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MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2001

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: BEVERLY JETT, CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM NO. 8 – PROCLAMATION FOR TRY TRANSIT WEEK

The above item has been withdrawn.

EXHIBIT NO. 1

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, transit ridership in the United States reached its highest peak in forty years with 9.4 billion passenger trips taken in 2000; and

WHEREAS, increased public investment in transit services provides the potential to create jobs and enhance business prosperity, and is vital to the quality of life and economic well-being of the citizens of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the nation, our communities, and our citizens face the risks to health and the environment that are brought on by automobile exhaust emissions; and

WHEREAS, workers, school children, senior citizens, people with disabilities, and those who cannot or choose not to own a car use transit to gain access to jobs, schools, medical facilities, and other fundamental services; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion that wastes productive time can be alleviated through the increased availability and use of public transportation and other forms of high-occupancy, shared-ride service; and

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, the American Public Transportation Association, the U. S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, and many other organizations, have declared September 9 through September 15, 2001, to be **TRY TRANSIT WEEK** and have called upon all citizens to join in a nationwide effort to promote transit's benefits, honor transit employees, and encourage new riders;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, **KERRY J. DONLEY**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 9 through September 15, 2001, as:*

"TRY TRANSIT WEEK"

*in the City of Alexandria. I call upon our citizens to examine their personal travel choices and to commute via subway, train, and bus during **TRY TRANSIT WEEK**, and to become more active in educational and advocacy efforts to promote the vital role of public transit in the City of Alexandria and across the United States.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, to be affixed this 11th day of September 2001.

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**
*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk