



Transportation Commission

September 18, 2024
7PM



Notice

The September 18, 2024, meeting of the Transportation Commission is being held in the City Council Workroom on the second floor of City Hall (301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of the Transportation Commission and staff are participating either in-person or from a remote location through video conference call on Zoom. The meeting can be accessed by the public in-person or via Zoom.



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Public Comment Period

Agenda Item 1



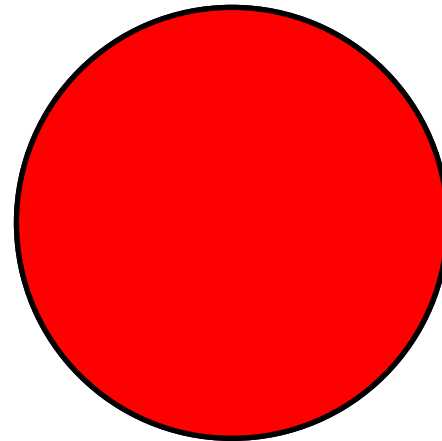
Public Comment

- For speakers not discussing items related to the public hearings.
- For virtual attendees:
 - Raise hand or press *9
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 - 3 minutes per speaker



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Transportation Commission Minutes: June 20, 2024

Agenda Item 2



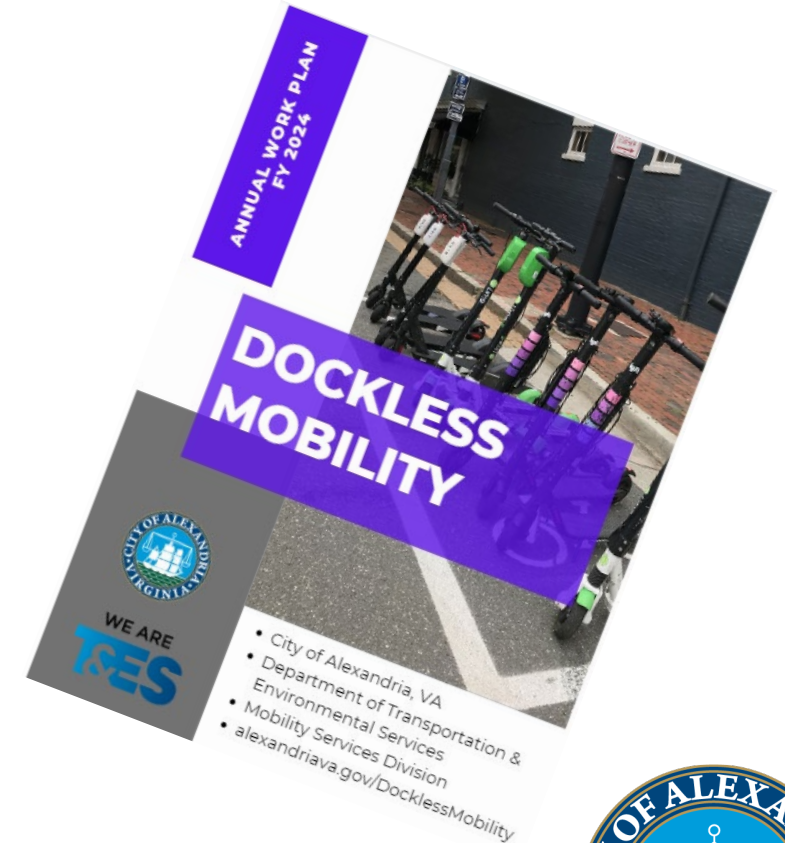
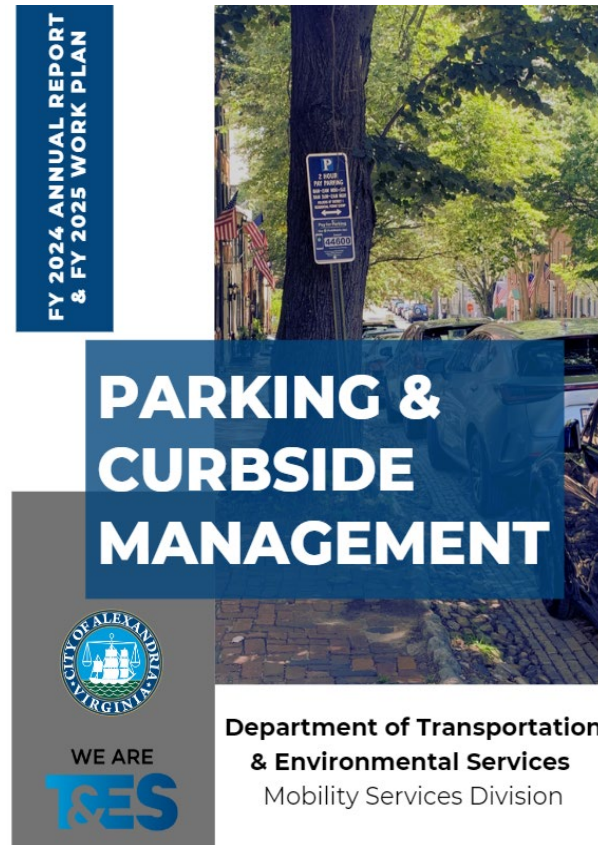
Discussion Item: Mobility Services Division Annual Workplan

