

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 1, 2011

TO: TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: ABI LERNER, P.E., DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #2 - KING/BEAUREGARD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

ISSUE: Update of the King / Beauregard Intersection Improvement Project.

RECOMMENDATION: No Action is required. Information only.

DISCUSSION: This memorandum provides an update on the design of the improvements being made at the intersection of King Street and Beauregard Street / Walter Reed Drive.

As you know, T&ES has been working on the design of improvements to the intersection of King Street and Beauregard Street/Walter Reed Drive, a segment between Chesterfield Drive and North Hampton Drive. The King Street corridor is a heavily traveled urban principal arterial roadway serving residents of Northern Virginia. This area is comprised of high density office, commercial and residential uses. The existing traffic analysis, including projected traffic demands over the next twenty years, shows the existing intersection will continue to experience increasingly unacceptable operating conditions.

The proposed at-grade improvements will create a multi-modal environment and promote safety for pedestrians and motorists by adding an additional left turn lane in each direction on King Street, medians, a 10' shared use path on portions of King Street and North Beauregard Street. The improvements will increase capacity and safety through the corridor.

The design is approximately 90% complete and staff is preparing to proceed with the right-of-way acquisition phase of the project. The City proposes to purchase right of way, permanent easements and temporary easements for public roadway purposes. Funds for the acquisition will

come from VDOT Urban funds. The money was allocated by City Council in November 2010. This acquisition will follow state and federal requirements.

In order to proceed with the acquisition of properties and easements, T&ES is bringing a City Charter Section 9.06 Case to Planning Commission on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 to request that the Planning Commission consider the proposal to acquire right-of-way for the King Street/Beauregard Street Intersection Improvement Project for use as a public street, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.06 of the City Charter. The Planning Commission is charged with ensuring that any such acquisition, sale or change is consistent with the City's Master Plan. Once the 9.06 is approved, T&ES will be presenting a Resolution to City Council on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 to proceed with the acquisition of properties to construct the intersection improvements at the intersection of King Street and North Beauregard Street.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2013 and the duration is expected to be two years.