



Transportation Commission Meeting

June 18, 2025

7:00PM

**City Council Workroom- City Hall
301 King Street**

AGENDA

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| 1. Public Comment – Includes Public Comments on Public Hearing Items | 7:00 – 7:10 |
| 2. Minutes of the May 21 meeting | 7:10 – 7:13 |
| 3. Public Hearing: Low & No Emissions and Bus & Bus Facilities Grant | 7:13 – 7:30 |
| 4. Public Hearing: NVT A 70% Grant | 7:30 – 7:50 |
| 5. Commissioner Updates | 7:50 – 8:00 |
| 6. Written Items | 8:00 – 8:10 |
| A. NACTO Conference follow-up | |
| B. William Ramsay SRTS Work | |
| C. Fare Free Metrobus for Alexandria Students | |
| 7. Other Business | 8:10 – 8:15 |

Public hearing items are so noted on the agenda. The Commission may receive public comments on other agenda items at its discretion.

Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

The June 18, 2025, meeting of the Transportation Commission is being held at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Workroom on the second floor of City Hall (301 King Street) and electronically. Members of the Transportation Commission and staff are participating either in-person or from a remote location through video conference call on Zoom. The meeting can be accessed via Zoom by registering at the following link:

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Public comment will be received at the meeting. There will be a public comment period at the beginning of the meeting and written testimony can be provided until 3PM on 6/18/2025 to Christopher.Ziemann@alexandriava.gov.

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City of Alexandria
Transportation Commission
May 21, 2025
7:06 p.m.

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chair Matthew McManus, Vice Chair Leslie Catherwood, Commissioner Dan Beattie, Commissioner Jody Manor, Commissioner Jim Maslanka, Commissioner Melissa McMahon, Commissioner Casey Kane, Commissioner Tim Lovain, Councilmember Kirk McPike.

Staff Present: Christopher Ziemann - Transportation Planning Division Chief; Owen Albrecht - City Paratransit Manager.

Audio/Visual presentation is available online:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/TransportationCommission>

Chair McMahon called the Transportation Commission meeting at 7:06 p.m.

1. Public Comment – Includes Public Comments on Public Hearing Items

00:09:12

Motion to approve close Public Comment Period: Commissioner McMahon

Second: Commissioner Maslanka

Motion carries 8-0

Christopher Ziemann advised this would serve as a public comment period not only for general comments, but also for all public hearing items later in the agenda, a change made at the request of the Chair and Vice Chair for the sake of efficiency, eliminating 2-5 minutes after each public hearing item and making it so members of the public who wish to speak must wait a long time to do so.

Commissioners Kane and McMahon expressed disagreement with the change, noting that members of the public who want to speak may not be aware and/or may be expecting to be able to speak after the agenda item of interest is presented, adding that the purpose of the public comment period is to allow members of the public to raise items not on the agenda. **Commissioner McMahon** suggested ensuring all public hearing items are moved up in the agenda in order to minimize wait times for those who wish to speak.

Chair McManus proposed that board members be more succinct in their comments so as to allow time for the public to speak. Chair McManus advised that for this meeting, they would revert to the previous public hearing procedure and closed the discussion on the matter.

2. April Minutes

00:18:23

Motion to approve minutes for the April 16, 2025 meeting: Commissioner Lovain

Second: Commissioner McMahon

Motion carries 7-0 (Commissioner Beattie absent)

3. Action Item – Public Hearing: Enhanced Mobility Grant

00:18:58

Owen Albrecht presented on the Enhanced Mobility Grant, which would provide funding for vehicles for several programs, including the vehicle to be used with the DOT Paratransit program.

