



October 14, 2021

Dear Mayor Wilson and City Council Members:

The purpose of this letter is to express Alexandria Families for Safe Streets' support for Alexandria Mobility Plan (AMP). We support the AMP because its plan strives to:

- Give Alexandrians convenient options in how they travel
- Make transit easy to use and more reliable
- Continue towards Vision Zero designing safer streets and reducing speeding
- Complete missing pedestrian and bicycle connections
- Utilize technology to improve safety and efficient use of the street network
- Proactively and equitably manage curb space for different needs (dining, bikeshare, loading/pick-up, parking, etc.)

The updated mobility plan will set a course for Alexandria to continue moving towards a more equitable, sustainable, and livable city. Further we specifically recommend:

1. Support for Streets Policy B and Strategy 1 that explicitly reinforce the City's existing Vision Zero Action Plan and goal of zero deaths and serious injuries by 2028.
2. Support for Streets Strategy 5 to use speed cameras and other automated traffic enforcement to improve safety.
3. Support for all of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Chapter Policies and Strategies, as they uniformly support safe streets.
4. Overall support for a more modern plan should, if implemented, result in greater use of non-auto modes for day-to-day life in Alexandria, slower safer speeds on our streets, less cut through traffic that is insensitive to the residential and pedestrian character of neighborhoods, better mobilization of technology for safety improvement, and more and better infrastructure for the most vulnerable road users (people walking, biking, and otherwise not in large vehicles).

We urge Alexandria's City Council to adopt the AMP in order to accommodate the future multimodal needs of the citizens of Alexandria. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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