

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 18, 2012

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER *RM*

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF 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 \$12,851,539 for capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Expenditure Summary (Attachment).

DISCUSSION: This docket item provides a summary of Capital Improvement Program planned expenditures (Attachment). It includes projects reflected in the City's Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Budget approved by City Council, or approved in capital budgets prior to FY 2012 with a CIP budget document page reference in the Attachment. A project title listing appears below and a detailed summary appears in the Attachment.

Allocations are recommended for the following projects:

Recreation & Parks (\$200,000)	
Restaurant Depot Contribution Park Projects	\$200,000
Public Buildings (\$205,000)	
Office of Historic Alexandria Capital Facilities Maintenance Program	\$205,000
Transportation & Transit – Public Transit (\$12,446,539)	
DASH 2011 Bus Replacement (10 Buses)	\$6,008,139
DASH 2012 Bus Replacement (7 Buses) and Expansion (3 Buses)	\$6,438,400

ATTACHMENT:
Capital Improvement Program Planned Expenditures

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**Attachment: Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 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. Except as noted, funding for all of the projects discussed below is included in the City's Approved FY 2011 and FY 2012 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budgets or in prior year capital budgets.

Capital Project (Category 2/3) Name		CIP Section & Page	Allocation Request	OCA / Subobject	Project #
Restaurant Depot Contribution Park Projects		Recreation & Parks – p. 6-59 (FY 2012 Approved CIP)	\$200,000 (Developer Contributions)	215692-2121	004-719
Program Funding Summary		<u>Use of Funds</u>			
Total Approved Project Funding To-Date	\$500,000	The requested allocation of \$200,000 from a voluntary contribution from the Restaurant Depot will be used to implement the following improvement projects to City park facilities. These specific projects were identified and approved as part of the FY 2012 – 2021 Capital Improvement Program.			
Total Project Allocations To-Date	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brenman Park Pedestrian Trail Improvements (\$25,000) – Provide modest renovation of damaged areas and modification to portions that do not comply with ADA dimensional standards. • Hensley Park Festival Event Area (\$100,000) – Renovate the existing site to provide additional infrastructure capable of supporting large private/public events. • Hensley Park Large Event Shelter (\$75,000) – Provide a large open air shelter that is coordinated with the Festival Event Area to help relieve pressure on other Citywide reserve sites. 			
Current Allocation Request	\$200,000	<u>Project Background</u>			
Remaining Unallocated Project Balance	\$300,000	This project provides for the use of funds received under provision of Restaurant Depot DSUP #2009-0003, Condition #4 as amended by Planning Commission and approved by City Council in September, 2009. Condition #4 was amended to state: “The applicant shall provide a voluntary contribution of \$500,000 to be allocated towards priority public parks, trails and/or recreation capital projects in, or adjacent to, the Eisenhower Valley. The specific projects to be funded will be determined during the Fiscal Year 2011 to Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Improvement Program decision making process. The contribution shall be provided to the City prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.” The remainder of the developer contribution (\$300,000), which is slated for Boothe Park playground renovations, will be allocated at a later date.			
<i>Total Project Budget Including CIP Out-Years</i>	\$500,000				

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Ongoing Maintenance Program (Category 1 Title)		CIP Section & Page	Allocation Request	OCA / Subobject	Project #
Office of Historic Alexandria Capital Facilities Maintenance Program (CFMP)		Public Buildings – p. 6-93 (FY 2012 Approved CIP)	\$205,000 Total \$130,000 (General Obligation Bonds); \$75,000 (Cash Capital)	220590-2121	005-358
Project Funding Summary		<u>Use of Funds</u>			
Prior Year Unallocated Balance	\$35,000	The requested allocation of \$205,000 will be utilized to implement the following City historic facilities improvement projects. Work is scheduled to begin spring 2012 and be completed summer 2012.			
FY 2012 Program Budget	\$350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payne Street Records Center/Archives, 801 S. Payne Street (\$30,000) - Replacement of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) unit installed in 1984 which has reached its estimated and maximum useful life of 25 years. 			
Total Fiscal Year Allocations to Date	\$180,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street (\$100,000) - Replacement of existing roof installed in 1975 which after 37 years, has passed its estimated and maximum useful life of 25 years. 			
Current Allocation Request	\$205,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street (\$30,000) - Waterproofing the perimeter of the facility to include grading. • Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington Street (\$5,000) - Structural assessment of flooring and subsequent replacement and repairs. • Ft. Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road (\$40,000) – Replace and repair revetments and steps. 			
Remaining Unallocated Balance	\$0	<u>Project History / Background</u> This project provides annual funding to address capital maintenance requirements at the City’s historic buildings managed by the Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA) including plaster repair, painting, floor restoration, heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), and electrical and plumbing systems components. OHA-managed properties requiring capital maintenance include Fort Ward, Gadsby’s Tavern, Lloyd House, The Lyceum, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, Friendship Firehouse, Payne Street Records and Archaeology.			

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2011 DASH Bus Replacement (10 Buses)		Transportation & Transit – p. 6-126 & 6-128 (FY 2012 Approved CIP); April 2012 Supplemental Budget Ordinance	*\$6,008,139 (See Notes Below Table)	240006-2121	010-609
Program Funding Summary		<u>Use of Funds</u>			
*Total Approved Project Funding To-Date	\$6,008,139	The requested allocation of \$6,008,139 funds the acquisition of seven-35' low floor, clean-diesel hybrid buses and three-40' low floor, clean-diesel hybrid buses for the replacement of buses that have reached their useful life, as part of the DASH bus replacement program approved by the Alexandria Transit Company Board of Directors. Although DASH has traditionally purchased 35' buses, the 40' buses will be used on the AT-8/Duke Street route, which has been experiencing overcrowding for a number of years.			
Total Project Allocations To-Date	\$0	The hybrid technology provides an estimated 25% improvement in fuel efficiency and reduced emissions. The low-floor design improves accessibility for persons with disabilities and senior citizens, by offering a wider entrance without steps and a simple, reliable and easy to maintain fold-out ramp, which replaces the old style hydraulic wheelchair lift. The low-floor feature also speeds passenger boarding and alighting at bus stops.			
Current Allocation Request	\$6,008,139	<u>Project Background</u> The Alexandria Transit Company (ATC) bus replacement schedule is based on the 12-year life cycle of a heavy-duty transit bus. Due to budgetary constraints in the last several years, ATC has had to delay its purchase of replacement buses, requiring DASH to maintain and operate buses past their useful life and beyond their scheduled replacement identified in ATC's annual Transit Development Program (TDP). This has increased ATC's maintenance costs and reduced the reliability of its service. Currently, DASH has three-1996 buses which have been pulled out of service due to lack of reliability. These 1996 buses, along with seven-1998 buses will be replaced with the ten new low-floor hybrid buses.			
Remaining Unallocated Project Balance	\$0				
<i>Total Project Budget Including CIP Out- Years</i>	\$6,008,139				

*Total funding includes \$2,856,346 from a Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transit (DRPT) grant; \$58,293 in prior year CIP funds for a required City match to the DPRT grant; \$810,000 from an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association (MARAMA) grant; and \$2,283,500 from the City's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) fund.

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2012 DASH Bus Replacement (7 Buses)/Expansion (3 Buses)		Transportation & Transit – p. 6-126 & 6-128 (FY 2012 Approved CIP); April 2012 Supplemental Budget Ordinance	*\$6,438,400 (See Notes Below Table)	TBD	010-609
Program Funding Summary		<u>Use of Funds</u>			
*Total Approved Project Funding To-Date	\$6,438,400	<p>The requested allocation of \$6,438,400 funds the acquisition of five-35' low floor, clean-diesel hybrid buses and five-40' low floor, clean-diesel hybrid buses for replacement of seven existing buses and three expansion buses as part of the DASH bus replacement and expansion program approved by the Alexandria Transit Company Board of Directors. Although DASH has traditionally purchased 35' buses, the 40' buses will be used on the AT-8/Duke Street route, which has been experiencing overcrowding for a number of years. Combined with the purchase of three 40' foot buses in the 2011 order, eight of the nine buses on the AT-8 route will be 40' foot buses, which will help alleviate the overcrowding problem on that route. The three expansion buses will be used for improved peak period service frequencies on the AT-6 and the introduction of the AT-9 cross-town service.</p> <p>The allocation allows the ten buses to arrive at DASH fully equipped with on-board camera system, automatic vehicle location technology, automatic passenger counters, bus stop annunciators, and the ability to easily integrate our City-shared Motorola radio system. The new hybrid technology provides an estimated 25% improvement in fuel efficiency and reduced emissions. The low-floor design improves accessibility for persons with disabilities and senior citizens, by offering a wider entrance without steps and a simple, reliable and easy to maintain fold-out ramp, which replaces the old style hydraulic wheelchair lift. The low-floor feature also speeds passenger boarding and alighting at bus stops.</p> <p><u>Project Background</u> The Alexandria Transit Company (ATC) bus replacement schedule is based on the 12-year life cycle of a heavy-duty transit bus. Due to budgetary constraints in the last several years, ATC has had to delay its purchase of replacement buses, requiring DASH to maintain and operate buses past their useful life and beyond their scheduled replacement as identified in ATC's annual Transit Development Program (TDP). This purchase will allow for replacement of three-1998 and four-1999 35' Gillig buses in addition to the three expansion buses.</p>			
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Current Allocation Request	\$6,438,400				
Remaining Unallocated Project Balance	\$0				
<i>Total Project Budget Including CIP Out-Years</i>	\$6,438,400				

*Total funding includes \$4,300,000 from Congestion Mitigation of Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) grant and \$2,138,400 from Urban Funds (including the 2% City match).