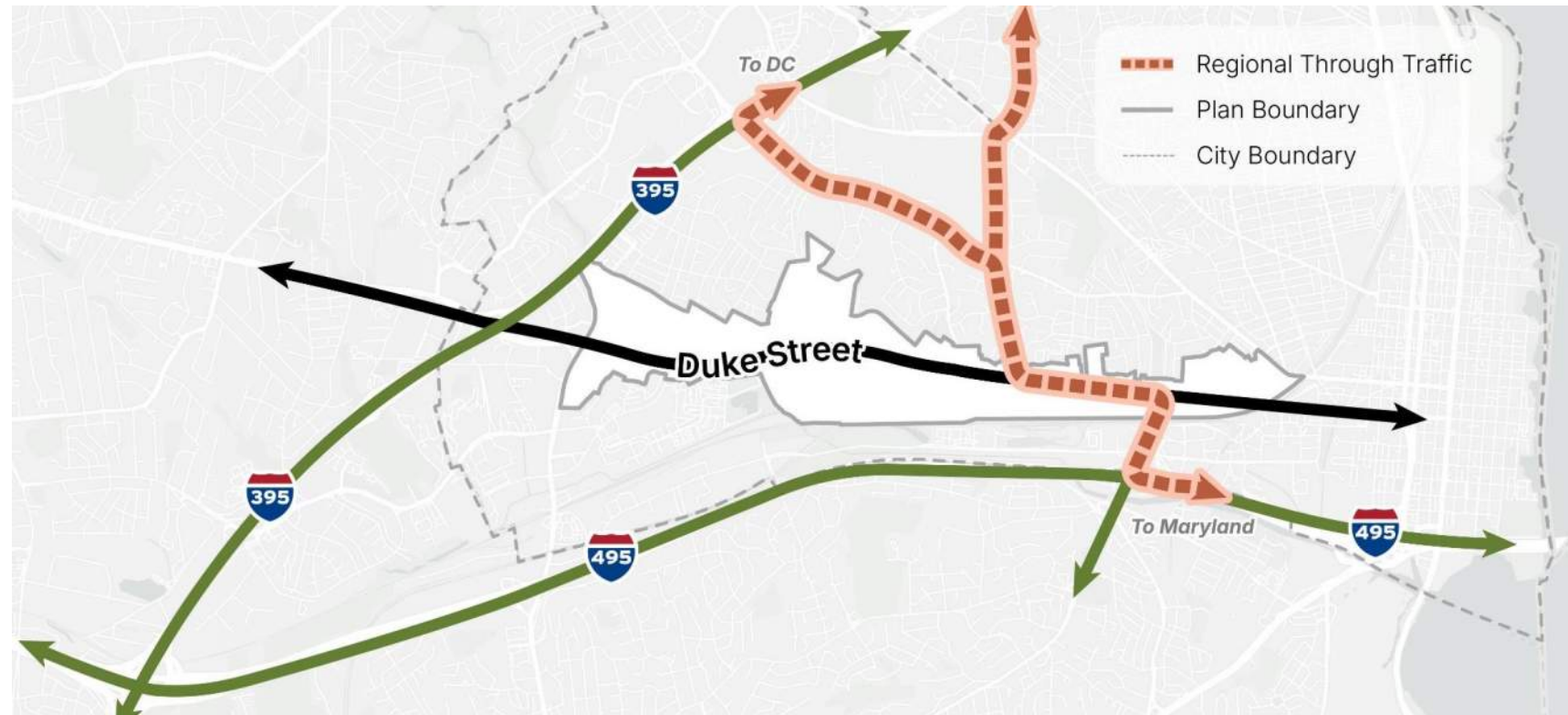


Transit and Density



Mobility

Duke Street Regional Through Traffic Path



30-40% of trips from Quaker to Telegraph are regional

Source: Duke Street Transportation Study

Regional traffic drives congestion

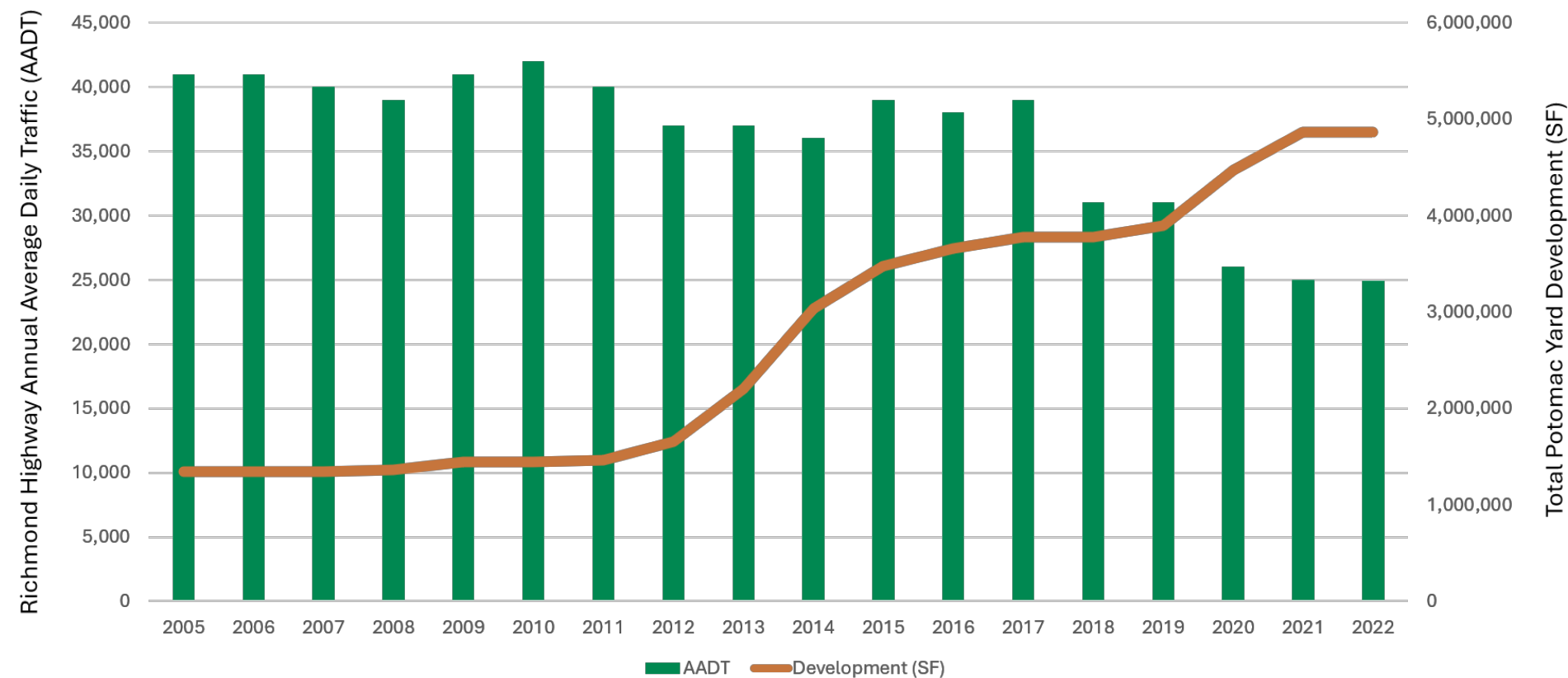
Why

- Regional traffic drives peak-hour congestion on Duke Street.
