City of Alexandria, Virginia Commission on Information Technology

## AGENDA May 17, 2021 IT Commission Meeting ZOOM CALL 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

- 1. Introductions & welcome
- 2. Approval of April 19 Minutes
- 3. **Update on City's Fiber Backbone project** (IT Staff, City of Alexandria)
- 4. **Digital Equity Plan Committee** (Co-Chairs: Michelle Rief/Catharine Rice/) Update from Catharine on conversation w/Vanetta re: IT's last meeting Update on outline for DEP from Vanetta?

## 5. Legislative Committee (Chair=Sara Crifasi)

- Update on American Rescue Act -Treasury Guidelines issued: The Treasury Department released a brief statement on the overall purpose and application process for the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which can be found on Treasury's <u>website</u>. The \$10 billion **Capital Projects** Fund was established to **provide funding to states**, territories, and Tribes to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency with respect to COVID–19. The Treasury Department will begin to accept applications for review in the **summer of 2021** and will issue guidance before that date. For updates, please check the Treasury website regularly
- 2. The Treasury Department also <u>released</u> the Interim Final Rule (IFR) for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The Funds provide emergency funding for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the pandemic and its economic impacts, including making necessary investments in **broadband infrastructure.**
- Update on ongoing state/federal legislation (<u>Google Doc</u>)
- 6. **Outreach to Council and campaigns** re: Fiber project (Catharine & Riccardo)-Updates from IT commission?
- 7. Other business?
- 8. Next meeting after summer break September