

Transportation Commission

March 20, 2024

7PM



Notice

The March 20, 2024 meeting of the Transportation Commission is being held in the City Council Workroom on the second floor of City Hall (301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of the Transportation Commission and staff are participating either in-person or from a remote location through video conference call on Zoom. The meeting can be accessed by the public in-person or via Zoom.



Commission Members

- **Dan Beattie** – Environmental Policy Commission
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- **Jim Maslanka**– Resident West
- **Melissa McMahon** – Planning Commission
- **Matthew McManus** – Resident West, DASH Advisory Committee
- **John Chapman** – Council (non-voting)
- **Kirk McPike** – Council (non-voting)



Public Comment Period

Agenda Item #1



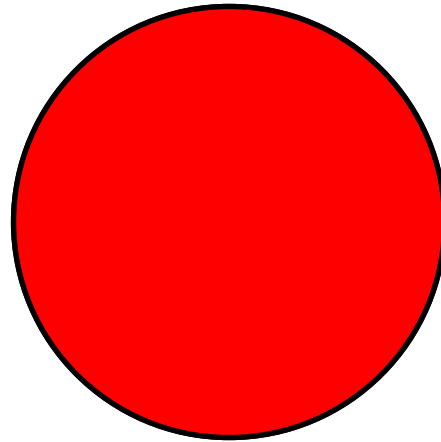
Public Comment

- For speakers not discussing items related to the public hearings.
- For virtual attendees:
 - Raise hand or press *9
 - Mute or unmute press *6
 - 3 minutes per speaker



3 Minute Timer

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Transportation Commission Minutes: February 21, 2024

Agenda Item #2



Discussion Item: AlexWest

Agenda Item #3



Alex West

Transportation Commission Plan Update

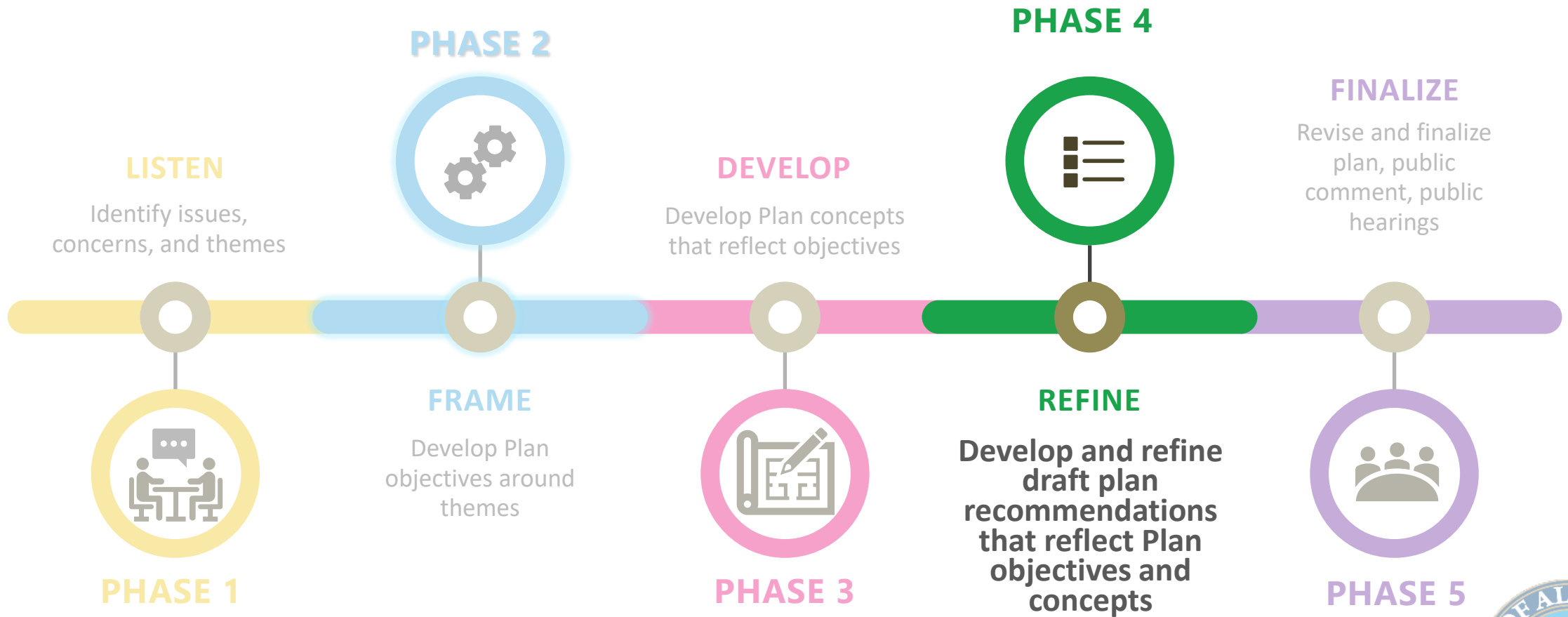


Agenda

- 1. Process Recap**
- 2. Schedule**
- 3. Plan Area + Context**
- 4. Community Engagement Summary**
- 5. Draft Recommendations**
- 6. Consistency with Alexandria Mobility Plan**
- 7. Discussion + Next Steps**



Process Recap



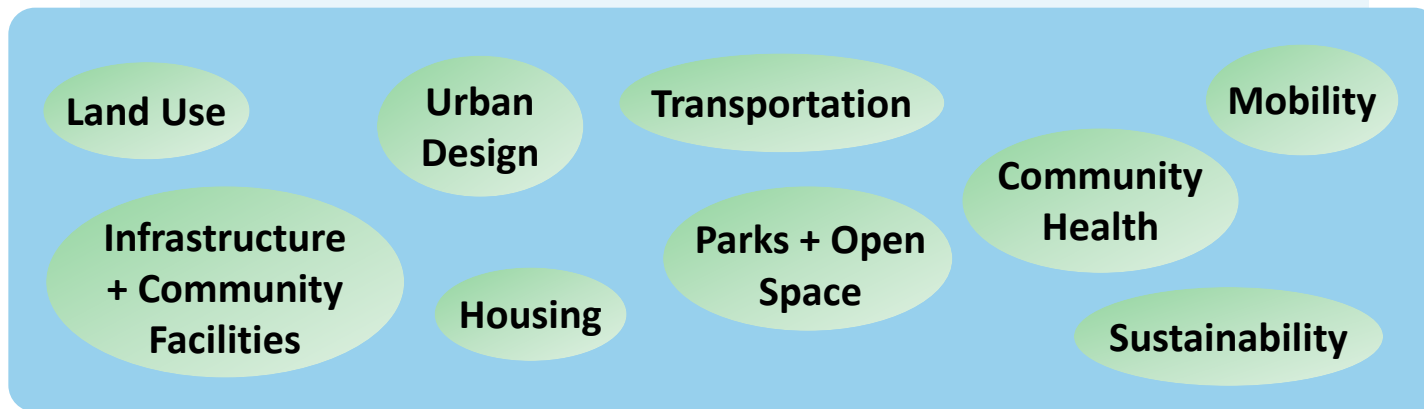
Schedule

What have we done so far?