- New development and transit investment support local trips and neighborhood destinations.
- Residential and mixed use generate fewer, shorter daily vehicle trips than commercial.

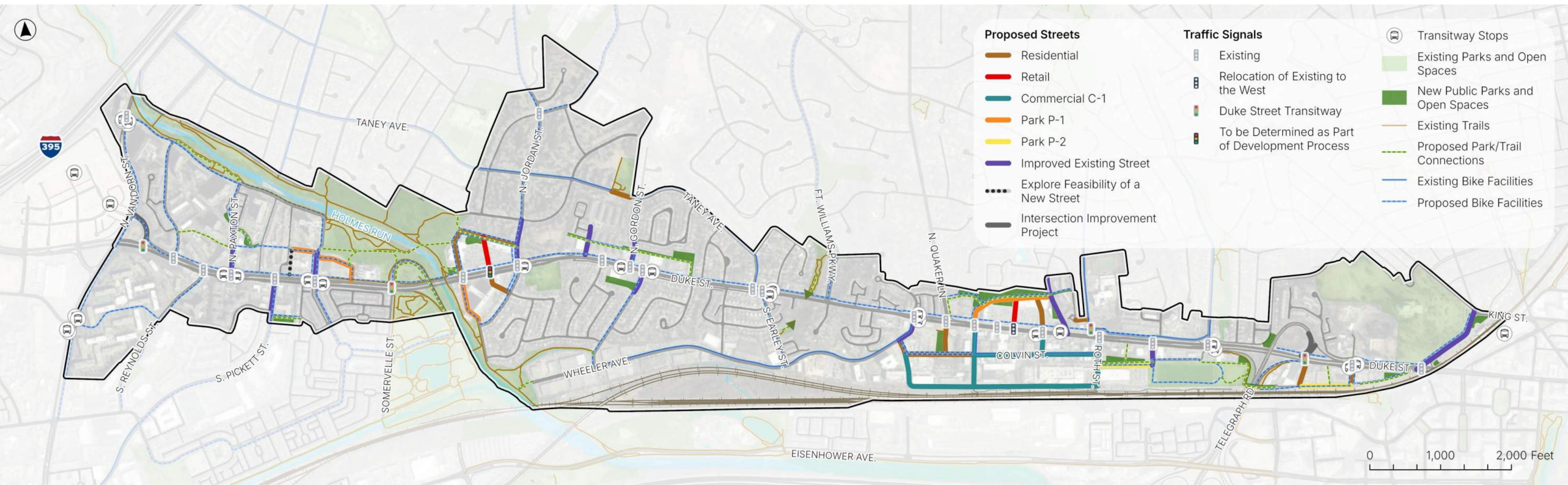
How

- Technology and signal upgrades improve safety and traffic flow.
- Transit, bike, pedestrian, and street connections expand mobility options.
- New streets and improved street design will strengthen the local network.