Agenda Item 3



FY 2024 Annual Report & FY 2025 Work Plan Parking and Curbside Management

Sheila McGraw, Curbside and Parking Program Manager



FY 2024 Major Accomplishments

- Implemented new **technology** in **City garages**.
- Upgraded technology for **200+ metered parking spaces**.
- Held **10 Traffic and Parking Board** meetings and reviewed 48 docket items.
- Expanded **Residential Pay by Phone** to 31 blocks.
- Used **data and pricing** to manage on-street parking on residential blocks and garages.
- Managed the **taxi-cab sub-committee** to review City Code and taxi regulations in the City.
- Increased initial **taxicab fares** and the per mile charge.
- Developed & approved process for new **curbside loading and pickup** zones.
- Updated **parking requirements** for applicable Zoning for Housing projects.
- Coordinated with businesses to design & implement interim improvements on the pedestrianized **Lower King Street**.
- Coordinated the installation of 23 new **bike racks**.
- Responded to over 250 customer **311 requests** for parking.



FY 2025 Major Work Objectives



Daylighting Parking Policy

The Parking & Curbside Management team will evaluate parking policies and develop administrative process to more easily permit daylighting, or parking removal for more visibility, at intersections to increase safety for all roadway users.



Food Truck Regulations

The Parking & Curbside Management team will collaborate with City departments, the food truck industry, local businesses, and residents to evaluate, research, and propose updates for the existing food truck policies.



Carshare Policy

The Parking & Curbside Management team will update the 2013 City adopted a Carshare Policy to reflect current best practices, meet demand, and provide options that support low or no car ownership.



Parking Standards for New Developments

The Parking & Curbside Management team will evaluate and update existing parking standards for residential and commercial development projects.



FY 2025 Major Work Objectives



EV Charging

The Parking & Curbside Management team will work with City departments to develop electric vehicle charging policies across the city including but not limited to a curbside EV charging pilot and a policy for City-owned garages.



Parking Technologies

As part of the VDOT parking technologies grant, the City will proactively seek technology applications to enable data-driven decision-making in support of the City's policies. Grant-applicable technologies being considered may include license plate readers and curb data mapping to support real-time parking technologies.



Biennial Taxicab Review

The City is required by City Code to evaluate the regulations overseeing the taxi industry every two years and make recommendations for changes to those rules at that time. The Parking & Curbside Management team will conduct an updated review as the last was approved by the Traffic and Parking Board in November 2022.



Lower King Street Pedestrianization Project

The Parking & Curbside Management team will continue to work with other City departments and the public stakeholders on Lower King Street as elements of a permanent pedestrian block progresses along with the waterfront implementation project.



Ongoing Program Management



Traffic & Parking Board Management

The Parking and Curbside Management team provides staff support to the Traffic and Parking Board and serves as the liaison between City staff and the Board. In FY 2024, the Board reviewed 48 docket items. The Traffic and Parking Board Annual Report outlines the Board's goals for FY 2025.



Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Program

The RPP program started in 1979 as a response to increased demand for parking particularly in Old Town and residential areas of the City near Metrorail stations. The RPP Districts have expanded over the years to 14 districts. Staff manages requests for changes to RPP restrictions and boundaries and presents them to the Traffic and Parking Board and City Council for consideration.



Residential Pay-by-Phone Program

The Residential Pay-by-Phone program was established in 2019. Since that time, 31 blocks have joined the program, including 2 in FY 2024. In FY 2025, staff will evaluate pricing on high-use blocks in coordination with pricing of City-owned parking garage facilities.



Ongoing Program Management



Parklets

The Parklet Program started as a pilot program in 2020, and the permanent program began in 2022. The program provides three types of parklets: 1) annual commercial parklets, 2) short-term parklets, and 3) annual public parklets. There are currently 34 annual commercial parklets citywide and new businesses are able to apply throughout the year. The Parking and Curbside Management team assists potential applicants by guiding them through the application process and reviewing their new applications.



Bike Parking

The Parking and Curbside Management team manages bike parking requests and coordinates installations in the public right-of-way. The installation of bike racks is often coordinated with the installation of scooter and e-bike parking corrals to provide a variety of options for users at these mini mobility hubs.



Disability Parking

Persons with disabilities may request signage for a disability parking space on the public street in front of their home. Existing spaces are re-certified annually. Currently there are 64 signed disability parking spaces on residential streets. Staff also manages requests in commercial areas and makes recommendations to the Traffic and Parking Board for installation.



Ongoing Program Management



Curbside Management

The curbside loading and pickup zones were offered to businesses during the pandemic and were made permanent in 2022. Currently there are 22 places where these zones have been implemented. The parking meter replacement and consolidation project upgraded and consolidated over 200 parking meters throughout the city.

Curb Space Prioritization Framework

| Priority: | Residential | Main Streets | Office & Commercial | Warehouse & Industrial |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1: High | City Plan Priorities | | | |
| 2 | Access for People | Access for People | Access for People | Access for Goods |
| 3 | Parking | Access for Goods | Access for Goods | Access for People |
| 4 | Access for Goods | Activation | Parking | Parking |
| 5: Low | Activation | Parking | Activation | Activation |



City Garage Management

City staff manages the City-owned garages to ensure parking needs are met. Staff uses Smarking, which compiles data on parking usage, to make decisions on pricing, revenue, and availability, and manages programs for the garages including employee parking pricing and local business programs. In FY 2025, the Parking and Curbside Management team will begin managing the garage at the Del Pepper Community Center.



Coordination with Parking Enforcement

City staff coordinates with the Alexandria Police Department's Parking Enforcement Division on recurring parking issues, updating policies, and improving signage for efficiency and effectiveness.



