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SUBJECT: TC William Tennis Courts Project Update

In the summer of 2012 as part of the CIP FY13 funding, the Educational Facilities Office hired a design consultant to perform a Feasibility Study to build six tennis courts for T.C. Williams High School.

The research focused on two locations on/near T.C. Williams High School: Northern area of school site facing King Street (Site A) and southern part on Chinguapin Park land (Site B). The feasibility analysis took into consideration the following primary factors:

1. The use of the site (school versus park).
2. Size of the site to accommodate six tennis courts with proper N-S orientation.
3. Vehicular circulation/proximity to parking and pedestrian access (including ADA accessibility considerations).
4. Existence of the underground utilities.
5. Site grading.
6. Existing Zoning designation.

In early September 2012, Educational Facilities shared the study's findings with School, Community and City of Alexandria staff and solicited their input. A community meeting was held at T.C. Williams High School. The feedback received was largely positive and favored site A for reasons such as proximity to parking, safe distance from the residential area, and topographical site features

such as availability of a natural buffer (berm) that allows for additional natural screening of the courts. Based on the input received, the findings outlined in the feasibility study, and concurrence by the School Board, ACPS proceeded with the Site A option.

An integral part of the current design is an enhanced landscape buffer along King Street as well as court lighting. Approximately eight thirty foot tall light poles are proposed to allow for maximizing the tennis court usage. Design team studied the possibility of reducing the number of light poles with taller light poles; however, based on further research and community input, the lower light pole height option was preferred.

The current regulatory approval schedule coordinated with City Staff includes presenting our site plan to the City Planning Commission and Council in December. An additional Community Meeting will be scheduled in the fall to allow for further community input.