Questions/Discussion

Commissioner and Staff comments, questions and answers highlights included:

- **Funding source/amount:** The City will request \$1M, which would allow for the purchase of 6-7 vehicles, depending on tariffs. Once procured, 2-3 vehicles will go to the vendor, reducing the City's monthly bill by \$2,500/vehicle (in line with what a dealership would charge).
- **Fleet:** The City would be in control of the fleet which would improve service. The new vehicles would all have the same technology, so all routing/tracking would flow directly into the revamped user application to request service.
- **Budget:** In their budget discussions, City Council moved a quarter of the program's Operating Budget into contingency for this year, requesting a 25% cut through cost-cutting and found efficiencies. Councilman McPike explained that Council is concerned about the cost of this program as compared to other jurisdictions in the area, with a large amount spent for a small number of trips, and that the contingency move was made by Vice Mayor Bagley in order to give the Department an opportunity to determine how to maintain service but reduce taxpayer costs. Services would not be cut, but Council is seeking to create more flexibility with future budgets by letting this service maintain its character in a more cost-efficient way. The reductions in monthly fees as a result of this funding will not be seen until the next fiscal year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission endorse a recommendation to City Council to apply for Enhanced Mobility Funds for the purchase of electric wheelchair-accessible vehicles.

Motion to endorse a Recommendation to City Council to apply for the Enhanced Mobility Funds

Grant: Commissioner Maslanka

Second: Commissioner McMahon

Motion Carries 8-0

4. Action Item – Public Hearing: Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grant

00:30:28

Christopher Ziemann: Presented on the TA Set-Aside grant application for two Safe Routes to School projects.

Questions/Discussion

- **Chair McManus** noted the importance of crosswalk visibility.
- **Commissioner Kane** stated he would like to see more crosswalks in the City, and asked why bus pads were part of this grant.
- **Mr. Ziemann** clarified that only one ADA bus pad was installed in front of a single school (GW Middle School) as part of SRTS to serve the high volume of students using that stop.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission endorse a recommendation to City Council to apply for Transportation Alternatives Funds for the Crossing Improvements Near Schools Phase II Project.

Motion to endorse a recommendation to City Council to apply for Transportation Alternatives Funds for Phase II of the Cross Improvements Near Schools:

Commissioner McMahon

Second: Commissioner Lovain

Motion Carries 8-0

5. Action Item – Public Hearing: Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant

00:38:20

Christopher Ziemann presented on the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant (SS4A) application to update the original Vision Zero Actin Plan.

Questions/Discussion

- **Commissioner McMahon** inquired as to the cost of the update: \$750K
 - **Mr. Ziemann** replied that this is necessary to include high emphasis on public engagement.
- **Chair McManus** suggested that by prioritizing the issue as a commission, they can find ways to address some of these things sooner with Council.
- **Commissioner Lovain** noted that these grants are a lot safer than the programs we hear are being gutted right now, because they were created by Congress.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission endorse a recommendation to City

Council to apply for SS4A Funds to update the City's Vision Zero Action Plan.

Motion to accept endorse a Recommendation to City Council to apply for SS4A Funds to update the City's Vision Zero Action Plan: Commissioner McMahon

Second: Commissioner Lovain

Motion Carries 8-0

6. Action Item: Transportation Commission Membership Letter

00:48:23

Commissioner McMahon presented a draft of a letter to City Council, requesting the following proposed commission membership wording changes:

- Planning Commission seat: replace wording with "One member from Commission on Aging or the Commission on Persons with Disabilities," "or Nominee".
- DASH Board representative: Replace with "One member from the Alexandria Transit Company Board of Directors," "or Nominee".
- Additional Member: Resident between the ages of 16 and 25.

Questions/Discussion

- **Christopher Ziemann** stated that staff has spoken with Council, who are aware of the letter. They'll bring the issue to the first legislative meeting in September; preparations can be made over the summer.
- **Chair McManus** noted that given the fact that existing membership wording already specifies a DASH seat, a reminder to DASH about attending might make sense.
- **Commissioner Kane** expressed disappointment about waiting until September to present this to Council and asked who would be eligible from each board to designate "Nominees".
- **Commissioner McMahon** replied that in her proposal, either board (Commission on Persons with Disabilities and Commission on Aging) can nominate, and members are selected by City Council. Because of the integration between the two commissions, contested appointments would be unlikely.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission endorse the Membership Change letter to be delivered to City Council.

