


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

REVISED AS OF 2/6/09

DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2009

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT 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. **After further consultation with VDOT it was brought to staff's attention that the following streets are not eligible and will be removed from the attached proposed resolution:**

- **Arrell Court -- VDOT requires the municipality to own and maintain the turn around portion at the end of the street in order for the balance of the street to be eligible. The turn around portion of this court is privately owned and maintained.**
- **Potomac Street -- privately owned and maintained. Its inclusion was an oversight by staff.**
- **Lyles Lane -- Still under construction. Construction must be completed prior to acceptance.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** That City Council:

- (1) Adopt the attached resolution **as revised** requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation 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 the Virginia Department of Transportation.

**DISCUSSION:** The State code provides that qualifying cities are to receive payments from the Virginia Department of Transportation 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 the Virginia Department of Transportation 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 payment is based on the eligible lane mileage for each roadway that meets certain standards. 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 191.31 lane miles and for Collector/Local roads is 329.72 lane miles. If the request as Stated in the resolution is approved, the Principal/Minor Arterial lane miles will not increase and the Collector/Local roads will increase by ~~1.67~~ 1.31 lane miles to ~~331.39~~ 331.03 lane miles. The State highway maintenance payment rates for FY 2009 are \$16,685 per lane mile for Arterials, and \$9,796 per lane mile for Collector/Local roads.

**Staff looked at 55 streets that were possibly eligible for VDOT reimbursement. We wanted to be sure that we were getting the maximum VDOT reimbursement for street maintenance, so we combed through the records, and after a lengthy investigation, 13 streets appeared to be eligible. We hope that of the 10 streets that are now being requested all will be eligible, depending upon acceptance by VDOT. VDOT will make the final determination later this year, for inclusion in their FY 2010 budget.**

The attached revised resolution identifies each addition/deletion. The additions are the result of staff revaluations of existing streets previously listed as ineligible for funding.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This request, if approved by VDOT, will increase City payments in FY 2010 by approximately ~~\$16,359~~ \$12,830 for a total of ~~\$6,421,944~~ \$6,418,415.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1. Resolution for Additions/Deletions

Attachment 2. City of Alexandria State Highway Inventory Map

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**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/delete various new roadways and lanes as Primary/Minor Arterials and 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 Primary/Minor Arterial and Collector/Local streets respectively, starting as of July 1, 2009, and

**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. COLLECTOR/LOCAL**

<u>ROADWAY</u>	<u>FROM/TO</u>	<u>CENTERLINE MILEAGE</u>	<u>JUSTIFICATION</u>
<del>Arell Court</del>	<del>Duke St. to end at cul-de-sac</del>	<del>0.155807</del>	<del>Add 2 lanes</del>
Day Lane	Potomac Greens Dr. to Carpenter Rd.	0.050297	Add 2 lanes
Engelhardt La.	Jamieson Ave. north to end	0.054924	Add 2 lanes
Fernando Day Dr	Cameron Station Blvd. to end	0.10593	Add 2 lanes
Harvard St	King St. to Cameron St.	0.066958	Add 2 lanes
Kirke Court	Stonebridge Rd. to turnaround	0.038161	Add 2 lanes
N. Langley St.	Strathblane Pl. south to end.	0.132538	Add 2 lanes
<del>Lyles Lane</del>	<del>Potomac Greens Dr. to Carpenter Rd.</del>	<del>0.026797</del>	<del>Add 2 lanes</del>
Miller Lane	Potomac Greens Dr. to Carpenter Rd.	0.043475	Add 2 lanes
Oasis Drive	West City Line to S. Bragg St.	0.049811	Add 2 lanes
<del>Potomac Street</del>	<del>Franklin St. south 193.58 ft</del>	<del>0.036663</del>	<del>Add 2 lanes</del>
Potomac Court	Wolfe St. to cul-de-sac	0.037028	Add 2 lanes
Shirlington Road	Shirlington Road to North City Line	0.075758	Add 1 lane

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Alexandria City Council urges the Virginia Department of Transportation to approve this request as submitted.