Potomac Yard Richmond Highway Volume vs Development



Chapter 6: Mobility – Street Network



Chapter 6: Mobility: Street Sections

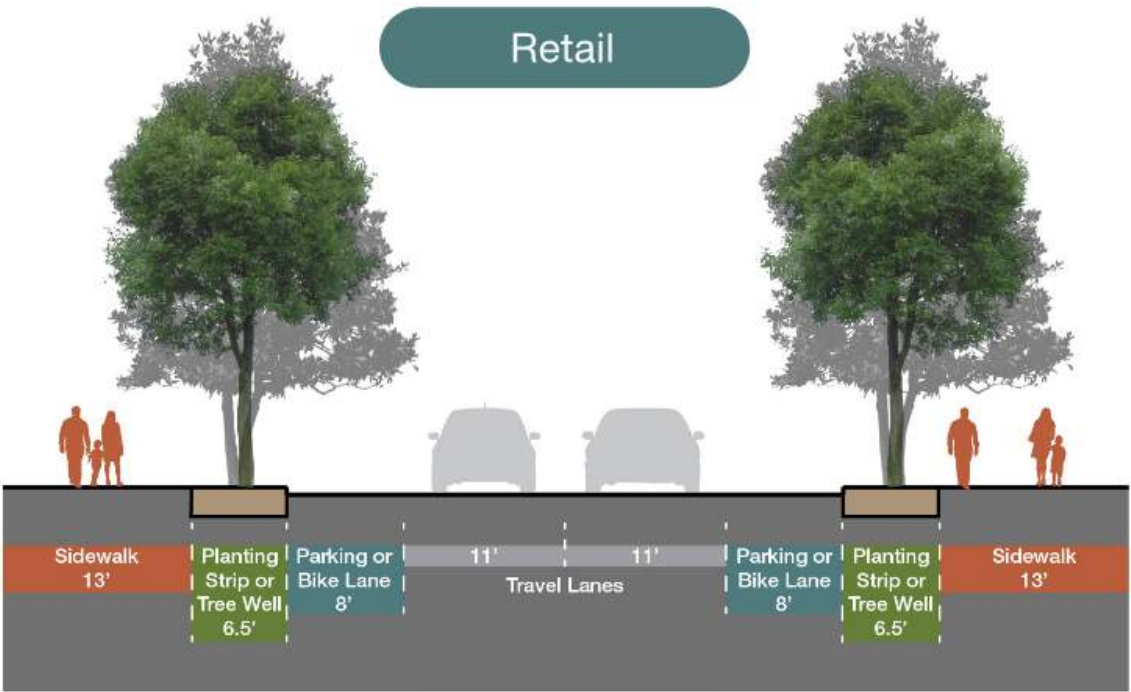


Figure 6.4 Retail Street Section

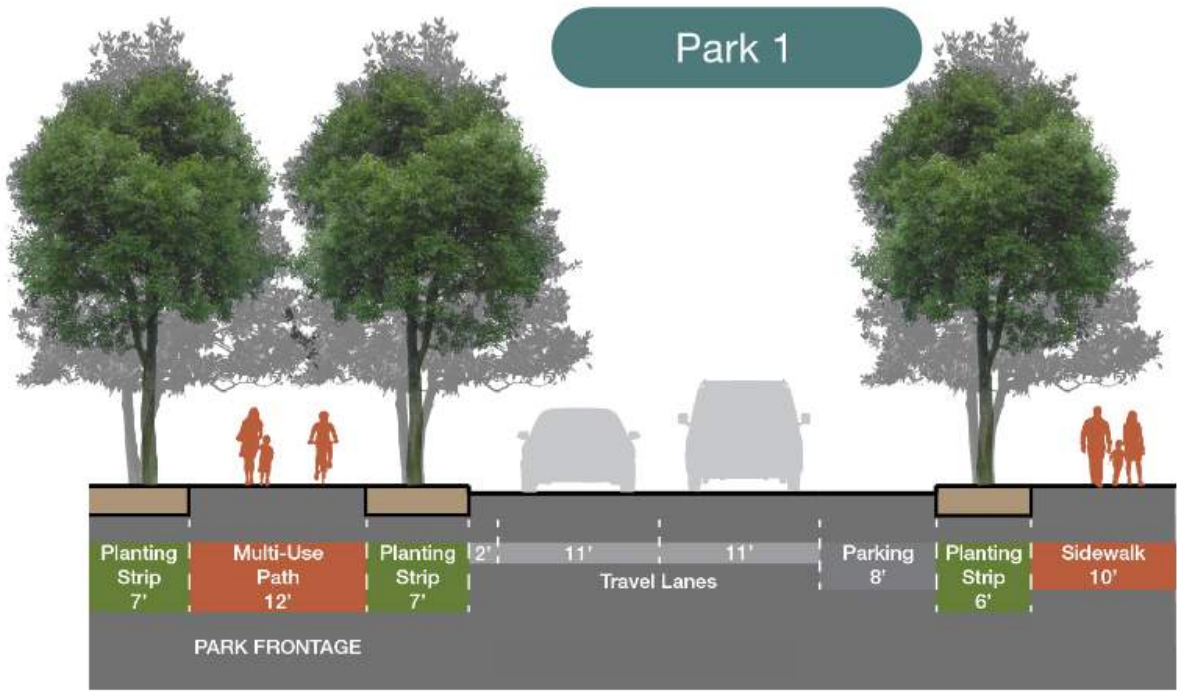


Figure 6.6 Park P-1 Street Section