Motion to check in with DASH regarding the empty ATC board seat and endorse the letter requesting proposed Transportation Commission Membership Change to City Council: Commissioner Lovain

Second: Commissioner Beattie

Motion Carries 8-0

7. Commissioner Updates

0:57:12

Commissioner Beattie: Noted excellent representation among the Fleet Transit community at last month's Eco-City Alexandria Festival at Ben Brenman Park and commended staff for an outstanding job.

Vice-Chair Catherwood: Did not provide any updates.

Commissioner Kane: Commended staff and Councilmembers on the Bike to Work Day effort. The Traffic & Parking Board recently:

- 1) **Endorsed changing the road configuration on Mill Road**
- 2) **Approved changes to Metro Road**
- 3) **Recommended Parking Rate Changes:**

Commissioner Lovain - Did not provide any updates.

Commissioner Manor - Did not provide any updates.

Commissioner Maslanka – There's a virtual meeting on June 9 on the GenOn Development Residency and the Duke Street Small Area plan.

Commissioner McMahon – She, along with Commissioners Kane and Beattie, attended the Smart Mobility

Lab Workshop, kicking off the city's partnership with Virginia Tech on smart intersection technology.

Chair McManus- The Better Bus Network will be a very big change for the DMV area. He suggests that the Commission should make time to wade through it, so we can be helpful if residents reach out with questions.

Councilmember McPike: Council passed the budget on April 30, including expanded funds for DASH line 32. Appreciated the commissioners' work on the Commission membership draft letter; look forward to receiving that officially. Lastly, in 12-18 months there will also be fewer gas-powered leaf blowers in the City.

8. Written Items

01:11:10

Item A. ADA Bus Stop Improvements (pulled by Commissioner Kane)

Commissioner Kane expressed disappointment in the ADA bus pad images from a location near Fort Worth Park. This is 3 separate pieces of concrete, not a proper bus pad - it could pose a fall/trip hazard, and suggested seeking a green alternative material for these.

Item B. Duke Street Turn Calming (pulled by Commissioner Kane)

Commissioner Kane: Applauds the City on implementing turn calming efforts, noting driver behavior is improved as drivers are making better, slower turns.

Item E. Eisenhower- Landmark/Van Dorn Newsletter (pulled by Commissioner Kane)

Commissioner Kane: This is an informative newsletter pulling disparate information pieces together.

Item F. Better Bus Network Redesign and Communications Plan (pulled by Chair McManus)

Chair McManus: Requested that staff forward to commissioners Metro's digital communications toolkit.

Commissioner McMahon concurred, noting staying really connected to who our constituencies are and making sure that we're bringing them information and bringing information back is critical.

Commissioner Kane noted that Metro has already changed the signs, so the new bus number now is the prominent one with a QR code. The Transit App and Google Maps will also update to reflect the shift to the new numbers.

9. Other Business

01:20:15

Commissioner McMahon: The interdepartmental work program included parking ratio updates in development. When and how are we looking at these?

Christopher Ziemann: The City will look at residential ratios first, and will likely start sometime this fall.

Commissioner Kane: The City mentioned at the Traffic and Parking Board that staff was hiring a parking consultant, who will take a broad-based look at parking, but did not specify residential or commercial.

At **8:23 pm**, the Transportation Commission adjourned.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 18, 2025

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #3 – LOW AND NO EMISSIONS AND BUS AND BUS FACILITIES GRANT

ISSUE: The City is proposing to seek grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to fund projects in support of State of Good Repair of the DASH Facility and Rolling Stock, as well as the continued transition towards Zero Emissions technology.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission endorse a letter to the Federal Transit Administration in support of the FY 2025 Low or No Emission (Low-No) and/or Buses and Bus Facilities Grant applications.

BACKGROUND: The *Low-No Program* aims to support the transition of the transit fleet to low emissions or no emissions fleet technology, to include replacement buses, infrastructure, and facility improvements. For Federal FY 2025, there is \$1.1 billion in funds available under this program.