NOVEMBER 2022 – DECEMBER 2023



What have we discussed so far?



What's next?

MARCH 2024 – SEPTEMBER 2024



Plan Area – Context

1,260 Acres - 13% of City

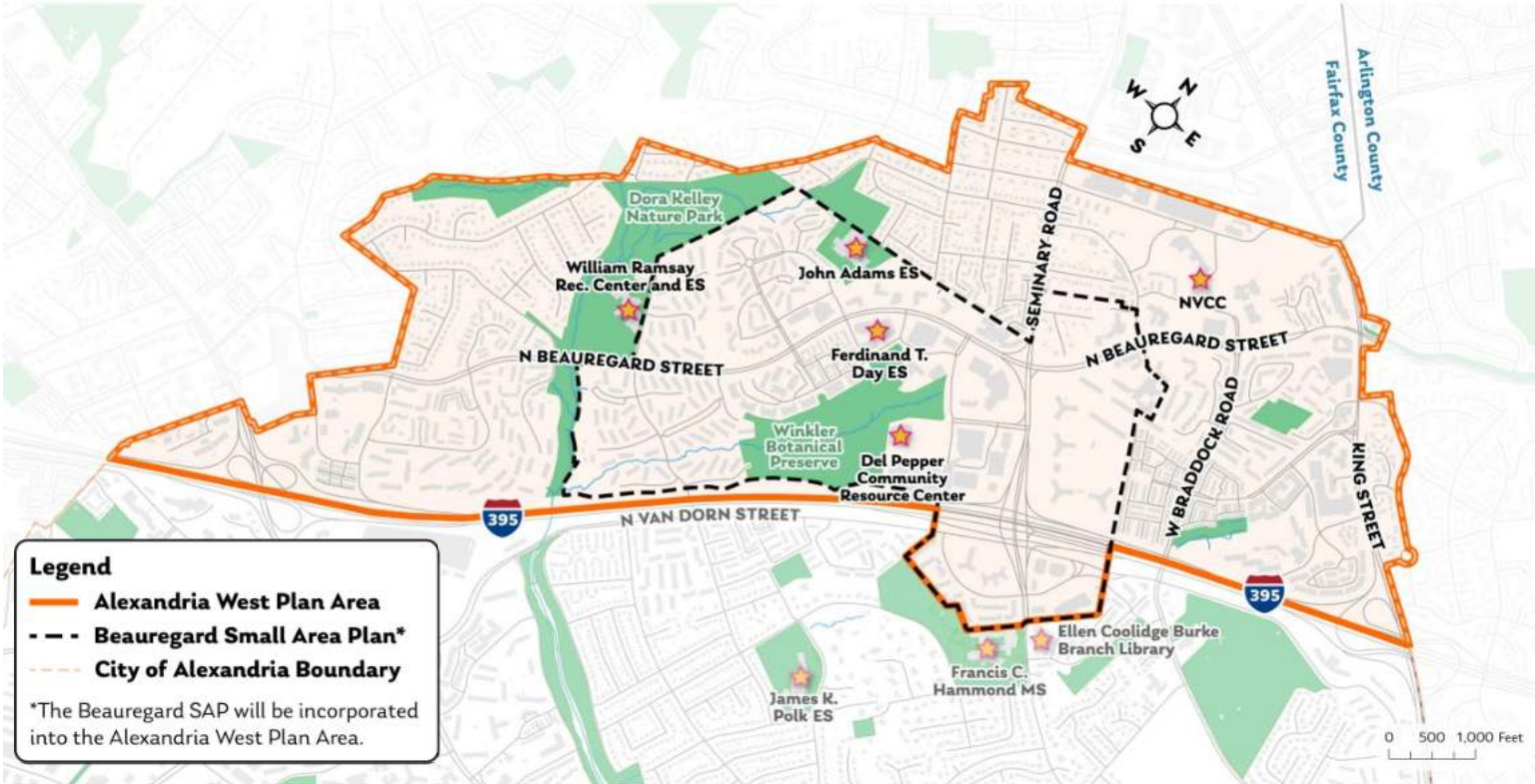
17% of City's population

38% of City's Market Affordable Units

713 Committed Affordable Units

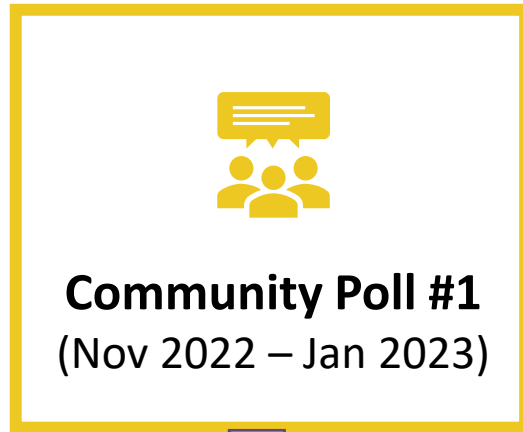
132 Acres existing public parks

~160 Acres of surface parking and commercial uses in Focus Area



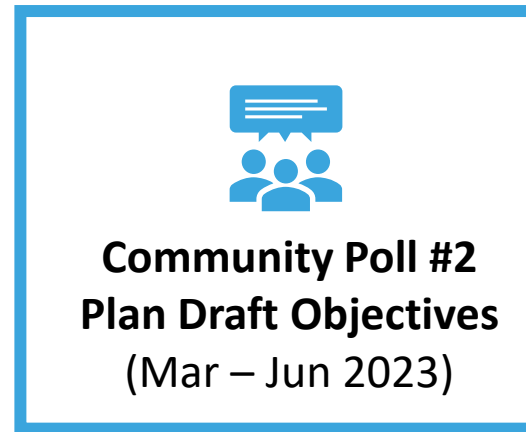
From Community Feedback to Plan Recommendations

INPUT



PLAN THEMES

were developed from community feedback to identify issues and Plan elements



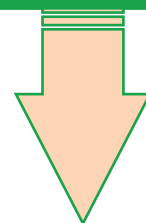
DRAFT OBJECTIVES

were developed from community feedback to build the framework concepts of the Plan



PLAN CONCEPTS

were refined and draft plan recommendations were developed based on prior feedback



DRAFT PLAN

WE ARE HERE!