Questions + Discussion



Discussion Item: Bus Stop Program

Agenda Item 4



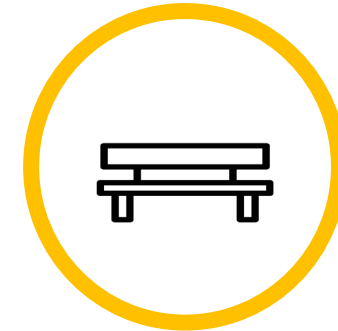
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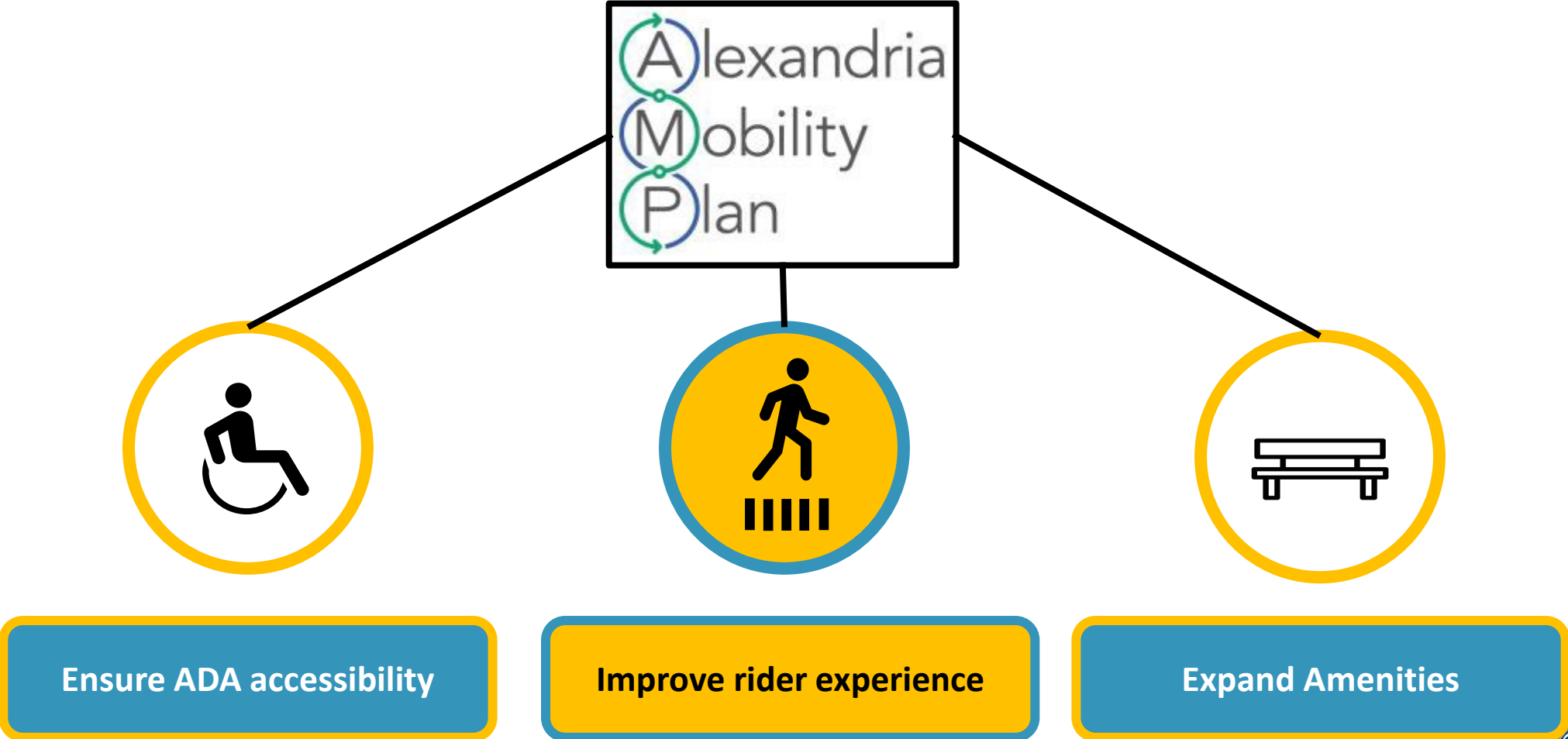
Improve rider experience