The *Bus and Bus Facilities Program* assists in funding buses and bus facility capital projects to address severe State of Good Repair deficiencies. For Federal FY 2025, there is \$398 million available in funds under this program.

Grant applications are evaluated by the FTA with considerations including demonstration of need, demonstration of benefits, planning and local or regional prioritization, local financial commitment, project implementation strategy, and technical, legal, and financial capacity. Additional consideration specific to the current Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) include opportunity zone, cost-effective vehicle procurements, strengthen U.S. Vehicle Manufacturing Industry, benefits for families and communities, and Buy America.

DISCUSSION: DASH and the City of Alexandria propose applying to both projects with scalable applications.

DASH Facility Rehabilitation/Deck Repair (State of Good Repair)

In 2021, the City and DASH identified an urgent need to conduct comprehensive rehabilitation and replacement of the roof deck structure of the DASH Facility due to rapidly deteriorating

conditions. This has resulted in hazardous work conditions for occupants, uncontrolled water intrusion, and subsequent damage of equipment. In FY 2023, \$3 million was included in the CIP to perform the DASH Upper Deck repairs. However, it was quickly determined that the true cost to perform the project is closer to \$9-12 million. DASH and the City have pursued the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) MERIT program to secure additional State funding for this project, the project is now included in the draft Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for a minimum of \$2.5 million and maximum of \$4.7 million in supplemental State funding. This brings the total secured funding to roughly \$5 million minimum. The City and DASH proposes submitting this project to the FY 2025 Bus and Bus Facilities program and/or Low No program to cover the remainder of the funding gap. Staff anticipates that scope additions (such as photovoltaic/solar, microgrid elements, etc.) may be added to make this project to be eligible for Low No funding, which has a substantial larger amount of available funding. Staff will potentially also incorporate other various rehabilitative needs of the DASH facility as it is approaching mid-life based ongoing grant strategy guidance.

DASH Replacement Buses (State of Good Repair)

In 2018, the City and DASH committed to shifting to an all zero-emissions bus fleet by the year 2037. DASH currently has sixteen (16) electric buses with charging infrastructure and 87 active clean diesel and hybrid buses.

Between the DASH Bus Replacement plan and existing surplus assets, twelve (12) buses are identified as exceeded their useful life and eligible for replacement by FY 2026. To replace these buses with conventional clean diesel counter parts would cost approximately \$10.4 million. If all twelve buses are funded, this would alleviate pressure on the City's CIP to fund replacement buses in subsequent year FY 2027, in which there are fourteen (14) total buses needing replacement.

To replace all twelve (12) buses with battery electric buses would cost an additional \$6.8 million, totaling \$17.2 million. Depending on ongoing grant strategy guidance, the City may apply for up to these twelve (12) buses either as clean diesel conventional replacement buses, and/or battery electric zero emissions buses.

To be strategic with funding awards and amounts, DASH and City staff will submit multiple applications to this grant program with the goal of securing the maximum amount of funding. How those applications are structured and scaled will be determined after additional conversations with FTA and the release of the NOFO. Applications will likely be submitted to both Low-No and Buses and Bus Facilities, and FTA will decide from which funding source the project would be awarded.

The following projects (up to \$36 million total) could be submitted within these applications.

- **DASH Facility Rehabilitation:** (up to \$17.6 million): Replacement and rehabilitation of DASH Facility Upper Deck and other facility rehabilitation needs.
- **Bus Replacement** (up to \$10.4 million): Retire and replace up to twelve (12) heavy duty buses with standard diesel replacements.
- **Electrification of Bus Replacements** (up to \$6.8 million): Upgrade up to twelve (12) heavy duty replacement buses to battery electric propulsion.

- **Workforce Development** (up to \$1.2 million): Possible requirement of 5% of Federal request.

