

*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: JANUARY 4, 2001

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FUNDING "THE EISENHOWER GREENWAY PROJECT," PHASE I OF THE EISENHOWER AVENUE MULTI-USE TRAIL ENHANCEMENT PROJECT, THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

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**ISSUE:** City Council consideration of a grant application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for funding "The Eisenhower Greenway Project," Phase I of the Eisenhower Avenue Multi-Use Trail Enhancement Project, through the Transportation Enhancement Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council authorize the City Manager to:

1. Submit a grant application to the Virginia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$667,644, for "The Eisenhower Greenway Project," Phase I of the Eisenhower Avenue Multi-Use Trail Enhancement Project, through the Transportation Enhancement Program; and
2. Execute all documents that may be required.

The Bicycle Study Committee and the Eisenhower Partnership fully support this grant application and the proposed improvements to the trail.

**DISCUSSION:** This grant request, titled "The Eisenhower Greenway Project," solicits funding for a two-mile section of the 4.5 mile Eisenhower Greenway identified in the Bicycle Transportation and Multi-Use Trail Master Plan, adopted by Council in 1998. The Eisenhower Greenway is bounded by Van Dorn Street on the west and Holland Lane on the east. It is one of the most important transportation routes within the City of Alexandria. The corridor contains two Metro stations, two major recreational facilities, several large employment centers, three existing residential sites, plus extensive commercial and residential projects under development. Anticipated growth will increase vehicular traffic and pedestrian and cycling usage of the corridor. Initiatives to improve the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life for all users of the corridor are a paramount goal for the City of Alexandria. This grant provides for such an initiative.

The portion of the Eisenhower Greenway this project addresses stretches from northeast of Hensley Park Bridge to the west end of the Telegraph Road Bridge. The major goal is to make the multi-use

trail safe and efficient for all users. The project is anticipated to take five years from design through construction. It will include the following elements as shown in the attachment:

1. The existing trail will be replaced with a new trail running along the south side of Eisenhower Avenue, from Telegraph Road west to a point on Eisenhower Avenue across from Lake Cook. The new trail will connect there with the existing trail, and will then continue west along the south side of Eisenhower Avenue until it reaches Cameron Run Regional Park. Then, the trail will fork, one branch leading to Hensley Park, the other branch linking with the existing Holmes Run Trail.
2. An underpass where Eisenhower Avenue crosses over Cameron Run will be included as part of the new trail so that those traveling on the branch connecting with the Holmes Run Trail can cross beneath Eisenhower Avenue safely.

In addition, the new and existing trail will be brought into compliance with all current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards and regulations of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act. This includes providing a consistent ten foot wide trail, replacing guard rails with AASHTO accepted guard rails or small retaining walls in areas where necessitated by grades, and installing new signage.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Virginia Department of Transportation, Transportation Enhancement Program Grant will provide funding for 80 percent of the total project cost of \$834,555, or \$667,644. A local in-kind match of 20 percent of the project cost, or \$166,911, is required. The City’s local match requirement will be provided by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities in already budgeted monies, materials, and/or in-kind services.

A breakdown of the total budget of \$834,555 for the project is as follows:

<b>Grant Request</b>	<b>\$667,644</b>
<b>City Match</b>	<b>\$166,911</b>
Capital Improvement Program Budget:	
Design Fees	\$ 41,200
Construction	\$115,153
Operating Budget:	
Project Staff Time	\$ 10,558
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$834,555</b>

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Eisenhower Avenue Greenway Map

