

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 3, 2002

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER^S

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR RENOVATION OF UNION STATION (PHASE II)

ISSUE: Consideration of a resolution to the Virginia Department of Transportation for use of Regional Surface Transportation Program Funds for the renovation of Union Station (Phase II).

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1);
- (2) request staff to forward it to the Virginia Department of Transportation; and
- (3) authorize staff to proceed with the planned capital improvement expenditure of these State grant monies.

DISCUSSION: In FY 1994, the City received \$840,000 in Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) Enhancement funds to initiate the renovation and rehabilitation of Union Station. The first phase of the project included the restoration of the main station building and adjacent baggage building to its original early 1900's appearance, and installation of accessibility improvements, including new restrooms for persons with disabilities.

Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds in the amount of \$250,000 have been made available by the State for Phase II of this project. The second phase of the project will focus on the exterior areas of the station, including site improvements such as landscaping and lighting, accessibility improvements to the station platforms, stairwells, pedestrian tunnels and nearby pedestrian walkways, and improvements to the existing paved parking lot and driveway. If there are any remaining funds, improvements, such as painting, electrical work and the installation of a sprinkling system, will be undertaken.

In order to obtain these funds, the attached resolution, which requests VDOT to establish a RSTP project for Union Station, needs to be adopted.

FISCAL IMPACT: This project will be funded from Regional Surface Transportation Program Funds (Federal money) and the match provided by the State for a total of \$250,000, and there will be no impact on the City budget.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 1. Program Resolution

STAFF:

Richard Baier, P.E., Director, Transportation & Environmental Services

Emily Baker, City Engineer, Transportation & Environmental Services

Betsy Massie, Division Chief/Transit, Transportation & Environmental Services

RESOLUTION NO.

**PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AT
ALEXANDRIA'S UNION STATION
PROJECT PROGRAMMING RESOLUTION**

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ADOPTED: June 11, 2002

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk

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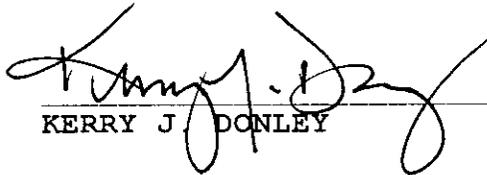
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