The maximum total project amount is \$36 million, but staff will continue to refine the ask based on feedback from the FTA. While it is unlikely the full grant request will be fulfilled, staff determined the best path forward is to propose all needs in a scalable manner by which the FTA can assess and award funds as available.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Draft Letter of Support



Alexandria Transportation Commission
301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: 703.746.4025

Federal Transit Administration
Office of Program Management
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

June 18, 2025

Re: Recommendations to the Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emissions & Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Applications

Dear Federal Transit Administration:

At its June 18 meeting, the Alexandria Transportation Commission voted to endorse the City's application for the Federal Transit Administration Low or No Emission Vehicles and Bus and Bus Facilities discretionary grant programs. The project will seek federal funding for a critical DASH deck replacement project, bus replacement, and electrification of bus replacement.

The Transportation Commission is supportive of the City's and DASH's adopted policy goal ensure the state of good repair for existing infrastructure, as well as improving its fleet with zero emissions vehicles. The proposed application will support these goals by funding the necessary repairs to bring the DASH Facility to State of Good Repair, replace buses that have met the end of useful life, and support continued conversion to Zero Emission technology.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Matt McManus
Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Jim Parajon, City Manager
Emily Baker, Deputy City Manager
Michael Moon, Interim Director, T&ES
Josh Baker, General Manager, DASH
Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES
Christopher Ziemann, Division Chief, T&ES

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 18, 2025

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #4 – NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY 70% GRANT APPLICATION

ISSUE: The City is seeking to submit to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for Regional Transportation Funding for the FY 2030 program to fund improvements to Eisenhower Avenue and the Van Dorn/Duke Street intersection.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission endorse a letter to NVTA in support of the submittal.

BACKGROUND: In April 2013, House Bill 2313 was signed into law, levying additional taxes and a fee in Planning Districts that meet population, motor vehicle registration, and transit ridership criteria. The revenues generated in Northern Virginia through these taxes and fees are deposited into a fund managed by the NVTA. Thirty percent (30%) of the funds are distributed directly to member localities to use on transportation projects. The remaining seventy percent (70%) of the funds are distributed by NVTA for regional transportation projects. Since FY 2014, the City has been awarded approximately \$214 million in NVTA 70% regional funds, the bulk of which went to the Potomac Yard Metro Station (\$70 million) and the Duke Street Transitway (\$87 million). The City uses NVTA 30% funds largely for transit capital and operating costs, subject to annual budget consideration by City Council. For a summary of projects and funding, see Attachment 2.

DISCUSSION: This Spring, NVTA formally requested applications seeking 70% regional transportation funding for FY 2030 and FY 2031 as part of the FY 2026 to FY 2031 Six-Year Program update. In this funding round, the City can only submit projects that are currently included in the NVTA's approved regional plan, TransAction. The City plans to submit applications for two projects totaling up to \$46 million.

Project 1: Eisenhower Avenue/South Van Dorn Street Corridor Improvements – Up to \$24 million. The concept design for this project was endorsed by City Council in October 2024. This project will fund design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction for a variety of mobility, access, and roadway safety design changes on Eisenhower Avenue between South Van Dorn

Street and Holmes Run Trail that were recommended as part of the Eisenhower Avenue Transportation Study. The changes include removing one travel lane in each direction on Eisenhower Avenue, diverting left-turns at the Eisenhower Avenue/South Van Dorn Street intersection to Metro Road, installing No Turn on Red restrictions and Leading Pedestrian Intervals, installing protected bicycle lanes, new sidewalks, installing enhanced pedestrian crossings, installing bus boarding islands, adding on-street parking, to enhance mobility, access, and safety for all roadway users while minimizing traffic delay.

City Council previously approved the submission of these projects for funding to the state's 2030 SMART SCALE program and the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All program.

