RESOLUTION NO. 2715

RESOLUTION OF RE-CONCURENCE FOR THE WEST END TRANSITWAY LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (LPA) APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 17, 2012.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Alexandria adopted the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the West End Transitway on November 17, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the adopted LPA is defined as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in dedicated lanes where practicable between the Van Dorn Metro and the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, the Alternatives Analysis (AA) further analyzed the LPA and Environmental Documentation, a requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), included in this effort have incorporated technical and policy guidance from multiple City Council approved plans including the Comprehensive Transportation Master Plan (2008), Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan (2009), Complete Streets Policy (2011), Transitway Corridor Feasibility Study (2012), and Beauregard Small Area Plan (2012); and

WHEREAS, this effort has refined the LPA (also referred to as the Build Alternative) through additional Conceptual Engineering; and

WHEREAS, this effort has considered the key issues which were requested to be brought to resolution during a subsequent planning effort: 1) LPA maintains access to Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) from North Beauregard Street with stations at Fillmore Avenue and Braddock Road and includes significant pedestrian safety improvements at each station; 2) No action is required at this time regarding potential conversion of the West End Transitway from BRT to streetcar.

WHEREAS, the AA and environmental documentation effort has involved significant coordination with and incorporated guidance from local, regional, state, and federal officials; and

WHEREAS, the AA and environmental documentation effort has substantively sought, vetted, and incorporated feedback from public and local stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the AA and Environmental Documentation effort and Transitway corridor planning effort proposes a net increase in the number of trees and tree canopy along the corridor, and in particular, along sections proposed for dedicated transit lanes; and

WHEREAS, the AA and environmental documentation effort has received and incorporated specific input from the City Council established Policy Advisory Group (PAG); and

WHEREAS, the AA and environmental documentation effort has evaluated and provided acceptable concepts addressing specific areas of concern such as: bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safety, property impacts, parking impacts, stormwater impacts, operational feasibility, engineering feasibility, plan and policy compliance; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2015 the Policy Advisory Group voted to recommend that the City advance the refined LPA (also referred to as the Build Alternative) forward toward operation through project development which includes completion of the project Environmental Document, commitment of funding, and completion of work activity including design, engineering, phasing, permitting, financial planning, bidding, and construction leading to the initiation of service; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2016 the Transportation Commission held a public hearing and moved to endorse the proposal for the West End Transitway, including the recommendations of the Policy Advisory Group, in support of advancement to the design phase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

That the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia:

1. Accepts the recommendations of the Policy Advisory Group and Transportation Commission.
2. Re-concurs the November 17, 2012 action identifying the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the West End Transitway as Bus Rapid Transit in dedicated lanes where practicable between Van Dorn Metro and the Pentagon.

Adopted: March 29, 2016

ALLISON SILBERBERG MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk