

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2005

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE LANE MILEAGE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE ROADWAY MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS

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**ISSUE:** Consideration of a resolution requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to make changes to the VDOT inventory of roadways in Alexandria that are eligible for annual maintenance payments from the State.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council:

- (1) Adopt the attached resolution requesting VDOT to update the list of roadways and lanes in the City that are eligible to receive annual maintenance payments from the State; and
- (2) Authorize the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services to forward the resolution to VDOT.

**DISCUSSION:** The State Code provides that qualifying cities are to receive payments from VDOT to assist the City in maintaining certain roadways. (This is distinct from counties who have their roads maintained by VDOT.)

Each quarter, the City receives a payment from VDOT to maintain certain designated roadways in Alexandria. Streets eligible for a maintenance payment are those that are classified as Primary/Minor Arterial and Collector/Local Streets. The State has minimum standards that must be met to qualify for this payment, some of which are right-of-way width, roadway width, and pavement thickness.

Each year, jurisdictions can notify the State of adjustments they wish to make in roadway mileage (additions and deletions) and changes to the functional classification of existing roadways based on an increase in traffic or other guidelines set forth by VDOT, such as reconstruction and/or widening.

Presently, our eligible roadway mileage for Principal/Minor Arterials is 190.43 lane miles and for Collector/Local roads is 319.19 lane miles. If the request as stated in the resolution is approved,

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the Principal/Minor Arterial lane miles will increase by 0.19 lane miles to 190.62 lane miles, and the Collector/Local roads will increase by 1.11 lane miles to 320.3 lane miles. The State highway maintenance payment rates for FY 2005 are \$14,507 per lane mile for Arterials, and \$8,518 per lane mile for Collector/Local roads.

The attached resolution identifies each addition. These additions are mainly the result of new construction over the last years.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This request, if approved by VDOT, will increase our State Highway Maintenance reimbursement in FY 2006 by \$12,211 over the current level of \$5,481,428, for a total of \$5,493,605.

**ATTACHMENT:** Resolution for additions to lane miles in the City of Alexandria.

**STAFF:**

Richard J. Baier, P.E., Director, T&ES

Emily A. Baker, P.E., City Engineer, T&ES

Maurice Daly, P.E., Division Chief, Engineering, T&ES

M. Jean Wilson, Division Chief, Administration, T&ES

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the State code, as set forth in Section 33.1-41.1, provides for a process in which municipalities may request additions, deletions or changes to the functional classification of Urban Roads or Streets eligible for maintenance payments on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria contains additional new roadways which meet the State Highway road inventory criteria; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to add various new roadways and lanes as Collector/Local streets; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to make these changes to the Virginia Department of Transportation road inventory in order to qualify for maintenance payments under the new quarterly payment rates per lane mile for Collector/Local streets, starting as of July 1, 2005;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alexandria City Council requests that the following new roadways and lanes be added to the Virginia Department of Transportation's road inventory.

**NEW STREETS AND LANES**

**A. PRIMARY/MINOR**

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**B. COLLECTOR/LOCAL**

<u>Roadway</u>	<u>From/To</u>	<u>Centerline Mileage</u>	<u>Justification</u>
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Jamieson Avenue	S. West Street to Hoof's Run	0.17	Add 2 lanes
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alexandria City Council urges the Virginia Department of Transportation to approve this request as submitted.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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William D. Euille Mayor

Attest:

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Jackie M. Henderson, City Clerk

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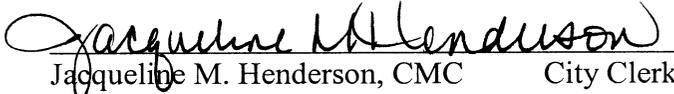
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Adopted: January 25, 2005

  
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**WILLIAM D. EUILLE**      **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

  
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Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC      City Clerk