Project 2: Van Dorn/Duke Street Roadway Improvements – Up to \$22 million. The City is seeking to apply for infrastructure improvements at the Duke Street and Van Dorn Street interchange to complement the Duke Street Transitway. The Landmark/Van Dorn Small Area Plan proposes improvements to this location, and this project will include safety upgrades at the new at grade crossings and a ramp realignment to accommodate the Duke Street Transitway to access the Landmark Mall (now West End) Transit Center. The proposed project would include design and construction of interchange ramp realignments, crossing improvements, exclusive transit ramp and a new sidewalk on Duke Street where currently missing. The proposed sidewalk was identified as a priority project in the Alexandria Mobility Plan. Duke Street has also been identified as a high-crash corridor, and this project would support the City's Vision Zero Action Plan by improving safety for all road users. This project will also speed buses along the Duke Street Transitway, and enhance mobility, access, safety, and comfort for people walking to, from, or adjacent to the future West End Alexandria mixed-use development complex.

City Council approved the submittal of these applications on May 27.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Draft Letter of Support



**Alexandria Transportation Commission
301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22313
703.746.4025**

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
2600 Park Tower Drive
Suite 601
Vienna, VA 22180

June 18, 2025

Re: **Endorsement for Submittal to Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa)
for Regional Transportation Funding (70% Funds) for FY 2030-FY 2031**

Dear NVTa:

At its June 18 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse the submittal to Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) for Regional Transportation Funding for FY 2030-FY 2031. The grant application is for up to \$46 million total for the following project:

- Up to \$24 million for the design and implementation of the Eisenhower Avenue Corridor Improvements
- Up to \$22 million for the design and implementation of the improvements to the Van Dorn/Duke Street intersection

The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff recommendations for this important grant program. This grant and recommended project are consistent with the Alexandria Mobility Plan and NVTa's TransAction plan and will help to make Alexandria a more sustainable, accessible and safe City with enhanced multi-modal transportation options.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Matthew McManus
Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

Cc: Jim Parajon, City Manager
Emily Baker, Deputy City Manager
Michael Moon, Interim Director, T&ES
Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES
Christopher Ziemann, Division Chief, Transportation Planning, T&ES
Philippe Simon, Grants Coordinator, T&ES

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 18 2025

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM # 6 – WRITTEN ITEMS

ISSUE: Staff update to Transportation Commission on various projects.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive the written items.

A. NACTO Conference

Between May 28-May 31, the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) held their annual Designing Cities conference in Washington DC. This attracted staff from across the country, and City Of Alexandria staff played a large role in this conference. Staff presented on panels for smart mobility, Vision Zero, and strategic collaborations and led four “walkshops,” or walking tours, highlighting the City’s progress with Bus Rapid Transit, transit-oriented development, trails, public art, and bus stop improvements.

B. William Ramsay SRTS and Sanger Avenue Paving Project Updates

This summer, construction will start on two safety improvement projects on Sanger Avenue. The first, the William Ramsay Safe Routes to School Project, will enhance pedestrian safety near William Ramsay Elementary School and Recreation Center with new curb extensions, a raised crosswalk, and wider sidewalks along the south side from North Beauregard Street to the Recreation Center. This work builds upon previous ADA improvements and will be completed before school resumes August 18.

The Sanger Avenue Safety Improvements Project focuses on Sanger Avenue between North Beauregard Street and Van Dorn Street. Following June's repaving, July implementation will add marked crossings, ADA curb ramps, painted curb extensions, and all-day parking. These improvements, approved by the Traffic and Parking Board in February 2025, create safer crossings across Sanger Avenue and more space for people who walk and bike under the I-395 bridge.

C. Fare Free Metrobus for Alexandria Students

The City has been awarded grant funding to implement a fare-free Metrobus pilot program for middle and high school students in support of local mobility goals and to help develop the

next generation of transit riders in FY 2026. Both middle schools are served by Metrobus service, and with the upcoming Better Bus Network Redesign, Alexandria City High School will also be served by Metrobus, and this grant provides new, no-cost options for students to get to schools, jobs, afterschool activities, etc. City staff will be working with WMATA and Alexandria City Public Schools to launch this program in Fall 2025. The program will involve an initial investment of \$150,000, comprising \$120,000 from state funding and a local match of \$30,000.