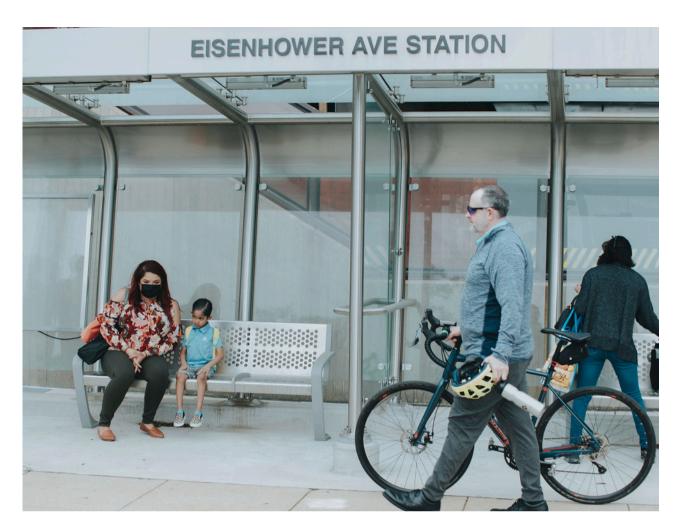# LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

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ABOUT LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The Long-Range Planning section within the Transportation Planning Division is responsible for developing plans, policies, programs, and studies designed to ensure transportation sustainability and equity for the future of mobility in Alexandria.

The Long-Range Planning Program is responsible for:

- Tracking implementation of the Alexandria Mobility Plan
- Supporting Transportation Commission
- Reviewing development plans
- Coordinating on Small Area Plan (SAP) updates
- Liaising on studies and plans from other agencies

FY23 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed the **Eisenhower West Transportation Alternatives Analysis** which included a concept design for an update to the Van Dorn Bridge allowing us to apply for NVTA 70% funds for construction
- Obtained **nine grant endorsements** from Transportation Commission
- Negotiated for **$485,000 in developer contributions** for bikeshare, parking meters, bus amenities, and traffic signals conditioned and approved through Council
- Assisted in **management of Blue and Yellow Line shutdowns** in Fall 2022 which included new bicycle wayfinding signage to Metro stations
- Lead a **grant application** for the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program for a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across I-395.

FY24 MAJOR WORK OBJECTIVE

- Complete **2023 AlexMoves Transportation Survey**
- Support grant applications for CMAQ/RSTP, WMCOG & Smart Scale
- Provide input and staff support on the **AlexWest Small Area Plan** update
- **Review development plans** to negotiate for transportation improvements and contributions and ensure alignment with approved policies and plans

ONGOING PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Transportation Commission

The long range transportation planning team manages the Transportation Commission, acting as liaison between staff and the Commissioners. In FY23, the Commission had ten meetings. The Transportation Commission Annual Report outlines the Board's goals for FY24.

Alexandria Mobility Plan Implementation

The Alexandria Mobility Plan (AMP) is the 2021 update to the Comprehensive Transportation Master Plan developed in 2008 and updated in 2016 with a new bicycle and pedestrian chapter. The AMP incorporates a comprehensive transportation planning approach to ensure adequate mobility and access for all Alexandrians. The Long-Range Planning Program coordinates with other transportation programs to track progress of AMP implementation.

Small Area Plan Updates

The Planning and Zoning Department leads updates to the City's Comprehensive Master Plan, typically focusing on areas of the City that are experiencing significant changes or development. The long range transportation team provides input on the transportation vision and recommendations with each plan update.

ONGOING PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Transportation Studies

Once transportation needs and projects are recognized and recommended through planning processes, staff conduct studies to determine feasibility, scope, and estimated costs of improvements. These studies help set up the City to pursue funding opportunities for project design and construction.

Development Review

Staff work with other departments on a collaborative development review process that strives to balance quality development and the transportation needs of the growing community. For Alexandria to maintain its attractiveness as a place of residence and commercial destination, transportation infrastructure and impacts associated with new developments are reviewed by staff to ensure proposals are consistent with transportation policies and requirements. Staff provide support at Planning Commission meetings and briefings as well as City Council public hearings.

Interagency and Interdepartmental Coordination

The long range transportation team coordinates and provides input on regional and City-wide projects as needed. Agency coordination is on-going with groups like DASH, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, Virginia Railway Express, and VDOT.