



Alexandria Transportation Commission
301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Mary Harris and Marian Pegram, Co-Chairs
EECAP Task Force

December 21, 2022

Re: Support and feedback for the Draft Energy and Climate Change Action Plan (ECCAP)

Dear Chairs Harris and Pegram,

At the November 16 Transportation Commission meeting, Bill Eger, Energy Manager, updated the Commission on the draft EECAP including the purpose and background of the plan, engagement efforts to date, an overview of the draft plan, and a focus on the transportation trends and goals laid out in the plan.

As expressed at the meeting, Commissioners indicated that they would like the final version of the ECCAP to include an updated 2021 data point for greenhouse gas emissions trends. The Commission feels that there would be additional value in providing annual updates, recognizing that these would be more high-level and less precise than the more thorough three-year updates. Providing yearly updates would help the City to better track progress and respond more efficiently to changing trends, which is particularly important at this moment as climate change becomes more dire and the rate of change escalates.

The Commission wants to commend the efforts of the ECCAP task force and share support for this plan, recognizing the importance of local policy and efforts in addressing climate change. With that in mind, the Transportation Commission recognizes that the ECCAP's focus on what we can do at a local level, especially relating to transportation goals such as reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips and replacing internal combustion engine trips with electric vehicle trips, is particularly important.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Oscar Gonzalez (Jan 20, 2023 17:02 EST)

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Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

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