Community Engagement

- Engaged over **1,500 community members** and over **30 community organizations**
- Provided interpretation and translation in **six languages**
- Prioritized engagement in key areas where residents are **most at risk of displacement**
- Facilitated events with **youth, renters, non-English speaking residents, residents of color, aging condo communities, and faith communities.**

41 Meetings with Community Organizations

40 Pop-Ups

9 Meetings with Tenants and Owners

7 Community Meetings

3 Open Houses

2 Community Polls

2 Online Open Houses





Draft Plan Recommendations

AlexWEST

Land Use – Housing Strategy

Focus Area

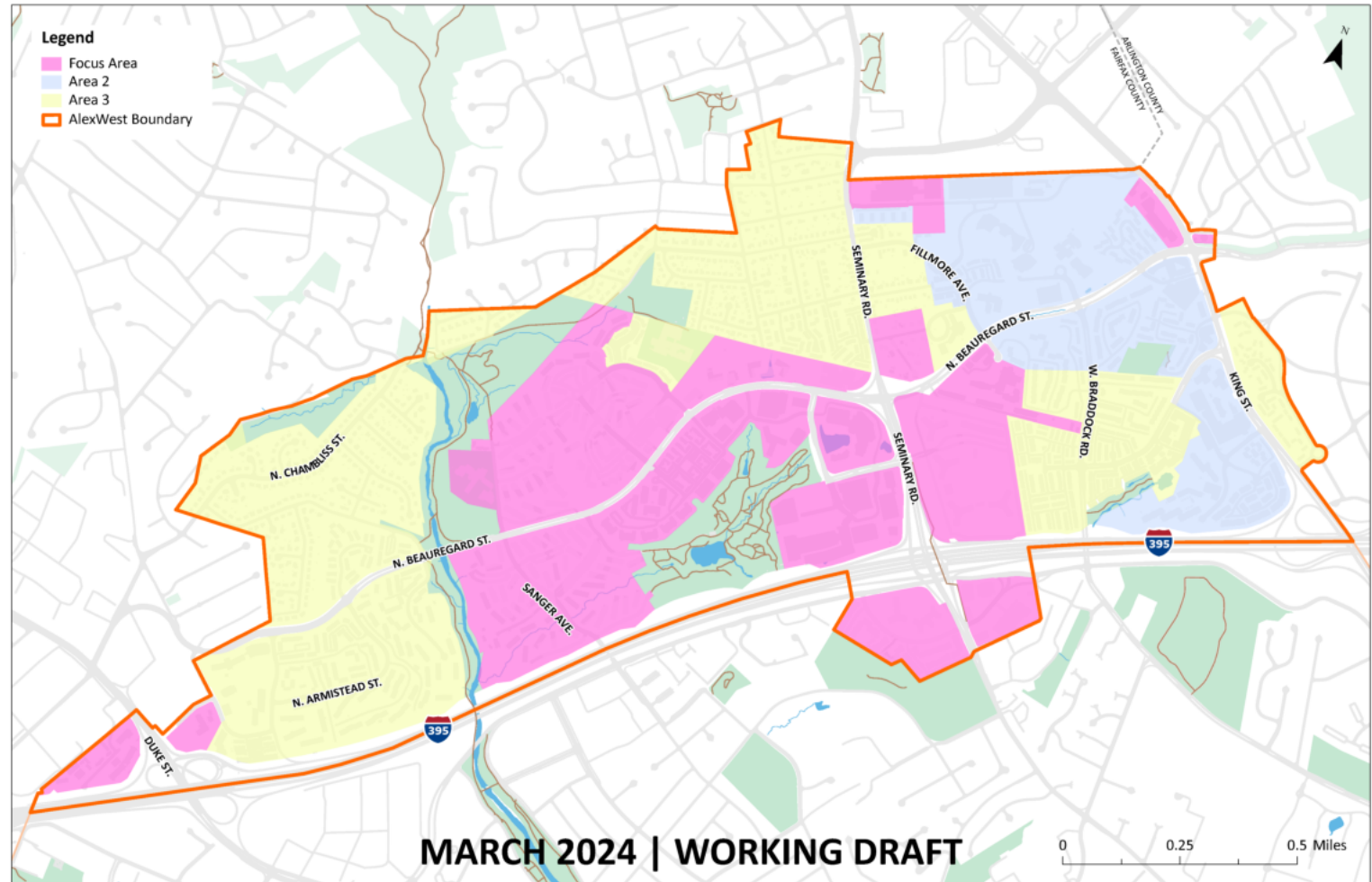
New development and redevelopment will be prioritized on surface parking and in commercial areas to **minimize displacement**

Area 2

New development and redevelopment will be subject to criteria established in the Plan

Area 3

New development will proceed based on existing City policies



Transportation Recommendation Highlights

- Development will provide the streets, blocks, and connections as generally depicted on Street Network Map.
- Development will provide a network of bike facilities as generally depicted on Bicycle Network Map
- When possible, the City will work with property owners to add additional bicycle connections not shown, to other parks and routes.



Transportation Recommendation Highlights

- The intersection of Seminary Road and Beauregard Street will be improved to better accommodate and ensure the safety of all users.
- The City will explore options for improving safety and accessibility for all users on Seminary Road, generally from Mark Center Drive to Library Lane.
- As part of multimodal transit enhancement, a new bus facility will be established within Southern Towers.



Legend

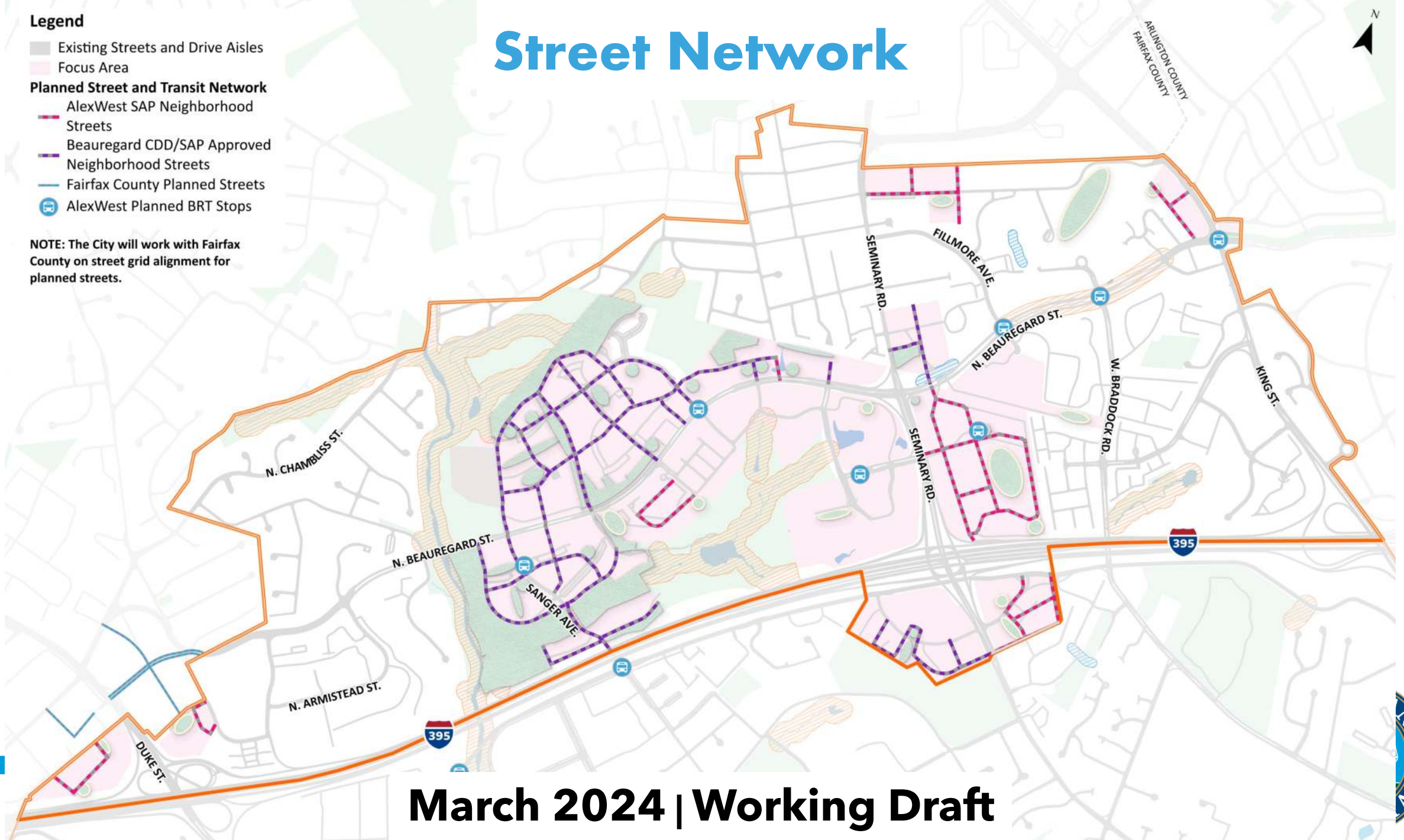
- Existing Streets and Drive Aisles
- Focus Area