Expand Amenities



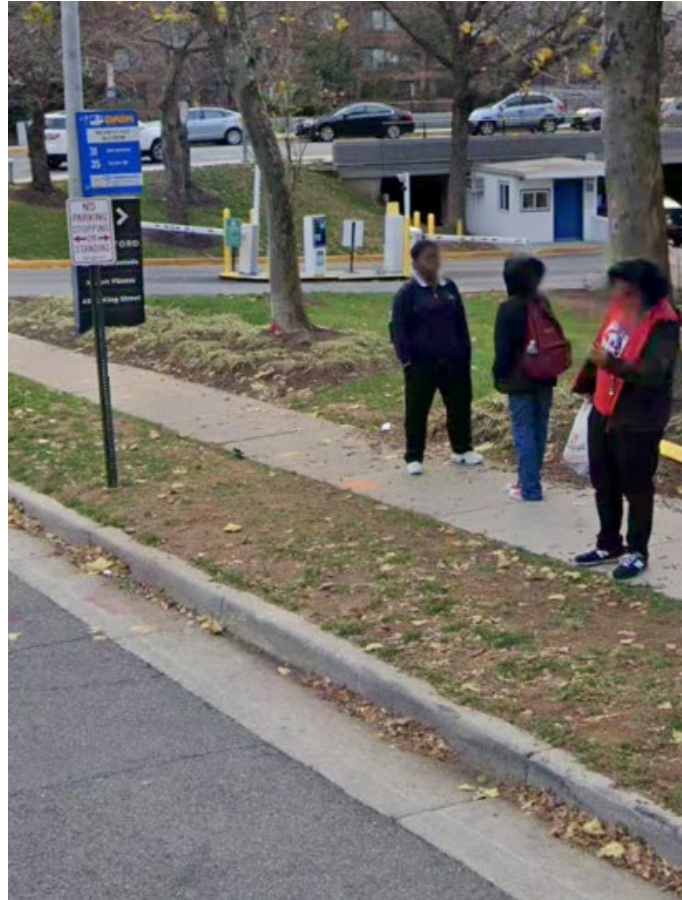
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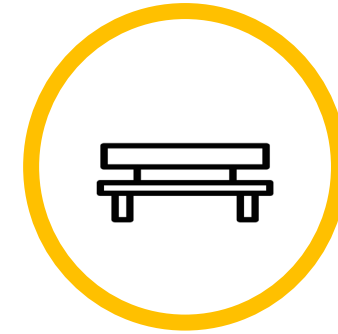
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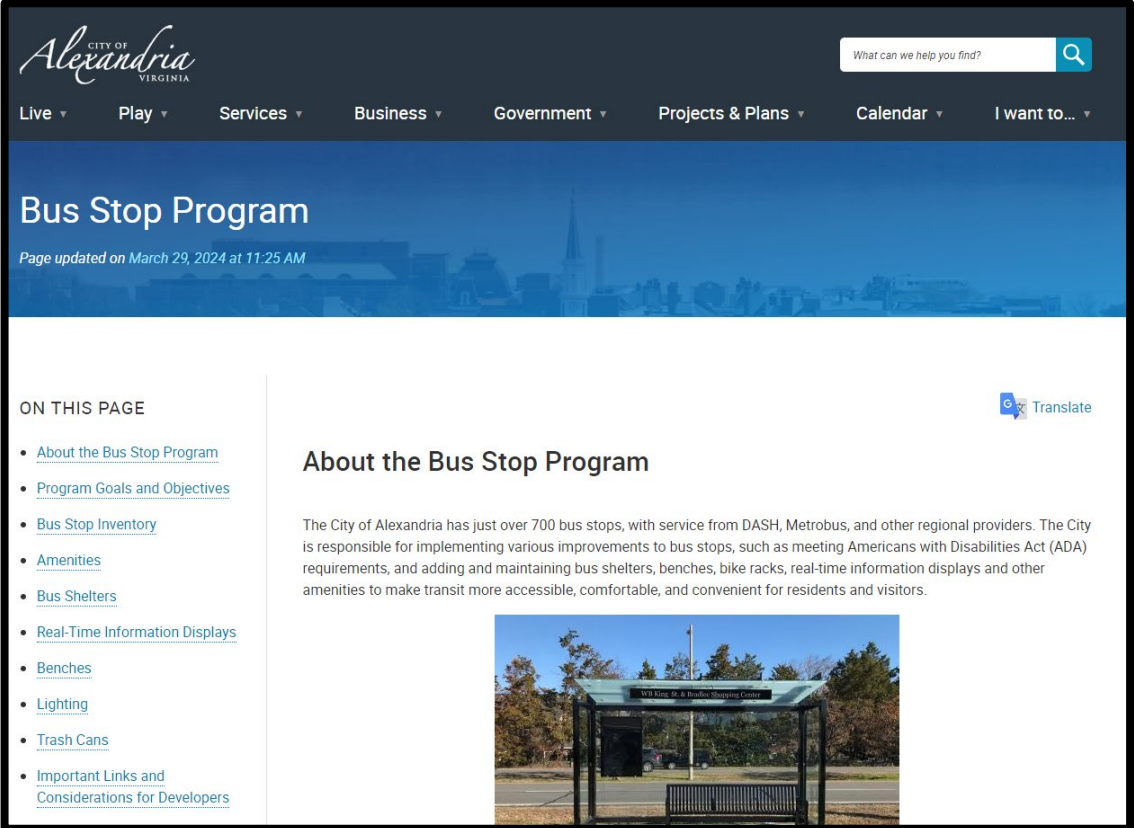