ADOPTED: February \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

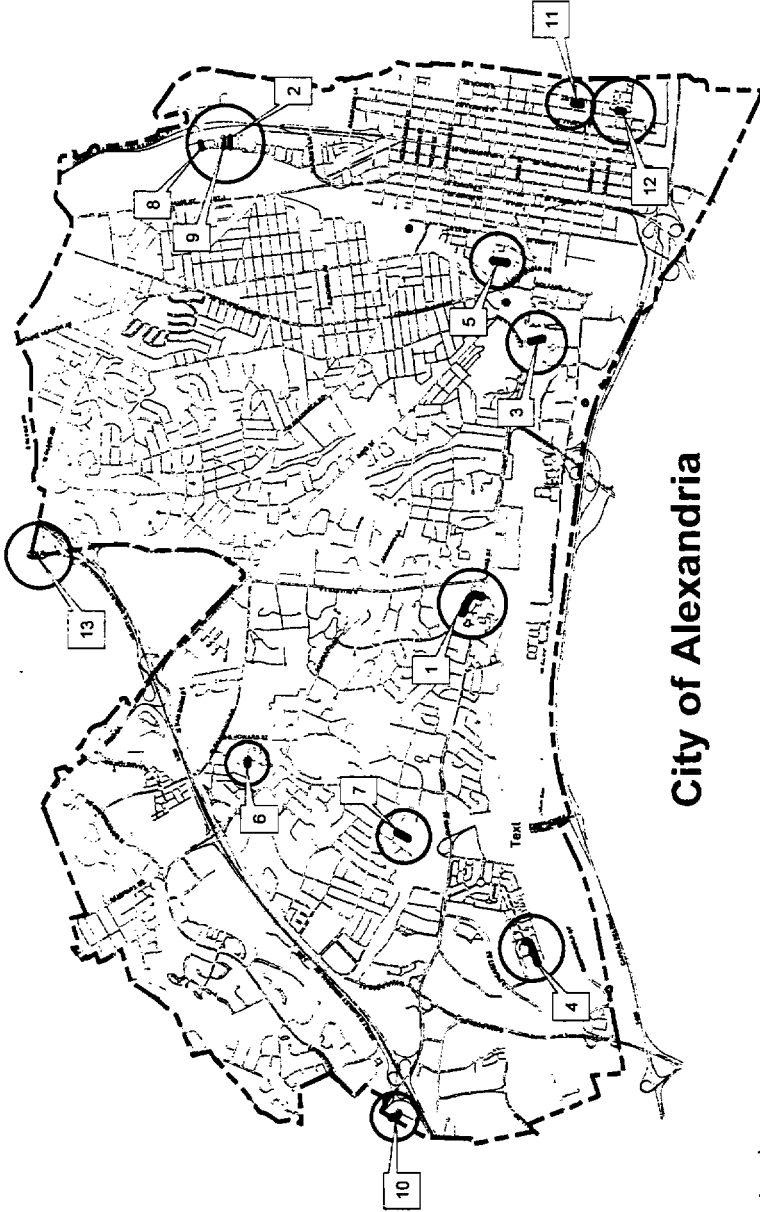
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**WILLIAM D. EUILLE, MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk



Potomac River



City of Alexandria

STATE HIGHWAY INVENTORY SUBMISSIONS, CY '08

Indicates New Streets and Lanes for 2008



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No.	Roadway	From	To	Roadway Type	No.	Roadway	From	To	Roadway Type
1	Arell Court	Duke Street	End at Cul-de-sac	Collector/Local	8	Lyles Lane	Potomac Greens Drive	Carpenter Road	Collector/Local
2	Day Lane	Potomac Greens Drive	Carpenter Road	Collector/Local	9	Miller Lane	Potomac Greens Drive	Carpenter Road	Collector/Local
3	Englehardt Lane	Jamieson Avenue	Northward to end	Collector/Local	10	Oasis Drive	West City Line	S. Bragg Street	Collector/Local
4	Fernando Day Drive	Cameron Station Blvd.	End	Collector/Local	11	Potomac Court	Wolfe Street	Cul-de-sac	Collector/Local
5	Harvard Street	King Street	Cameron Street	Collector/Local	12	Potomac Street	Franklin Street	South 193.58 ft.	Collector/Local
6	Kirke Court	Stonebridge Road	Turnaround	Collector/Local	13	Shirlington Road	Shirlington Road	North City Limit	Collector/Local
7	N. Langely Street	Sirathblane Place	Southward to end	Collector/Local					