Planned Street and Transit Network

- AlexWest SAP Neighborhood Streets
- Beauregard CDD/SAP Approved Neighborhood Streets
- Fairfax County Planned Streets
- AlexWest Planned BRT Stops

NOTE: The City will work with Fairfax County on street grid alignment for planned streets.

Street Network



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Bike Network

Legend

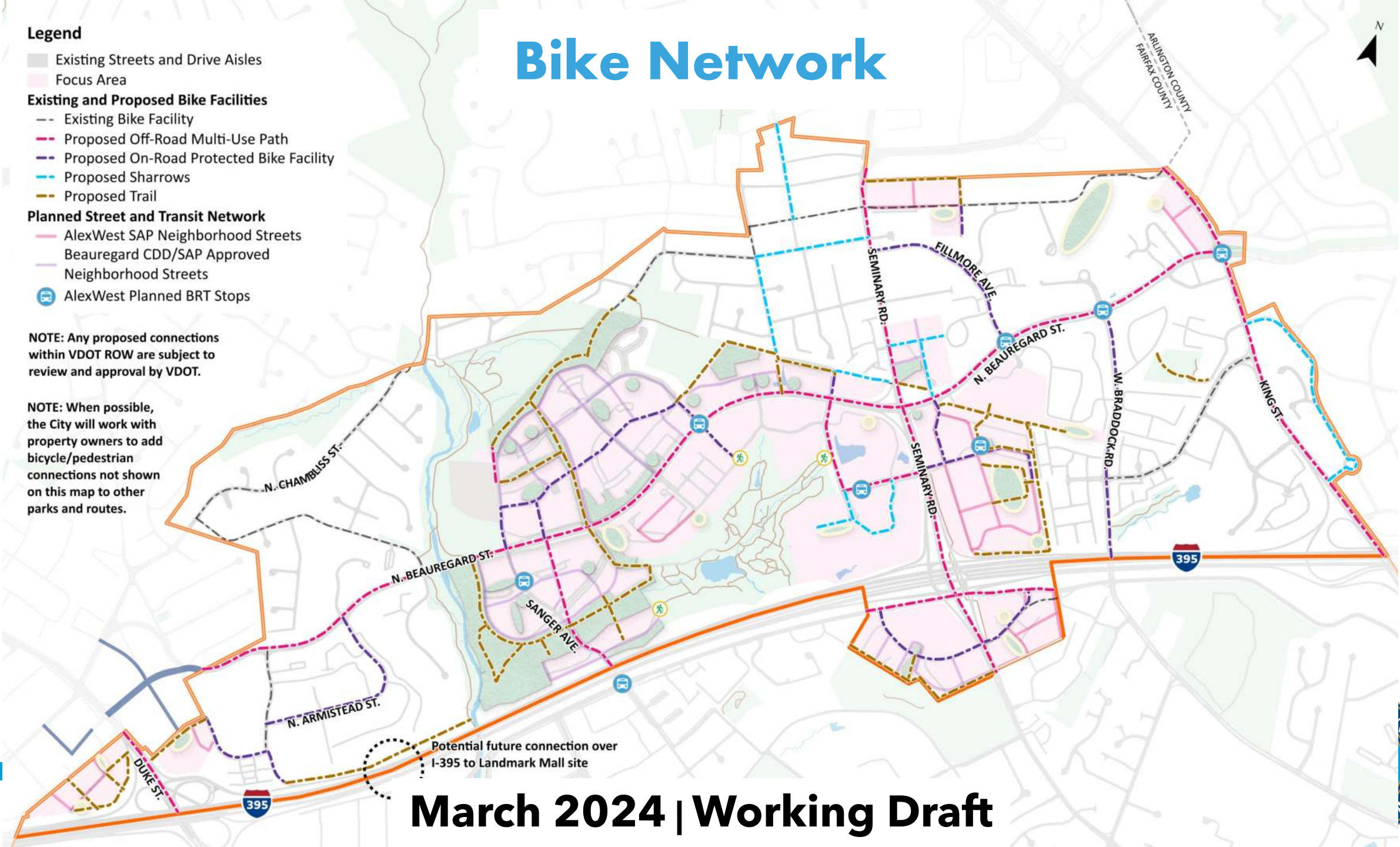
- Existing Streets and Drive Aisles
- Focus Area
- Existing and Proposed Bike Facilities**
 - Existing Bike Facility
 - Proposed Off-Road Multi-Use Path
 - Proposed On-Road Protected Bike Facility
 - Proposed Sharrows
 - Proposed Trail
- Planned Street and Transit Network**
 - AlexWest SAP Neighborhood Streets
 - Beauregard CDD/SAP Approved Neighborhood Streets
 - AlexWest Planned BRT Stops

NOTE: Any proposed connections within VDOT ROW are subject to review and approval by VDOT.

NOTE: When possible, the City will work with property owners to add bicycle/pedestrian connections not shown on this map to other parks and routes.

