

City of Alexandria
City Council Meeting of Tuesday, March 12, 2013
Selected Comments Relating to the City's Capital Budget

Councilman Wilson made note of the disparity between us and our neighbors in terms of proposed capital expenditures per capita:

Alexandria	\$467	
Price William	\$611	(31% more than Alexandria)
Fairfax	\$678	(45% more)
Loudoun	\$799	(71% more)
Arlington	\$1,381	(196% more)

He also pointed out that, if you look at capital spending per square mile, the disparity between Alexandria and Arlington is even more dramatic.

The Mayor responded (beginning at 1:20 on the videotape) "... In Alexandria, on the operating side, we have a burden the rest of the jurisdictions in Northern Virginia don't have to deal with and that is the diversity that we have and the mix of our population and our commitment to making certain that we provide the safety net programs. That is a huge expenditure that we incur that the other jurisdictions do not incur. Consequently they can put more into their CIP and elsewhere and I would like to see us put more into our CIP but we have to balance it all so I like the analysis you did but folks need to understand we are not comparing apples to apples because there's a huge difference between Alexandria from the rest of Northern Virginia...unfortunately."