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Subject: Subject: Ensuring Public Safety Continues to be a Capital Improvement Planning Priority

Reference: EPAC Email to County Board Members & County Leadership on June 15, 2016

Dear County Board,

On June 15, 2016, EPAC was made aware that the funding for a: long-time CIP approved priority and a 911 After Action report was being pulled from the most recent CIP. This priority was previously tethered to Fire Station 8 replacement funding. After being de-tethered, the funding for OEM and EOC would come to \$11M.

Following multiple email exchanges and a meeting with Deputy County Manager – Jim Schwartz, EPAC was informed that OEM/EOC was still a priority, and was not being included in the upcoming CIP, for the county was “examining leased-space options”. This position was further discussed, by the following article in Inside Nova: http://www.insidenova.com/news/arlington/plan-to-move-arlington-emergency-offices-not-stalled-officials-say/article_6b5264ae-36de-11e6-98e1-2b3bce5c88ad.html.

Although EPAC was relieved to learn that OEM/EOC was still a county priority¹, EPAC was disappointed regarding how Emergency Preparedness Leadership, Staff, and EPAC was informed of this crucial decision.

In addition, EPAC believes that fully pulling OEM/EOC (\$11M) funding from the upcoming CIP is short-sighted. Even if county leadership and staff can come up with a leased-space option, there is still a significant possibility that the space will require space reconfigurations and/or technical upgrades that may be able to be allocated as capital expenditures, requiring some budget in the upcoming CIP.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kim E. Klingler (EPAC - Chair)

¹ The 911 After Action Report, specifically called out the importance of the EOC and states that the current space was not appropriate, nor adequate. In addition, continuing to have OEM/EOC located in the same immediate geographical space as: county offices, jail, courthouse, and metro, creates unnecessary risks.