Potential future connection over I-395 to Landmark Mall site

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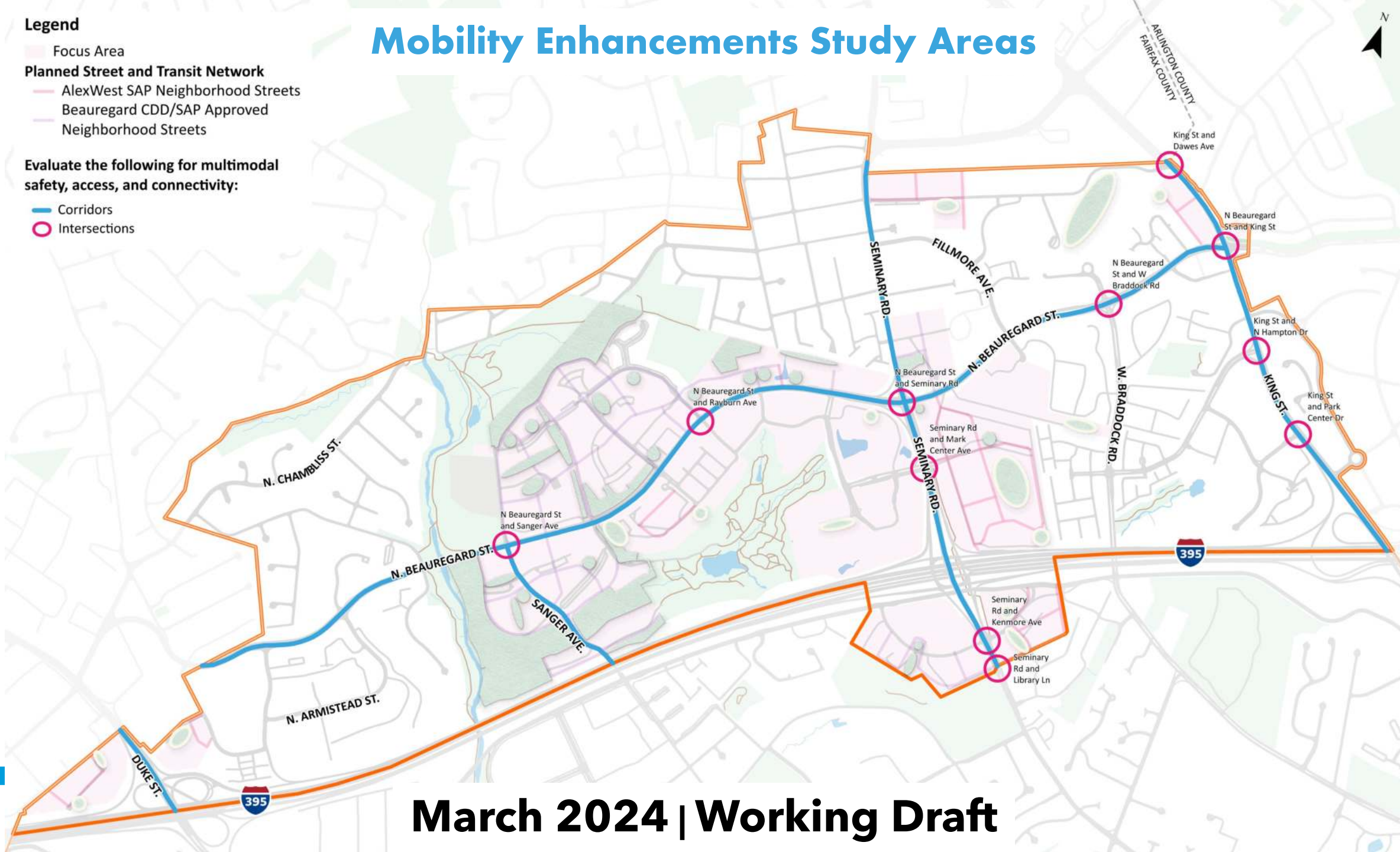
Mobility Enhancements Study Areas

Legend

- Focus Area
- Planned Street and Transit Network
 - AlexWest SAP Neighborhood Streets
 - Beauregard CDD/SAP Approved Neighborhood Streets

Evaluate the following for multimodal safety, access, and connectivity:

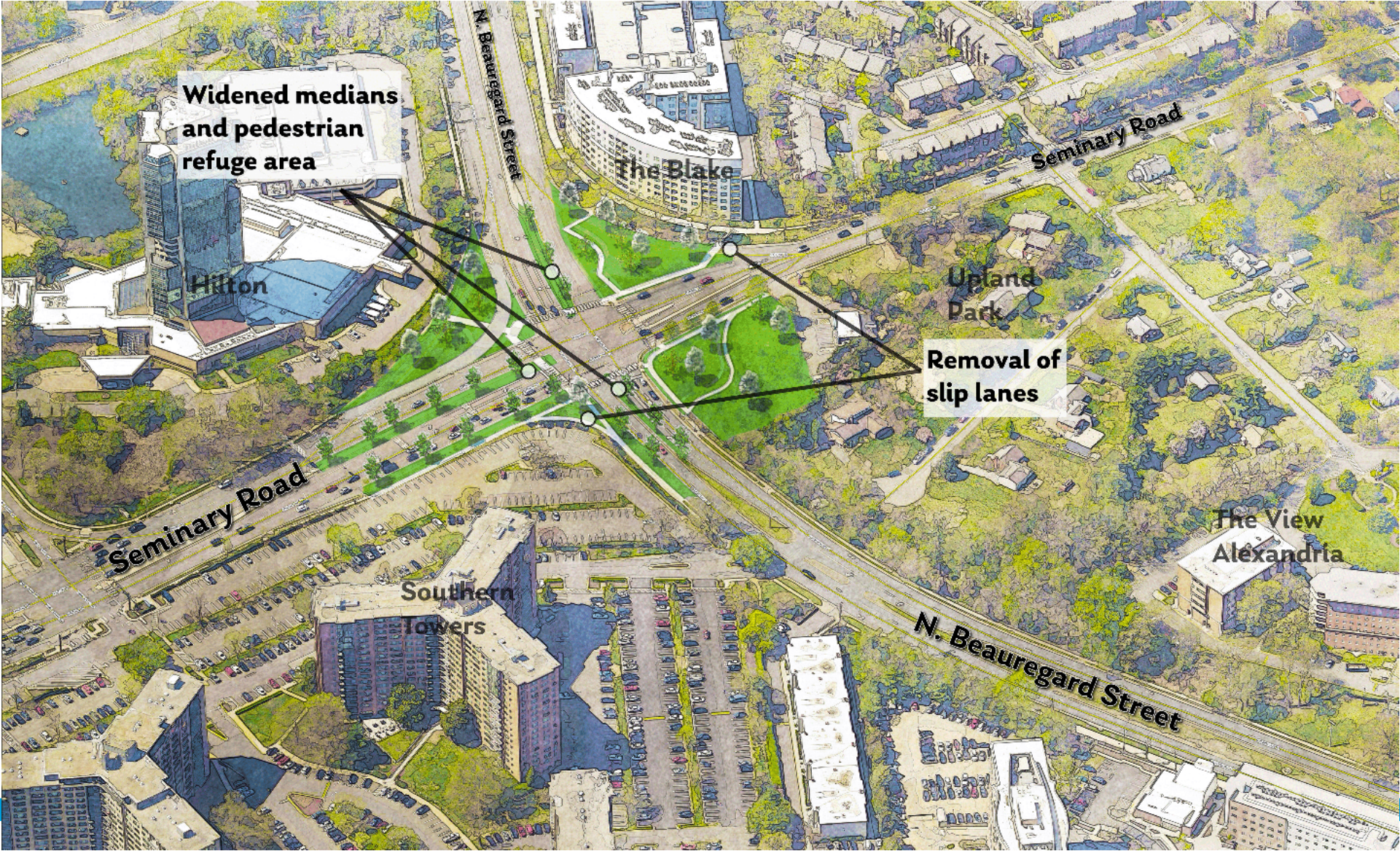
- Corridors
- Intersections



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Seminary + Beauregard



Consistency with Alexandria Mobility Plan



- **Advancing Transportation Equity**
 - Guidance on a transit facility at Southern Towers
 - Emphasis on a transportation network that is safe for all users
- **Prioritizing Safety**
 - Recommendations for safety improvements at key intersections and further study of roads of concern
- **Well Connected Network**
 - Recommendations for adding streets, trails, and bike connections
- **Focusing on All Modes of Transportation and Sustainability**
 - Street and bike networks create a better-connected network for all users, including low-carbon users



