

FY 2024 ANNUAL REPORT
& FY 2025 WORK PLAN

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING + REGIONAL COORDINATION



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**Department of Transportation
& Environmental Services**
Transportation Planning Division



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 progress of the 2021 Alexandria Mobility Plan
- Supporting Transportation Commission
- Reviewing development plans
- Participating in Small Area Plan (SAP) updates
- Liaising on studies and plans from other agencies
- Coordinating with regional bodies and jurisdictions

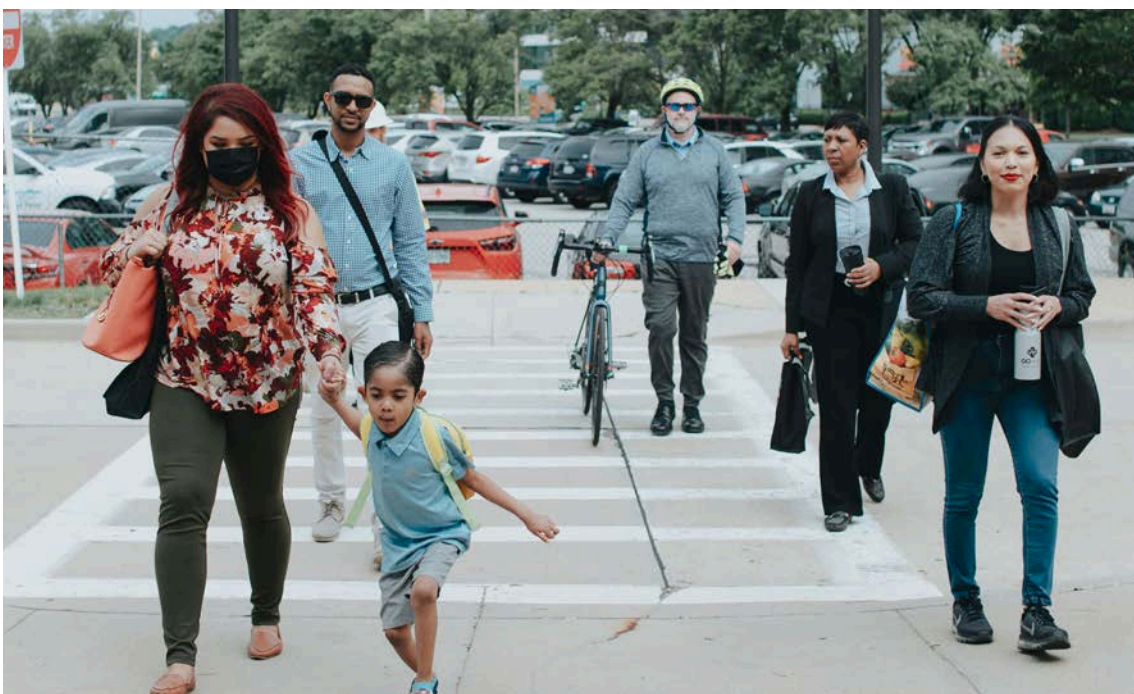
FY 2024 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Conducted biannual **AlexMoves resident survey** to better understand how Alexandrians move through the City.
- Obtained **15 grant endorsements** and completed biannual **Long Range Plan** process with **Transportation Commission**.
- Negotiated for **\$245,000 in developer contributions** for Capital Bikeshare, over **4,000 linear feet of sidewalk**, and **175 public bicycle parking spaces** conditioned and approved by City Council.
- Supported West End Transitway by negotiating completion of the **Mark Center Transit Center**.
- Began negotiations with the National Park Service for a **Highway Easement Deed** on East and West Abingdon Drive.
- Supported the **AlexWest Small Area Plan** Update.
- Developed a **tracking system** for transportation improvements to be constructed by developments.
- Supported and directed transportation elements of the **Potomac River Generating Site**, a 19 acre redevelopment which includes new streets, bus stops, bike infrastructure, and a shared street.



FY 2025 MAJOR WORK OBJECTIVE

- Support grant applications for CMAQ/RSTP, MWCOG, NVTA, & SMART SCALE.
- Represent transportation interests in the **Duke Street Small Area Plan** update.
- **Review development plans** to negotiate for transportation improvements and contributions and ensure alignment with approved policies and plans.
- Complete **Highway Easement Deed** with NPS to implement bike lanes on East Abingdon Drive.
- Support completion of **Visualize 2050** with the Regional Transportation Planning Board.
- Complete at least **three pre-grant feasibility** studies.





ONGOING PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Transportation Commission

The long range transportation planning team manages the Transportation Commission, acting as liaison between staff and the Commissioners. In FY24, the Commission had nine meetings. The Transportation Commission Annual Report outlines the Board's goals for FY25.

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 Department of Planning and Zoning leads updates to the City's Comprehensive Master Plan, typically focusing on areas of the City that are experiencing significant growth 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 identified and recommended through planning processes, staff conduct studies to assess feasibility, define scope, and estimate costs for improvements. These studies guide 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 guidance to the Department of Planning and Zoning to ensure development proposals align with transportation goals and policies.

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 such as DASH, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, Virginia Railway Express, and the Virginia Department of Transportation.



REGIONAL COORDINATION

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)

The Authority is responsible for long-range transportation project planning, prioritization, and funding for regional transportation projects in Northern Virginia. The NVTA's policies and priorities are guided by the two overarching goals of reducing congestion and moving the greatest number of people in the most cost-effective manner.

Transportation Planning Board

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for metropolitan Washington. Staff support City Council appointees to this board and provide relevant information and briefings for TPB meetings.