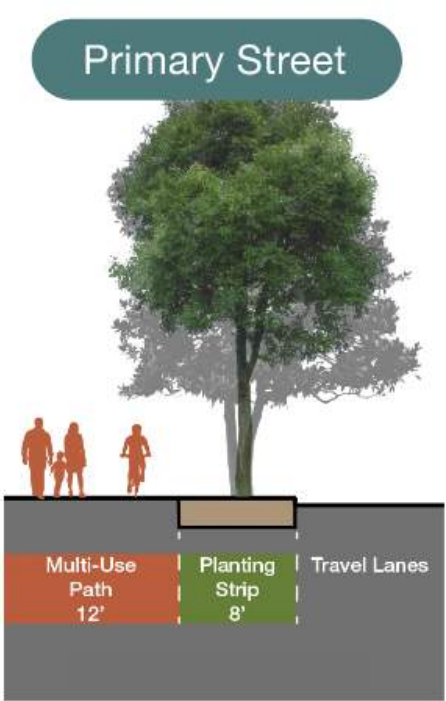


Figure 6.8 Primary Street Frontage

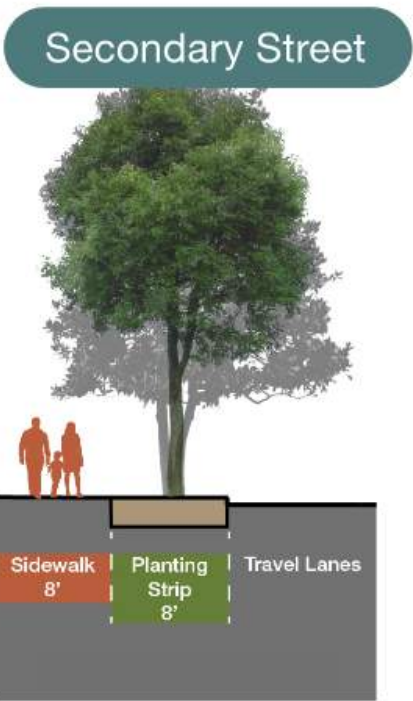


Figure 6.9 Secondary Street Frontage

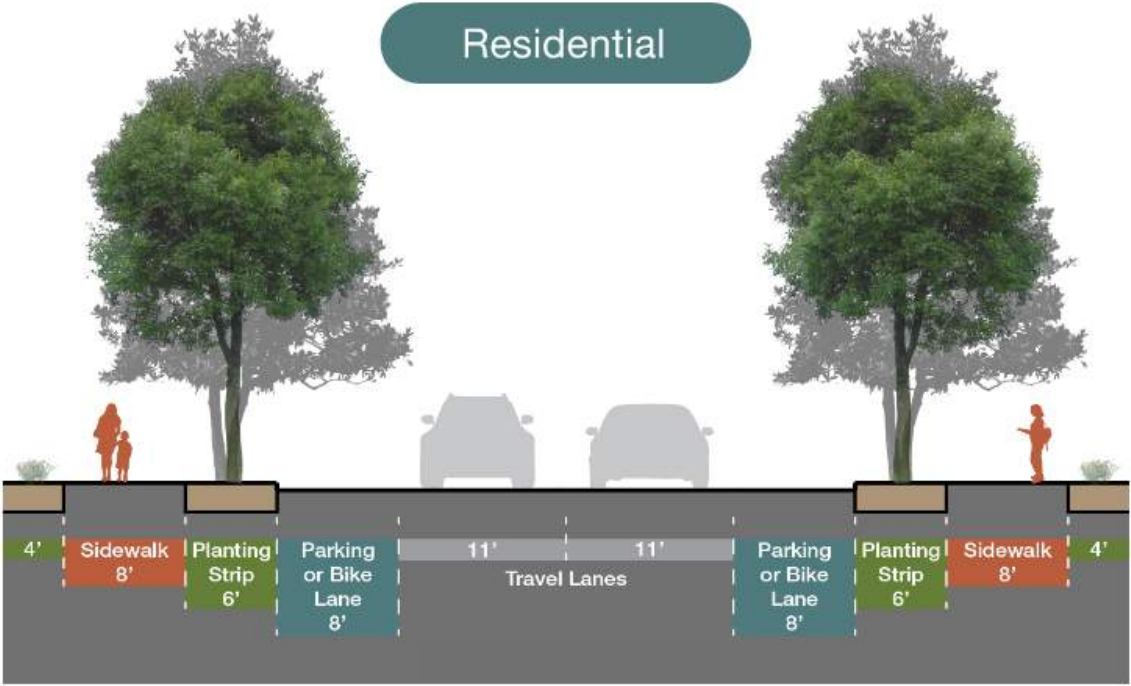


Figure 6.5 Residential Street Section