Discussion + Next Steps



MAR

Community Meeting #8
Draft Plan Recs

-Online Engagement

-City Boards +
Commissions

-Feedback Sessions



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Community Meeting #9
Draft Plan Recs

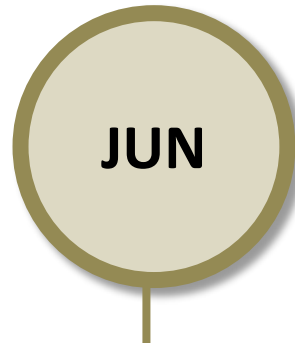
Transportation Study
Land Use/
Development



MAY

-Community
Input

-Draft Plan
Highlight Videos



JUN

Community Meeting #10

**Draft Plan
Release**

**Commissions
Review -
Endorsement**



**JUN -
SEP**

-Community
Input



SEP

**PC + CC
Public
Hearings**

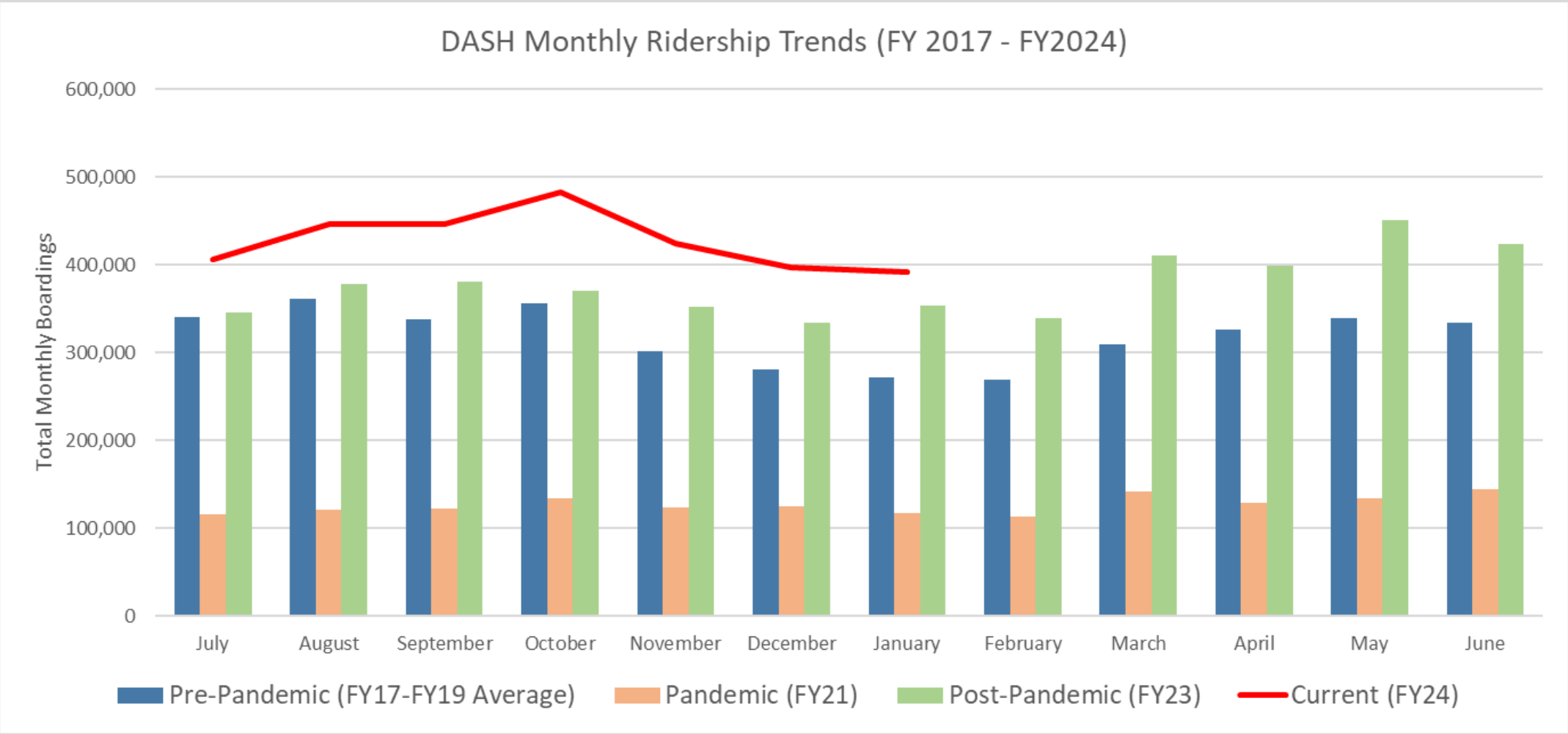


FY25 Alexandria Transit Strategic Plan

Agenda Item #4



DASH Ridership Update



FY 2025 Alexandria Transit Strategic Plan (ATSP)

- ▶ Annual DASH Service Plan which identifies any service, policy or program changes for next year (FY25)
- ▶ Replaces previous Transit Development Plan (TDP) based on DRPT requirements.
- ▶ Subject to Public Outreach & Approval by ATC Board of Directors
- ▶ Full ATSP Plan:

www.dashbus.com/strategicplan



FY 2025 ATSP Standards

- ▶ Service Design Standards (*Revised*)
 - ▶ Vehicle Headways (Local)
 - ▶ Service Availability (System)

- ▶ Systemwide Performance Standards (*New*)
 - ▶ Ridership
 - ▶ Efficiency
 - ▶ Safety
 - ▶ Reliability
 - ▶ Accessibility

Route Category	Minimum Headway Standard (minutes)		
	Weekday (Peak)	Weekday (Off-Peak)	Weekend
Frequent	15	15	15
Local	30	30 60	30 60
Commuter	30	n/a	-
Trolley*	15	15	15

Service Availability	City Residents
Within 1/4 Mile of a Frequent Route	70% 50%
Within 1/4 Mile of Any Route	90%

Category	Description	Standard (Systemwide)
Ridership	Boardings Per Revenue Hour	12 boardings per rev. hour
	Boardings Per Revenue Mile	1 boarding per revenue mile
Cost Efficiency	Cost Per Revenue Mile	\$12 Per Mile*
	Cost Per Rider	\$8 Per Rider*
Safety	Preventable Events Per 100K miles	5 preventables per 100K miles
Reliability	On-Time Performance	85%
	Missed Trip %	0.02%
Accessibility	% Residents Near FREQUENT Service	70%
	% Jobs Near FREQUENT Service	70%
	% Residents Near ANY Service	90%
	% Jobs Near ANY Service	90%

