March 7, 2016

Mr. Yon Lambert, Director
Transportation & Environmental Services
City of Alexandria
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Lambert,

As Chair of the Ad Hoc Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee), I am pleased to inform you that the Advisory Committee endorsed the final draft of the updated Master Plan at its final meeting on February 25, 2016.

The Advisory Committee was established in April 2014 in order to provide guidance to City staff on all aspects of the Master Plan update, including the planning process, civic engagement process, vision, and engineering and policy strategies. Over the course of approximately 18 months, the committee members participated in valuable discussions at 10 meetings and considered extensive citizen input received thru two public meetings, 3 special outreach events, more than 400 AlexEngage survey responses and nearly 400 wikimap comments. As articulated in remarks made by each committee member during the final discussion on February 25, 2016, the resulting product is an invaluable plan that clearly lays out a powerful vision for walking and bicycling in Alexandria that serves the needs of all users, and of all ages and abilities.

The Advisory Committee emphasized the following key points in the final discussion surrounding endorsement of the plan:

- The City should be commended for the special emphasis on *Vison Zero*, an initiative that is intended to reduce the number of traffic fatalities and serious injuries by making safety a top priority for every user of the transportation system.
- The City should routinely update citizens on the status of the efforts outlined in the plan through a report card or other similar product that encourages transparency.
- In order to successfully achieve the vision outlined in the updated Master Plan, it is essential that T&ES and other City departments aggressively pursue a variety of funding sources to assist in implementation.
- The City implemented a robust civic engagement process for this effort that resulted in incredibly valuable feedback. The committee feels it is important to continue to engage the public as much as possible as individual projects within this plan are implemented across the city.

On behalf of the Advisory Committee, I would like to commend City staff and the consultant team on delivering an updated Master Plan that will result in profound improvements to the health, safety, sustainability and comfort of our great city.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Chair of this important Advisory Committee. I truly look forward to enjoying countless new walking and bicycling amenities in our community in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hovis
Chair and Citizen at Large
Ad Hoc Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Advisory Committee