

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2003

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: RECEIPT OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PHASE II EAST EISENHOWER MULTI-USE TRAIL

ISSUE: City Council consideration of a grant award in the amount of \$100,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program -TCSP funding) to fund Phase II of the East Eisenhower Multi-Use Trail.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- 1) approve the grant award in the amount of \$100,000 from the Federal Highway Administration; and
- 2) authorize the City Manager to execute all documents that may be required.

DISCUSSION: On May 16, 1998, City Council approved the Bicycle Transportation and Multi-Use Trail Master Plan, a proposal for the next decade to expand the multi-use trail system by 85 miles, including 69 miles of on-street bikeways and 16 miles of off-street trails. The plan is a phased approach that will be implemented as developer proffers can be negotiated, grant funding can be secured, or as City funding can be provided. The City has received \$668,000 to date under the federal Transportation Enhancement Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) grant program for bike trail improvements and extensions to complete Phase I of this initiative.

The City is currently developing a 4.5 mile greenway through the Eisenhower Valley that will link the existing Holmes Run Trail and ultimately connect to the Fairfax County trail system, the future Woodrow Wilson Bridge Bikeway, and the Mount Vernon Trail. The 4.5 mile Eisenhower Avenue corridor ranks as one of the most important multi-use transportation routes within the City.

During a March 2002 work session with Congressman Moran, the City was informed of the possible availability of additional federal funds to enhance the City's bike trail system. Later that month the City requested funding through Congressman Moran's office from a Federal Highway Administration transportation grant program. Subsequently, through Congressman Moran's

efforts, the City then received a grant award of \$100,000 to fund Phase II of the East Eisenhower Multi-Use Trail.

FISCAL IMPACT: This new grant award provides \$100,000 for bike trail improvements, which the City will be required to match with \$46,000. The current six-year City CIP includes \$62,000 for bike trail construction in each year, a portion of which will be used to match the federal funds.

ATTACHMENTS: Map of project area. The grant agreement may be reviewed in the Office of Management and Budget, Room 3630, during normal business hours.

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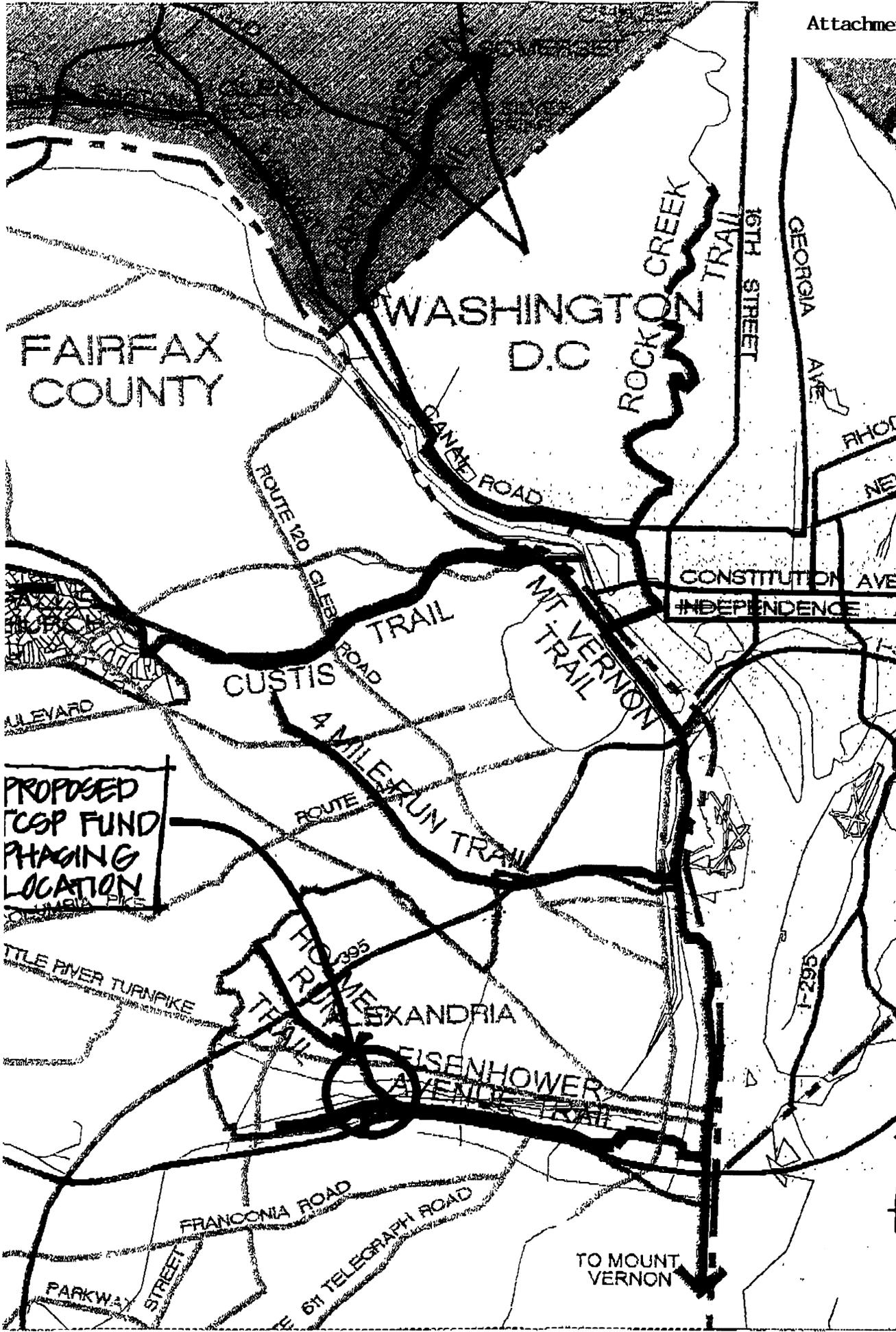
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GREENWAY MASTER PLAN
 EISENHOWER AVENUE GREENWAY
 REGIONAL TRAIL CONTEXT

PROPOSED
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 LOCATION
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PLATE 2