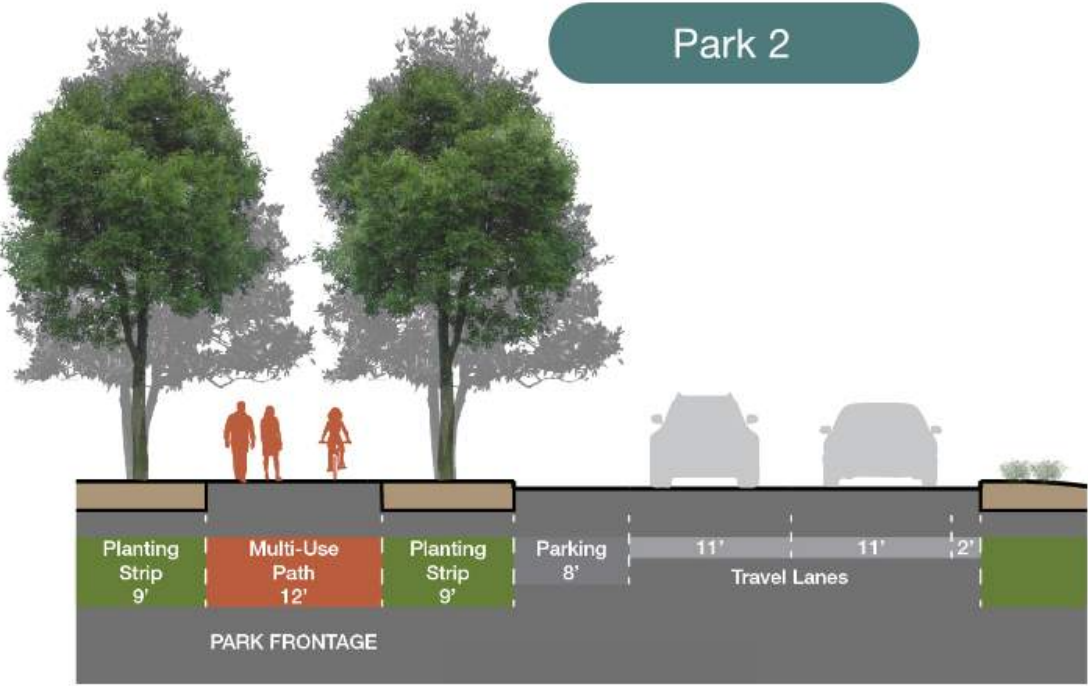


Figure 6.7 Park P-2 Street Section

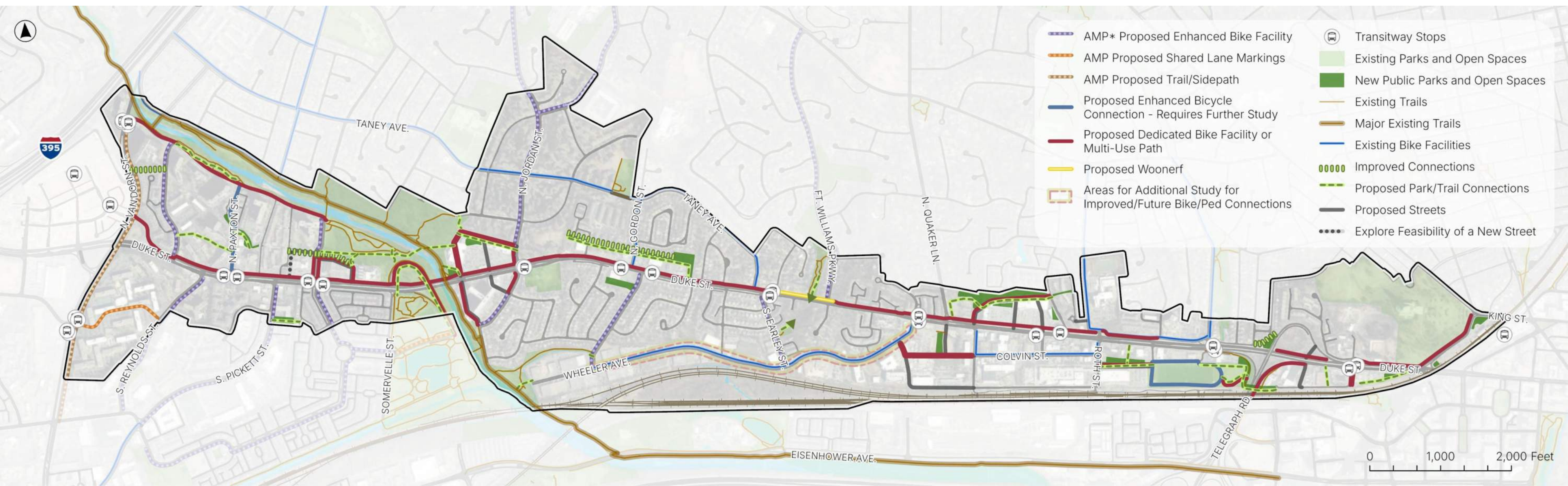
Figure 6.8 Primary Street Frontage Note

Primary street applies when a cross-section is not specified for a street or portion of a street. Primary streets are N. and