City of Alexandria Project Selection Process

Funding for the City's Transportation initiatives comes from various state, federal, and local sources. The City's <u>annual budget</u> provides details on the projects and programs that receive this funding. There are numerous grant opportunities each year that fund ongoing programs and one-time Capital projects.

The <u>Transportation Long Range Plan</u> is a list of unfunded projects from approved plans that staff uses as a resource to identify potential grant opportunities. The <u>Transportation</u> <u>Commission</u> updates the list of projects, reconsiders the evaluation criteria, and reprioritizes the projects every two years. Evaluation criteria are based on the guiding principles from the City's Transportation Master Plan, the latest being the 2021 Alexandria Mobility Plan, which aligns very closely with the TPB Policy Framework. The guiding principles are:

- Accessible
- Connected
- Convenient
- Equitable
- Safe
- Sustainable

The evaluation criteria that derive from these guiding principles include components for maintenance, livability, and promoting multi-modal options.

Capital projects are selected from approved planning documents with consideration of the eligibility criteria for each particular grant, as well as the <u>City's Strategic Plan</u>, <u>Transportation Master Plan</u>, and <u>Transportation Long Range Plan priorities</u>. The City also applies for grants to assist with day to day operations and state of good repair. The City develops and submits applications for these grants that are typically endorsed by the Transportation and approved by City Council.