

Subject: AED- Rosslyn Bid Work Plan Update

**FY 2018 Proposed Budget
Budget Work Session Follow-up**

4/12/2017

The following information is provided in response to a request made by John Vihstadt at the work session on 3/16/2017, regarding a status update on each of Rosslyn Business Improvement District's (BID) key initiatives that are mentioned in their FY 2018 workplan. (Rosslyn Transportation Study, Parklet, and the Boat House)

Rosslyn Transportation Study

The Rosslyn Transportation Study is being conducted in phases. The first phase is being undertaken and completed by staff this calendar year. This work is focused on non-capital improvements (pavement markings, bollards and signs) that can be used to improve the access and safety of the public Right of Way (ROW) in central Rosslyn. County staff, in collaboration with the Rosslyn BID, held an all-day workshop to kick-off this effort. A second phase of work will be a technical study of the street system in central Rosslyn with possible one-to-two way street conversions. This effort requires the assistance of outside consultants and is scoped as an 18-month study that will commence this summer. The County is currently going through the procurement process to secure the necessary outside resources.

Parklet

County staff is working with the Rosslyn BID to finalize a Streetscape Elements Plan which includes streetscape furnishings for installation on public sidewalks in Rosslyn. These streetscape elements were developed to support and encourage pedestrian activity and enhance the identity of the Rosslyn neighborhood. The Community Planning, Housing and Development (CPHD) staff has convened with Arlington Economic Development, the Department of Environmental Services, and the Rosslyn BID to develop this plan along with a timeline for implementation. The Streetscape Elements Plan is expected to be finalized by staff and presented to the County Manager and the County Board in the summer of 2017. This presentation will include an authorization request for the County to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Rosslyn BID to implement a public space concept called the Parklet. The Parklet will serve as an extension of the sidewalk providing additional public space for gathering by using the right-of-way and portions of the street itself to provide a public area at curbsides. The Rosslyn BID will also submit a work plan and budget for the streetscape plan implementation, which includes requirements for obtaining all required permits from the County. The proposal is that implementation would progress on an on-going basis with no obligation to seek further specific County Board approval for each streetscape element or implementation stage.

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Rosslyn Boathouse

Included in the County's Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) and the 2017-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is the possible development of a community boathouse to provide a home for scholastic rowing programs, local rowing, paddling organizations, and other non-motorized uses. This project will increase the opportunity to enjoy the Potomac River, a longtime goal of the County. The County is currently collaborating with the National Park Service (NPS) through an Environmental Assessment (EA) process to determine the best location for the boathouse. The County has continued to support the selection of the Upper/Lower Rosslyn Alternative as the preferred alternative.

The Boathouse Project is on track for the issuance of a draft EA later this fall, with a final Record of Decision at the end of the calendar year or very early in 2018. County staff are currently working with NPS staff, the NPS consultant, and Virginia Department of Transportation staff to complete the Traffic and Transportation Impacts Analysis portion of the EA. As vehicular access to the 1101 Lee Highway or Upper Rosslyn site will both need to be limited, part of the evaluation will include the identification of areas in close proximity of the sites for group drop-offs.

Once a location has been determined, the next step will be to complete the design of the boathouse, dock and associated facilities. Planned dollars are included in FY 2026 in the adopted CIP. The design of associated facilities will include a property the County acquired in 2014 located at 1101 Lee Highway to be used for support facilities for the boathouse.