S. Pickett, N. and S. Jordan, and N. Quaker.

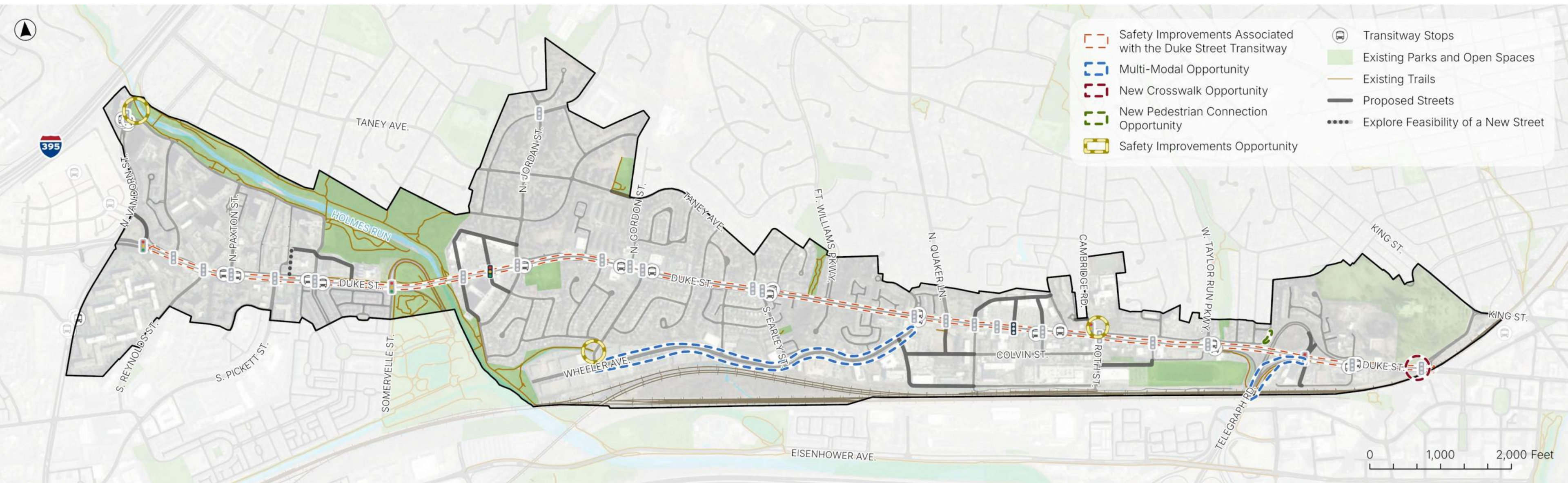
Figure 6.9 Secondary Street Frontage Note

Secondary street applies when a cross-section is not specified for a street or portion of a street and is not designated as a primary street.