**STAFF:**

Sandra Whitmore, Director

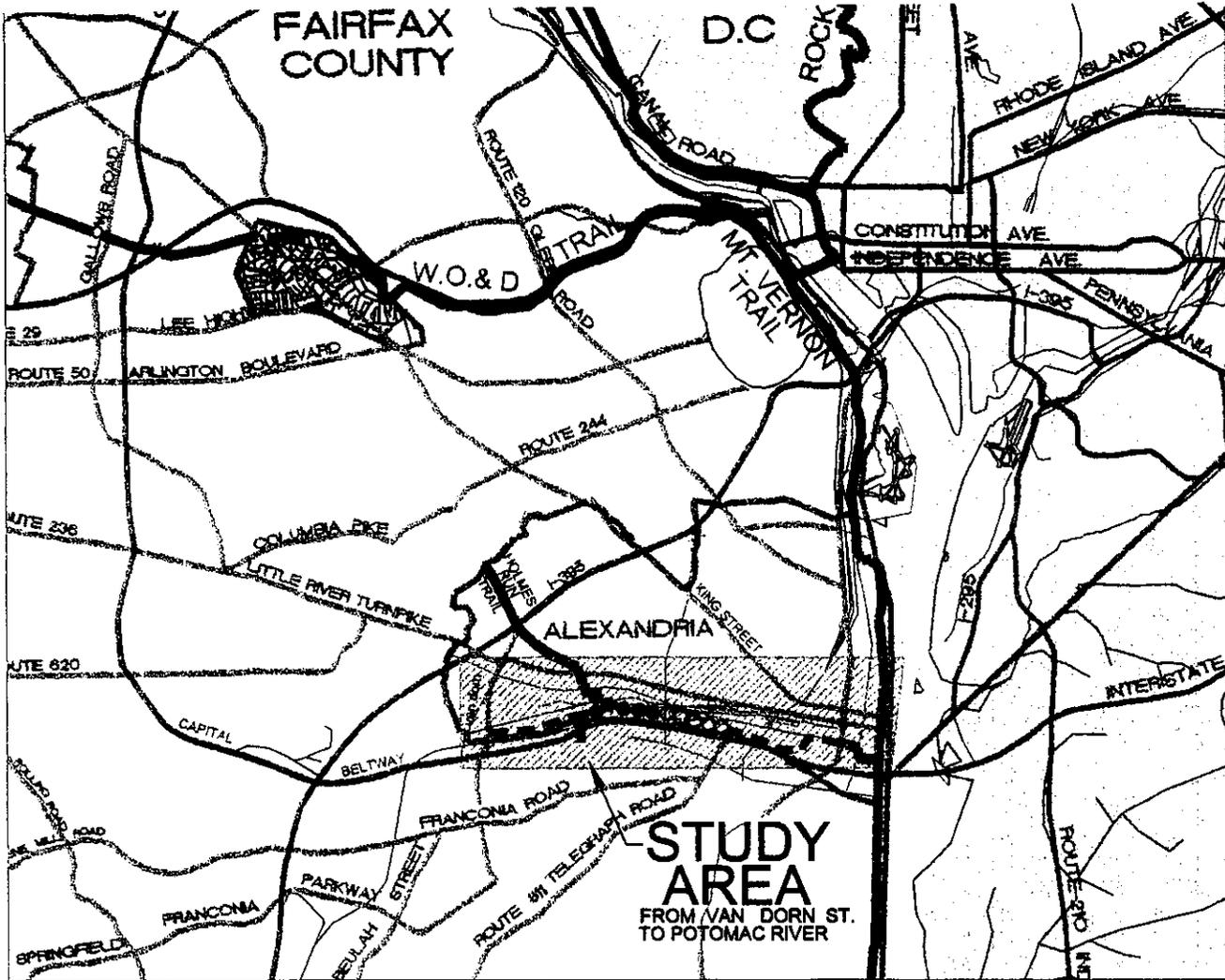
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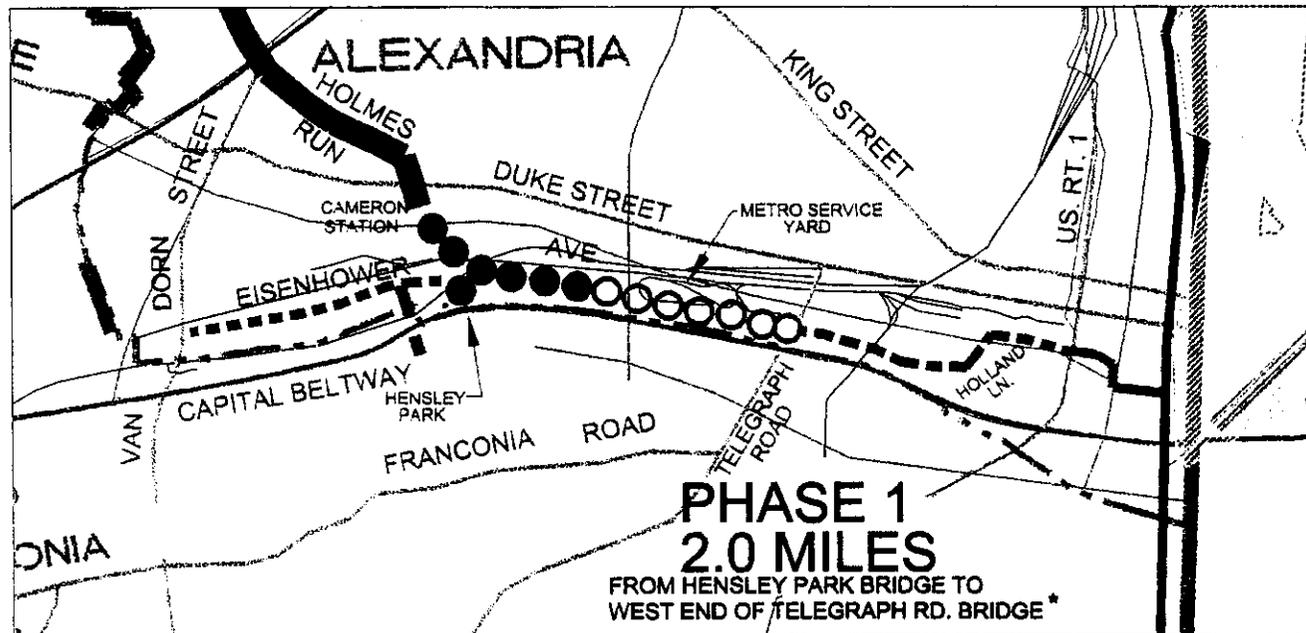
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Brian Albright, Division Chief

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**STUDY CORRIDOR** NOT TO SCALE



**PHASE 1**  
2.0 MILES  
FROM HENSLEY PARK BRIDGE TO  
WEST END OF TELEGRAPH RD. BRIDGE \*

**PHASE 1** NOT TO SCALE

- - NEW TRAIL, PHASE 1
- - REPLACE EXISTING TRAIL, PHASE 1
- - NEW OR REPLACEMENT TRAIL, FUTURE PHASE
- ▬ - EXISTING TRAIL

\* IN ADDITION TO 2.0 MILES OF TRAIL CONSTRUCTION, PHASE 1 INCLUDES NEW SIGNAGE FOR THE STUDY AREA.

**GREENWAY MASTER PLAN**  
**EISENHOWER AVENUE GREENWAY**  
**PROJECT LOCATION MAP**

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