City of Alexandria, Virginia
FY 2026 Proposed Operating Budget & CIP
Budget Questions & Answers

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## Question:

What is the breakdown of non-City funding for CIP transportation projects?

## Response:

In the Funding Summary section of the Proposed FY 2026 – 2035 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), Table 3 (Page 3.23) illustrates the sources and uses for each project in the CIP. Attachment 1 included with this response provides a summary version of this chart listing only Transportation grant funding for the 10-year CIP period.

The following grant funding sources are included in the chart: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ); Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP); State and Federal Grants; Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) 30%; NVTA 70%; and Unsecured Grants.

For more details on any of the projects listed as receiving grant funds, please refer to the project's detail sheet found in the Transportation section. However, below highlights a few projects funded in this 10-year CIP with secured grant funding source. The 10-year CIP includes a total of \$139.6 million in secured grant funds:

- Capital Bike Share: \$516,000
  - Replacement of stations and bikes.
  - o Installation of new stations and e-bikes.
- Mt. Vernon Avenue Complete Streets: \$1,047,000
  - o Intersection improvements, bus stop upgrades, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, parking.
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS): \$2,370,935
  - Walk audit reports, design, and construction of safety enhancements.
- Electric Bus On-Route Charging Stations: \$1,000,000
  - Planning, design and construction of "On-Route" charging stations for the DASH electric bus fleet.
- Landmark Transit Center: \$11,497,054
  - Funding for planning, design, right of way, and construction of the transit center.
- Access Improvements at Landmark: \$3,671,000
  - Funding for complete design and construction as recommended in the Landmark/Van Dorn Small Area Plan.
  - Access improvements along South Van Dorn Street and Duke Street to increase safety and access to transit services.
- DASH Bus Fleet Replacements: \$36,834,000
  - Purchases buses
  - o Account for the cost of battery electric buses to maintain the fleet's state of good repair.

- Transit Corridor "B" Duke Street: \$19,200,000
  - o Implementation of the updated concept plan approved by City Council.
  - Design completion is expected in FY26. Construction of the transitway along Duke Street between the former Landmark Mall and King St. Metrorail to begin late FY2026.
- South Van Dorn Bridges: \$15,000,000
  - Design and construction of multimodal improvements to the South Van Dorn bridge between Metro road and Courtney Avenue and McConnel Avenue.
  - o Structural, civil, and traffic engineering design and analysis.

## **Unsecured Grant Funding:**

The City is actively seeking approximately \$163.6 million in unsecured federal and state grant funding to achieve its long-term transportation goals, with about \$46 million currently planned to be federal, though this split may change. These funds are crucial for projects in non-motorized transportation, public transit, and streets and bridges.

- Duke Street and West Taylor Run Safety Improvements: \$3,063,800
  - o Design modifications for improved traffic signal operation, multimodal safety, and access.
  - New connection from eastbound Duke Street to southbound Telegraph Road.
- King-Bradlee Safety and Mobility Enhancements: \$23,350,300
  - o Planning, design, and construction on King Street between Quaker Ln and Menokin Drive.
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS): \$2,500,000 (\$2M of this secured since budget was Proposed and will be submitted as a technical adjustment for Approved budget)
  - o Walk audit reports, design, and construction of safety enhancements.
- DASH Bus Fleet Replacements: \$95,131,200
  - Purchasing buses to electrify the DASH fleet by 2037.
  - o Accounting for battery electric bus costs to maintain the fleet's condition.
- DASH Facility Expansion: \$10,000,000
  - Expansion of bus parking, charging, and storage facilities to support increased service levels.
  - o Accommodate new bus orders and decommission old vehicles.
  - New utility infrastructure and electric bus charging equipment.
- DASH Fleet Expansion and Electrification: \$12,600,000
  - Building new electrical service and infrastructure for battery electric bus charging.
  - Upgrading clean diesel buses to electric buses.
- Electric Bus On-Route Charging Stations: \$3,000,000
  - Planning, design, and construction of charging stations for the DASH electric bus fleet.
- Transit Access & Amenities: \$3,840,000 (\$3.5M of this secured since budget was Proposed and will be submitted as a technical adjustment for Approved budget)
  - o Installation or upgrade of bus shelters to improve rider comfort.
- Bridge Repairs: \$7,100,000
  - Ongoing maintenance for planning, design, and construction of bridges based on inspection reports.
- Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing of Major Roads: \$3,000,000

Attachment 1: FY 2026 – 2035 Proposed CIP Transportation Projects with Grant Funding