



Environmental Policy Commission

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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

June 12, 2023

Re: **Endorsement of the Duke Street Transitway Advisory Group's Recommendation**

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

On behalf of the Environmental Policy Commission, after discussion at its June 14th meeting, I am writing to endorse the Duke Street Transitway Advisory Group's recommendation as it is the most carbon efficient option and will result in more efficient bus service, in addition to significant improvements for pedestrians, cyclists, and other current and future users of personal mobility transportation devices.

The Environmental Policy Commission believes the improvements are critical to meeting goals of the Environmental Action Plan 2040 and the draft Energy and Climate Action Plan to reduce emissions and vehicle miles traveled. The Advisory Group's preferred option is the best way to generate more transit ridership and provide the best conditions for both cyclists and pedestrians, with separated facilities when possible. Moreover, this project includes important measures to make it safer to cross the street to get to destinations or access transit, enabling more people to feel comfortable using options other than driving.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chair, Kathie Hoekstra

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