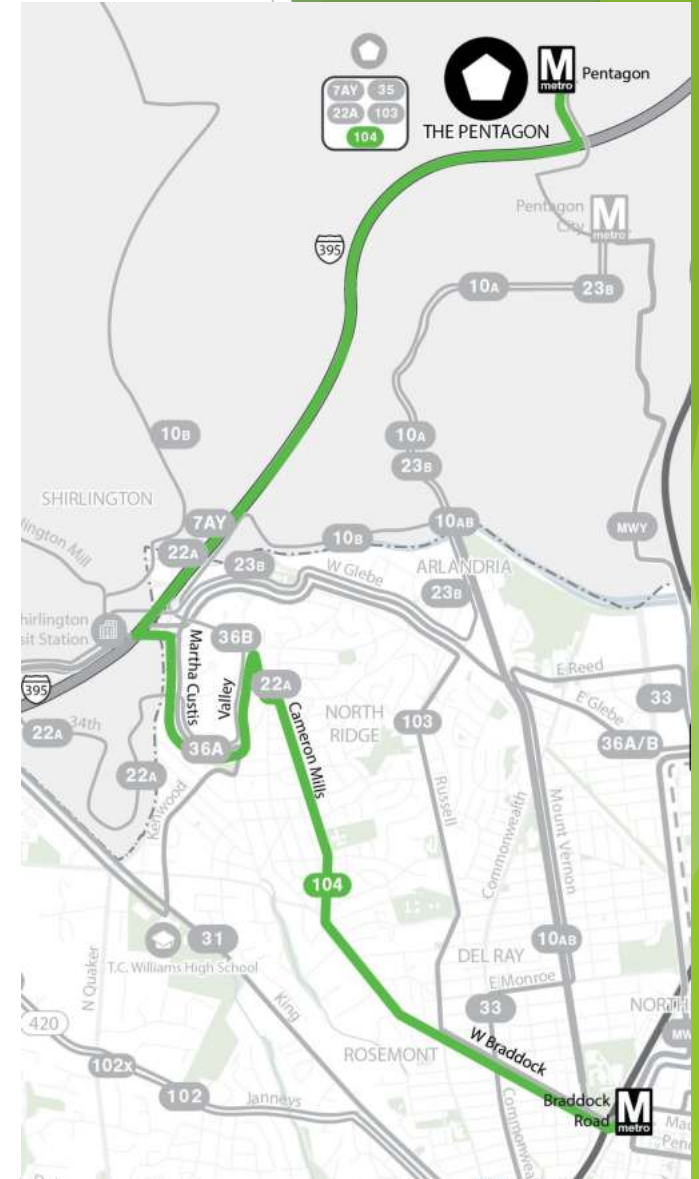
*Cost efficiency standards are subject to annual COI adjustments of 3%.

FY 2025 ATSP Service Changes

Line 104 Reduction

If approved, Line 104 weekday peak service would be reduced from every 30 minutes to every 60 minutes to offset additional city budget needs.

Final Decision on this reduction will be made by Alexandria City Council through the FY 2025 Budget Review & Approval Process in March/April.



FY 2025 ATSP Service Changes (Unfunded)

Line 32 (Priority #1)

DASH is proposing to improve midday, evening and weekend headways from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes.

Objectives Served

- ▶ 2022 ATV Plan
- ▶ Headway Standard
- ▶ Ridership Standard
- ▶ Underserved Area



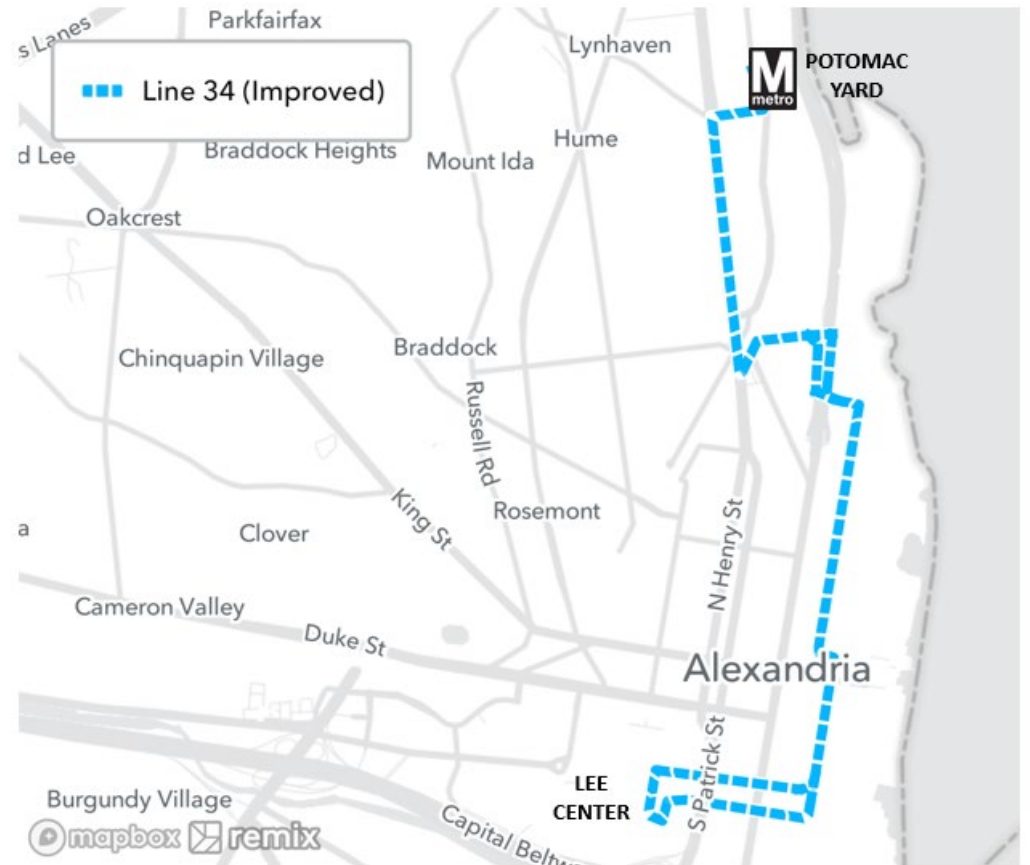
FY 2025 ATSP Service Changes (Unfunded)

Line 34 (Priority #2)

DASH is proposing to improve Sunday headways from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes.