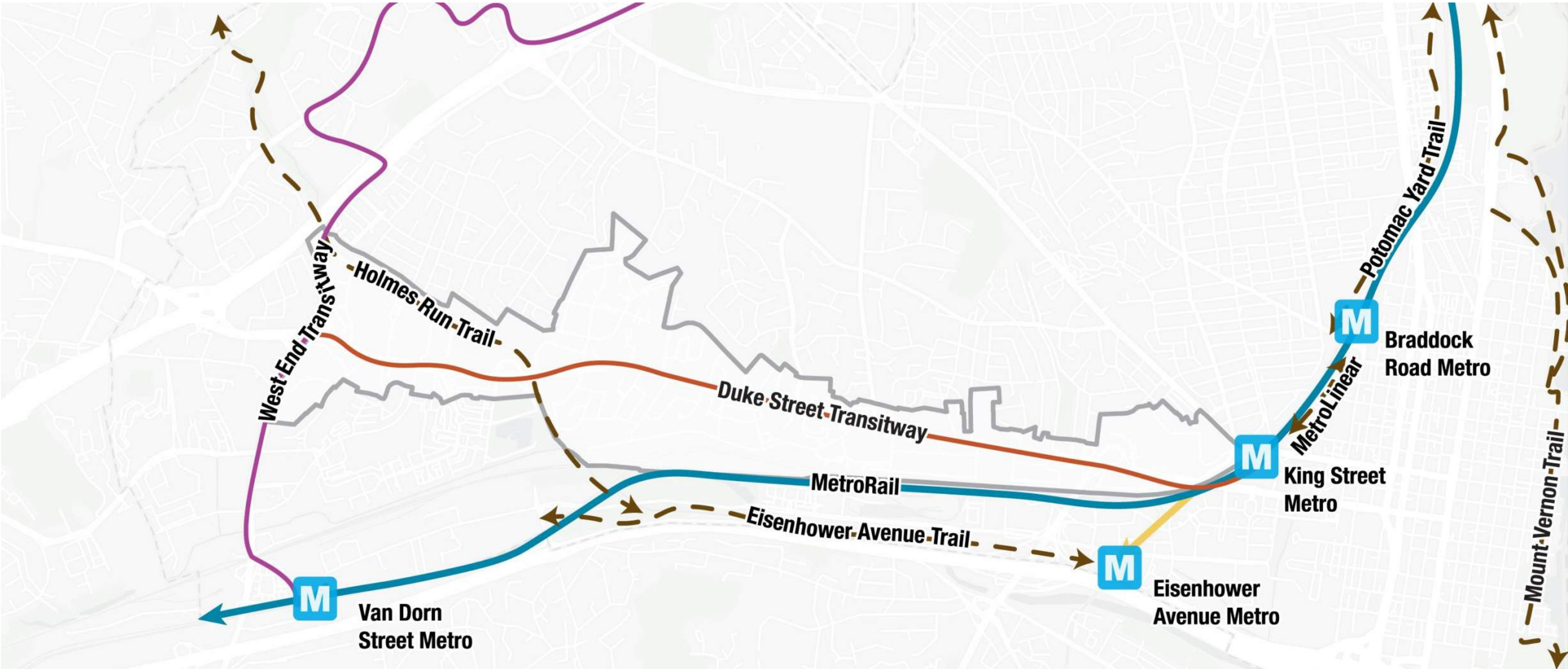
Chapter 6: Mobility – Bicycle and Pedestrian Network



Chapter 6: Mobility – Network Study Areas



Chapter 6: Mobility – Regional Trail and Transit Connections



What's Next?

Share your feedback!

- Review and comment on the Draft Plan on the Engagement Hub:
alexandriava.mysocialpinpoint.com/draft-plan
- Or view and download the Plan from the project webpage: alexandriava.gov/DukeStreetPlan

Up Next:

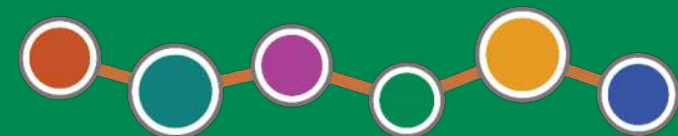
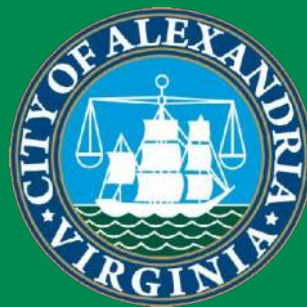
- Continuing October updates to PC and CC, Boards and Commissions
- Planned December Public Hearings

To view the Transportation Study, visit [here](#).



Discussion + Questions

DUKE STREET
LAND USE PLAN



Discussion Item: FY 2028 Budget Priorities

Agenda Item 4





FY28 Budget

- **City Manager seeking Boards and Commission input by November 20.**
- **Focus Areas:**
 - Maintain investments in employee recruitment and retention, youth and education, public safety programs and eliminating community disparities;
 - Maintain and stabilize affordable housing;
 - Navigate financial sustainability of Capital Improvement Program (Focus on reduction of required borrowing and debt service);
 - Diversify the City's tax base
- **Feedback provided at this meeting will be incorporated by staff into a letter to be signed by the Chair.**



Review of FY27 TC Budget Priorities (October)

- 1) Investment that ensures continuous sustainable WMATA regional transit service, including making sure that WMATA's Better Bus Network meets the needs of our community,
- 2) Investment that continues to implement the Alexandria Transit Vision Plan, with more DASH and a focus on regional connectivity,
- 3) Staffing and resources for Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School, including more protected bike infrastructure to make biking feasible for more people for short trips, and
- 4) Investment that brings Alexandria's multi-use trail system fully into a state of good repair, for many people rely on it just as others do the roads.



Review of FY27 TC Budget Priorities (March)

- 1) Safety is a priority for the Transportation Commission, and as such, all efforts should be made to frontload safety investments in the early years of the CIP budget.
- 2) The budget should properly fund snow removal from bike lanes, sidewalks and bus stop. The City should make every effort to ensure that our transportation network is ready and accessible for all users, even during snow storms.
- 3) There is significant concern over the eliminated Transportation Principal Planner position. With so many projects in the City, an appropriately staffed agency is critical to managing fiscal resources prudently and assuring the City can benefit from federal and state grants.
- 4) The Commission greatly appreciates that this budget keeps DASH funding and service stable.



