



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of November 13, 2007**

DATE: October 19, 2007

SUBJECT: Authorization of funding, not to exceed \$800,000, to allow Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (“WMATA”) to complete the preliminary design and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) analysis of the Rosslyn Station Access Improvement Project (Rosslyn Project).

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize WMATA to spend up to \$800,000 to complete the NFPA analysis and complete the preliminary engineering of the Rosslyn Project.

ISSUES: None

SUMMARY: On July 7, 2007, The Arlington County Board authorized an intra-fund transfer of \$1.572 million of unexpended funds in the WMATA TIIF (Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund) program from the completed Ballston East Entrance project to the Rosslyn Project, and also authorized an initial allocation of no more than \$350,000 of those funds for the initiation of project scoping and preliminary engineering. WMATA has agreed to complete the design work and development of the construction documents for the Rosslyn Project. Additional funds are now required to complete the NFPA analysis and the preliminary engineering phase of the Rosslyn Project.

BACKGROUND: The Rosslyn Project is a project contained in the County FY03 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). To date, the Project has involved analysis and planning in coordination with WMATA. In May of 2007, the County Board approved a Site Plan which included a new entrance concept plan, consisting of three new elevators, a mezzanine, emergency stairs, and related infrastructure as part of the approved site plan for Rosslyn Central Place. The County Board approved the Rosslyn Central Place site plan with the condition that the new entrance to Rosslyn station be constructed and opened by the date that the Phase I office building of Rosslyn Central Place opens. The additional access capacity to the station is needed in order to support the approved higher density of the Rosslyn Central Place development. At the Board meeting on May 5, 2007, the County Board instructed the County Manager to proceed with the design and construction of the Rosslyn Project in coordination with WMATA and the developer, JBG, so that the County can construct the Rosslyn Project during JBG’s construction of Rosslyn Central Place thereby significantly reducing the construction costs to the County.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff:

The Arlington County Board, on July 7, 2007, authorized the County to allow WMATA to expend not more than \$350,000 of County funds in the Rosslyn Project to begin initial work of preliminary engineering/design of the Rosslyn Project. At the July meeting, the Board directed staff to complete Amendment 1 of the Phase I of the Certain Public Transportation Projects Agreement (Phase I Agreement) before requesting additional funds. Approval of the Amendment 1 of the Phase I Agreement is a separate Board agenda item of the November 13, 2007 County Board meeting. Therefore, additional funds up to \$800,000 for the completion of the preliminary engineering and the NFPA analysis is being requested.

DISCUSSION: The timeframe for design completion is very tight in order to meet JBG's construction schedule of the Rosslyn Central Place. WMATA has almost completed the NFPA analysis and is scheduled to complete the preliminary engineering phase of the project by December 2007. The source of the unexpended funds are TIIF funds which are in an Arlington account at WMATA. The authorization of additional funds not to exceed \$800,000 will provide the funds required to complete preliminary engineering, on schedule, and to position the project to enter the final engineering and development of construction documents upon the completion of the Phase II agreement. The Phase II Agreement delineates the responsibilities for final design and development of construction documents and is currently being negotiated by the County and WMATA. The final document will be brought before the County Board for approval in December 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT: The available funds consist of Arlington specific, unexpended project funds in the WMATA TIIF program, and interest, that were previously transferred by the County Board from the completed Ballston East Entrance Project to the Rosslyn Project. No new County funding is required to cover the cost of this authorization as the additional funds are within the previously approved allocation.