

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 19, 2002

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF RECOMMENDED CAPITAL PROJECT ALLOCATIONS AND PLANNED EXPENDITURES

ISSUE: City Council authorization of the recommended capital project allocations and planned expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council authorize the capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Expenditure Summary (Attachment 1).

DISCUSSION: This docket item provides a summary of Capital Improvement Program planned expenditures (Attachment 1). It includes projects reflected in the City's Fiscal Year 2002 Capital Budget, approved by City Council on May 3, 2001 or approved in capital budgets prior to FY 2002 with a CIP budget document page reference in Attachment 1. A project title listing appears on the next page and a detailed summary appears in Attachment 1.

Allocations are recommended for the following project:

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| Traffic Improvements and Rapid Transit | |
| DASH Land Acquisition (State Urban Funds) | \$ 5,000,000 |
| DASH Land Acquisition (City Transit Funds) | <u>\$ 265,000</u> |
| | Total \$ 5,265,000 |
| Community Development | |
| Streams Maintenance and Waterfront Dredging | \$ 300,000 |
| Recreation Facilities Improvements | |
| Warwick Pool | \$ 140,000 |
| Recreation and Parks | |
| Fort Ward Park (erosion control) | \$ 12,000 |

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 1 - Capital Improvement Program Planned Expenditures

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This attachment provides summary information on capital improvement program projects for which work will be initiated and expenditures incurred during the upcoming months. Funding for all of the projects discussed below is included in the City's Approved FY 2002 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget or in prior year capital budgets.

| Project Number Index Code/ Sub-object | Project Title | Approved Funding Available | Planned Expenditure Amount | Budget Document Page Reference |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| Project 010-033 Account No.240090 Sub-object 2121 | Traffic Improvements and Rapid Transit (DASH Land Acquisition) | \$5,265,000 (\$5,000,000 - State Urban Funds; \$265,000 -City Funds) | \$5,265,000 | Page 123 of the City's Approved 2002 CIP Budget Document |

These allocations will provide all of the funding to acquire a site for a new DASH facility to meet current and future system expansion needs. Based upon negotiations to date it is estimated that the purchase price will be \$5.265 million. The existing DASH facility, located at 116 South Quaker Lane, is a converted warehouse, approximately 36,000 square feet in size. It was purchased from CSX Corporation in 1988 to accommodate a projected DASH fleet of 30 to 35 buses and related office and administrative functions. At the time, DASH operated 19 buses and employed 50 individuals. Since that time, the DASH fleet has grown 158 percent to a fleet size of 49 buses and a staff of 104 employees. DASH ridership has increased from 2.2 million in FY 1994 to 2.6 million in FY 2001. Ridership is projected to increase to 2.8 million in FY 2003 and continue its growth in subsequent years.

The Regional Bus Study, being conducted by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has confirmed that transit services will need to expand in the City for both the WMATA bus system and local bus system. The Regional Bus Study has determined that all DASH routes should have an urban service frequency of 15 minutes, as opposed to the 20-30 minute service frequency DASH currently has, as well as three new bus routes (Carlyle, Potomac Yard and Cameron Station). It is estimated that in order to reduce the service frequency on all DASH routes an additional 22 buses will be needed. To serve the unserved or underserved markets as noted by the Study will require an additional 28 buses. These additional buses will increase the DASH fleet to 109 buses (49 existing buses, 22 buses for urban service standards, 28 new service buses, plus 10 spare buses) over time.

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In order to accommodate the future expanded DASH bus fleet, it is estimated that 8.5 to 10 acres of land are needed. The acreage would be sufficient to construct a larger building to facilitate DASH bus maintenance, larger administrative and support space for the employees to support the bus growth, employee parking and space for buses to park overnight. The two parcels that are proposed for purchase total 9.7 acres, with net usable acres of 8.7 once the land where Business Center Drive is located is factored out. The acquisition of land and then the construction of a new facility for DASH will free up the current 36,000 square foot DASH facility for City maintenance use by General Services, Transportation & Environmental Services (T&ES) and Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities. Funding for this site is planned to be almost entirely from \$5.0 million reallocated State Urban Funds. Actual purchase costs are being determined in negotiations with the properties' current owners. At this time, the purchase price is estimated at \$5.265 million. The \$265,000 balance of the funds needed to make this purchase will originate from City funds originally set aside for WMATA transit capital for the original 103-mile Metro rail system (OCA-240010) which are not likely to be needed. (Fund Source: State Urban Funds - FY 2002 Funds)

| Project Number Index Code/ Sub-object | Project Title | Approved Funding Available | Planned Expenditure Amount | Budget Document Page Reference |
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| Project 003-601 Account No.210112 Sub-object 2121 | Community Development (Streams Maintenance And Waterfront Dredging) | \$300,000 | \$300,000 | Page 61 of the City's Approved 2002 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding to continue channel maintenance on the Cameron Run Channel, which provides flood control for the Eisenhower Valley. Channel maintenance consists of removing sediment and vegetation in the actual channel and banks and will allow the channel area to carry the greatest volume of water and reduce the risk of flooding. One mile of the one and a quarter mile Cameron Run Channel has been completed. The remaining quarter mile contains the most silt. This allocation will also provide resources to examine the environmental impact that the maintenance project may have had on the Channel and determine the need for planting additional trees and landscaping in areas that have been cleared, as well as provide for community outreach. This project is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2002. (Funding Source: Cash Capital - FY 1999 and FY 2002 Funds)

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| Project 004-179 Account No.267540 Sub-object 2121 | Recreation Facilities Improvements (Warwick Pool) | \$140,000 | \$140,000 | Page 89 of the City's Approved 2002 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding for repair and renovation of the Warwick Pool, located at 3301 Landover Street. The pool currently has cracks in the liner and patches are bulging resulting in water loss. This allocation will provide for extensive repairs to the pool walls and the replacement of the skimmer boxes, plumbing and pool markings. This allocation request will be funded from unallocated monies designated for Public Pools (OCA - 267534). This project is scheduled to begin in April 2002 and be completed by May 2002. (Funding Source: Cash Capital - FY 1999 and 2000 Funds)

| Project Number Index Code/ Sub-object | Project Title | Approved Funding Available | Planned Expenditure Amount | Budget Document Page Reference |
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| Project 004-039 Account No.215608 Sub-object 2121 | Recreation and Parks (Fort Ward Park) | \$12,000 | \$12,000 | Page 73 of the City's Approved 2002 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding to begin to address the large fissures that have developed in the walled fortifications, in particular the Northwest Bastion, of Fort Ward. In FY 2002, an erosion control and geotechnical engineering study was performed to examine these fissures and the results of the study determined that stabilization work is necessary to prevent the cracked walls from breaking away. This allocation will be used to implement an intermediate three step stabilization plan that has been developed. Once completed, this stabilization is estimated to last 2-3 years and has been used successfully in previous erosion control projects on the Fort walls. Staff is currently seeking funds from the Virginia Historic Preservation Fund and the "Save America's Treasures" program to fully implement the recommendations of the engineering firm. The General Assembly recently approved \$28,371 for this project. Fort Ward is listed on both the Virginia Historic Landmarks

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Register and the National Register of Historic Places. This project is scheduled to take 4-6 weeks. (Funding Source: Cash Capital - FY 2001 and FY 2002 Funds)