

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: MAY 18, 2016  
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
FROM: T&ES STAFF  
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #6 – KING STREET COMPLETE STREETS

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**ISSUE:** King Street Complete Streets project update.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Transportation Commission receive the update and endorse the proposed King Street Complete Streets project.

**BACKGROUND:** A section of King Street between Radford Street and Janney's Lane is being resurfaced this summer and was subsequently identified for Complete Streets improvements in accordance with the City's Complete Streets Policy. At an initial public meeting in November 2015, the public provided the following feedback on issues to address with the new street design:

- Difficult to cross King Street
- Pedestrian safety concerns near TC Williams High School
- High vehicle speeds along King Street
- Distances between street crossings
- Limited time for pedestrians to cross at lights
- Unsafe bicycle conditions
- Poor access to bus stops
- Improvements needed at intersections
- Ensure that the travel times for drivers are maintained
- Need to change character of the roadway

**DISCUSSION:** Based on the community input, staff developed three alternatives for public feedback, including which are shown in Attachment 1.

Staff conducted a robust public outreach process on the three proposed design options. Through the AlexEngage process, over 750 survey responses on proposed options have been received, and staff received over 200 additional comments through outreach meetings and via the comment form posted on the project website. Staff provided a presentation to the Transportation Commission at its March 16, 2016 meeting of the three options and the results of the AlexEngage process.

A third public meeting was held on April 21, 2016 to present the Complete Streets design option (Option 3) as the preferred option and to gather feedback on this proposal. The Complete Streets design option is the preferred option based on community input through the online survey as well as numerous meetings and discussions with the community, affected residents, civic associations, boards and commissions, and TC Williams High School.

**ATTACHMENTS:** King Street Complete Street Options