Objectives Served

- ▶ 2022 ATV Plan
- ▶ Headway Standard
- ▶ Ridership Standard
- ▶ Underserved Area



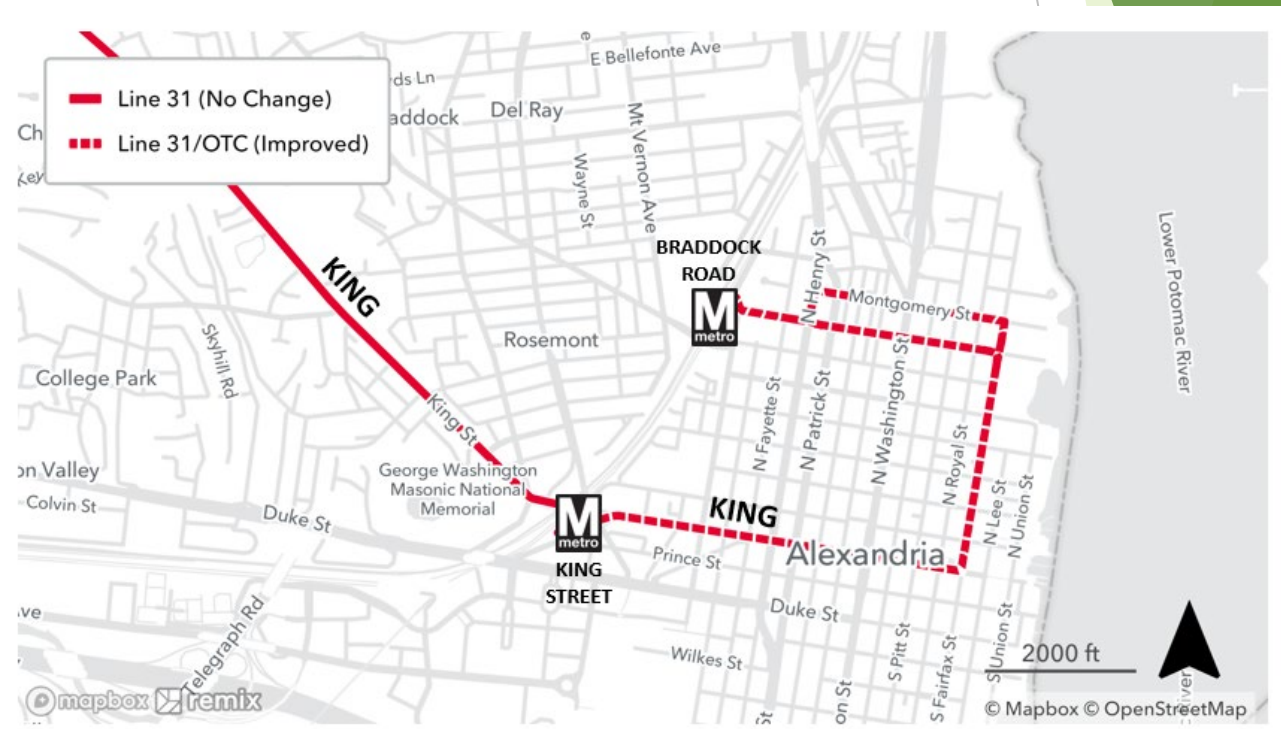
FY 2025 ATSP Service Changes (Unfunded)

Line 31 (Priority #3)

DASH is proposing to improve midday, eve, and weekend headways from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes in Old Town.

Objectives Served

- ▶ 2022 ATV Plan
- ▶ Headway Standard
- ▶ Ridership Standard
- ▶ Underserved Area



FY26-FY27 ATSP Service Changes

FY 2026

- ▶ **Line 30** | improve midday, eve and weekend headways to 15 minutes.
- ▶ **Line 32** | improve weekday peak headways from 30 to 15 minutes.
- ▶ **Lines 103 & 104** | improve peak headways from 30 to 20 minutes.
- ▶ **WMATA Better Bus Network Changes** | TBD

FY 2027

- ▶ **Line 102** | improve weekday midday headways from 60 to 30 minutes.
- ▶ **King Street Trolley** | extend route from King St. Metro to Eisenhower Metro and extend operating hours from 11:00 AM to 6:00 AM.
- ▶ **West End Transitway** | New BRT service to replace most of Line 35. West End Transitway service operator, service levels, and impact on adjacent DASH/WMATA routes to be finalized by late 2024.

How can I provide feedback on the ATSP?

- ▶ **Community Meetings** | February/March
- ▶ **Public Hearing** | Wed, March 13, 5:30pm (City Hall)
- ▶ **Pop-Up Events** | March 11-15
- ▶ **Website** | www.dashbus.com/strategicplan
- ▶ **Social Media** | @dashbus
- ▶ **Email** | dashbus@alexandriava.gov
- ▶ **Telephone** | 703.746.3274 (DASH)
- ▶ **ATSP Feedback Deadline is Friday, March 29th**



Recommendation

- ▶ That the Transportation Commission provide a letter endorsing the Alexandria Transit Strategic Plan

Discussion Item: City Budget

Agenda Item #5



Budget Overview

- On February 27, the City Manager presented City Council with a proposed operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025
- Adoption is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1.
- Proposed budget
 - General Fund Base Operating Budget FY24: **\$911.3 million**
 - 10-year CIP Budget FY24-33: **\$2.33 billion**



City Council Priorities

Housing
Opportunities

Community
Connection

Eliminate
Community
Disparities

Economic
Strength

Employee
Attraction and
Retention



Transportation Operating Highlights

- DASH – Increases 16.6%
 - Labor cost increases
 - Reduction of service on line 104
 - Reductions in administrative costs
- WMATA
 - Increases \$700,000
 - May have to include additional ~\$10 million to close operating



FY25-FY34 CIP Highlights

- \$12.9 million - Complete Streets-Vision Zero
 - Excluding several specific projects
- \$8 million - Safe Routes to School
- \$10.4 million - Sidewalk Capital Maintenance and sidewalks for CS
- \$189.1 million – WMATA Capital Program
- \$64.6 million - Street reconstruction and resurfacing
 - Approximately 50-55 lane miles in FY 2025
- \$75 million - Duke Street Transit Corridor
- \$30.3 million - DASH Bus Fleet Replacement and Electrification
- \$21.8 million - Smart Mobility



Budget Schedule

Tues., Feb. 27	Proposed Budget Presentation
Wed., Feb. 28	Work Session #1: City and ACPS Capital Improvement Programs
Thu., Feb. 29	Public Budget Presentation
Wed., Mar. 6	Work Session #2: Alexandria City Public Schools (Operating)
Mon., Mar.11	Budget Public Hearing (5:30 p.m.)
Tues., Mar. 12	Introduce and Set the Maximum Property Tax Rates
Wed., Mar. 13	Work Session #3
Sat., Mar.16	Budget Public Hearing (9:30 a.m.)
Wed., Mar. 20	Work Session #4
Wed., Apr. 3	Work Session #5
Sat., Apr. 13	Add/Delete Public Hearing (9:30 a.m.)
Wed., Apr. 24	Tax Rate Public Hearing 6 p.m. & Preliminary Add/Delete Work Session (7 p.m.)
Mon., Apr. 29	Final Add/Delete Work Session
Wed., May 1	Budget Adoption/Tax Rate Adoption (6 p.m.)



Next Steps

- Commission provides feedback
- Prepare budget feedback letter for City Council
 - For April TC meeting
 - Provide to Council before Preliminary add/delete work session (April 24)





Initial Feedback

- Response to priorities
- Questions?



Commissioner Updates

Agenda Item #8



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Items for Consent

Agenda Item #9



Other Business

Agenda Item #10



Adjourn Transportation Commission Meeting

Next meeting: April 17, 2024