Environmental Policy Commission Coordination

- **Considering support for Safe Routes to School (SRTS)**
 - State expansion of SRTS eligibility from K-8 to K-12 without increased allocation of funds (2021)
 - SRTS applications must compete for state Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds (more competitive pool)
 - Difficulty in TAP grant applications has led ACPS to assume cost of “Bicycles in The School” (BITS) personnel costs who teach bicycle and pedestrian safety via gym classes
 - VDOT reduction of Local Assistance Coordinators who provided logistical support for workshops and guidance on road safety near schools



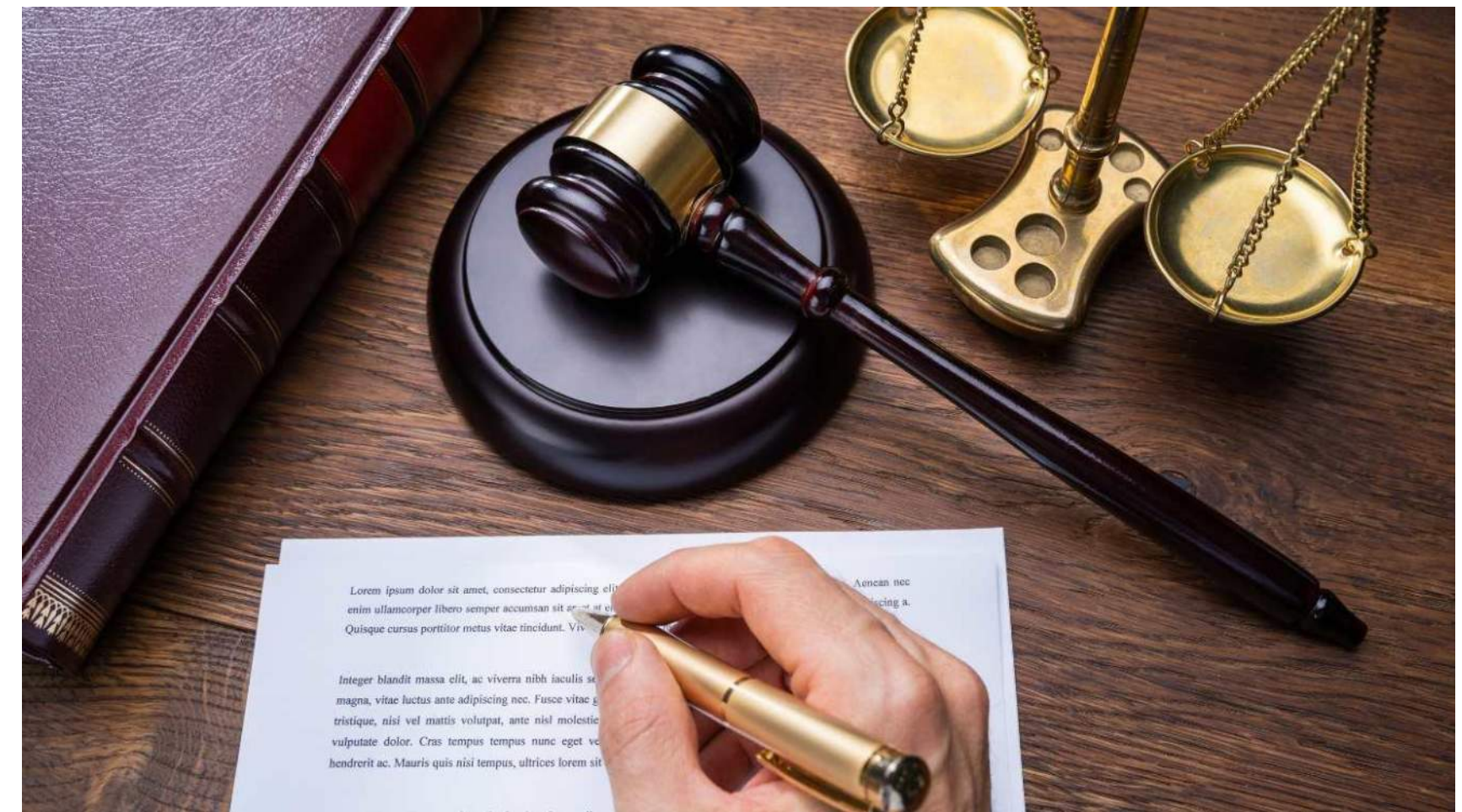
Budget Discussion

Agenda Item 6



Recommendation

- **That the Commission move to allow the Chair to work with staff to develop a letter to provide to the City Manager summarizing budget priorities discussed by the Commission.**



Commissioner Updates

Agenda Item 7



Written Items

Agenda Item 8



Other Business

Agenda Item 9





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Adjourn Transportation Commission Meeting

Next Meeting: November 18, 2026