Expand Amenities



Communications

- Program Website
- Interactive GIS Map
- Alex311



The screenshot shows the City of Alexandria website's "Bus Stop Program" page. The header includes the City of Alexandria logo, a search bar, and navigation links for Live, Play, Services, Business, Government, Projects & Plans, Calendar, and I want to... The main heading is "Bus Stop Program" with a sub-heading "Page updated on March 29, 2024 at 11:25 AM". A "Translate" button is visible in the top right. On the left, under "ON THIS PAGE", there is a list of links: About the Bus Stop Program, Program Goals and Objectives, Bus Stop Inventory, Amenities, Bus Shelters, Real-Time Information Displays, Benches, Lighting, Trash Cans, and Important Links and Considerations for Developers. The main content area is titled "About the Bus Stop Program" and contains a paragraph: "The City of Alexandria has just over 700 bus stops, with service from DASH, Metrobus, and other regional providers. The City is responsible for implementing various improvements to bus stops, such as meeting Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, and adding and maintaining bus shelters, benches, bike racks, real-time information displays and other amenities to make transit more accessible, comfortable, and convenient for residents and visitors." Below the text is a photograph of a bus stop shelter with a bench, labeled "108 King St. & Pruden Shopping Center".



Active Work

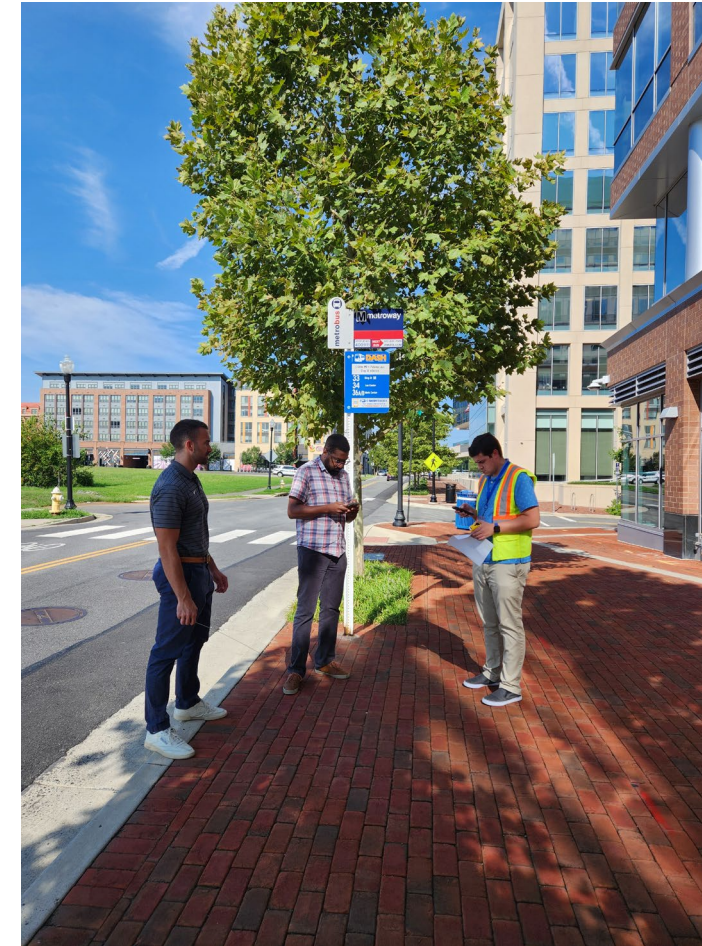
- Bus Stop Inventory
- Amenity Prioritization
- Bus Shelters Phase II (Grant)
- Easy Wins for ADA Upgrades
- Bus Stop Enhancements (Grant)
- Corridor Studies and Improvements



Ongoing Coordination



Questions + Discussion



Action Item: Legislative Priorities

Agenda Item 5

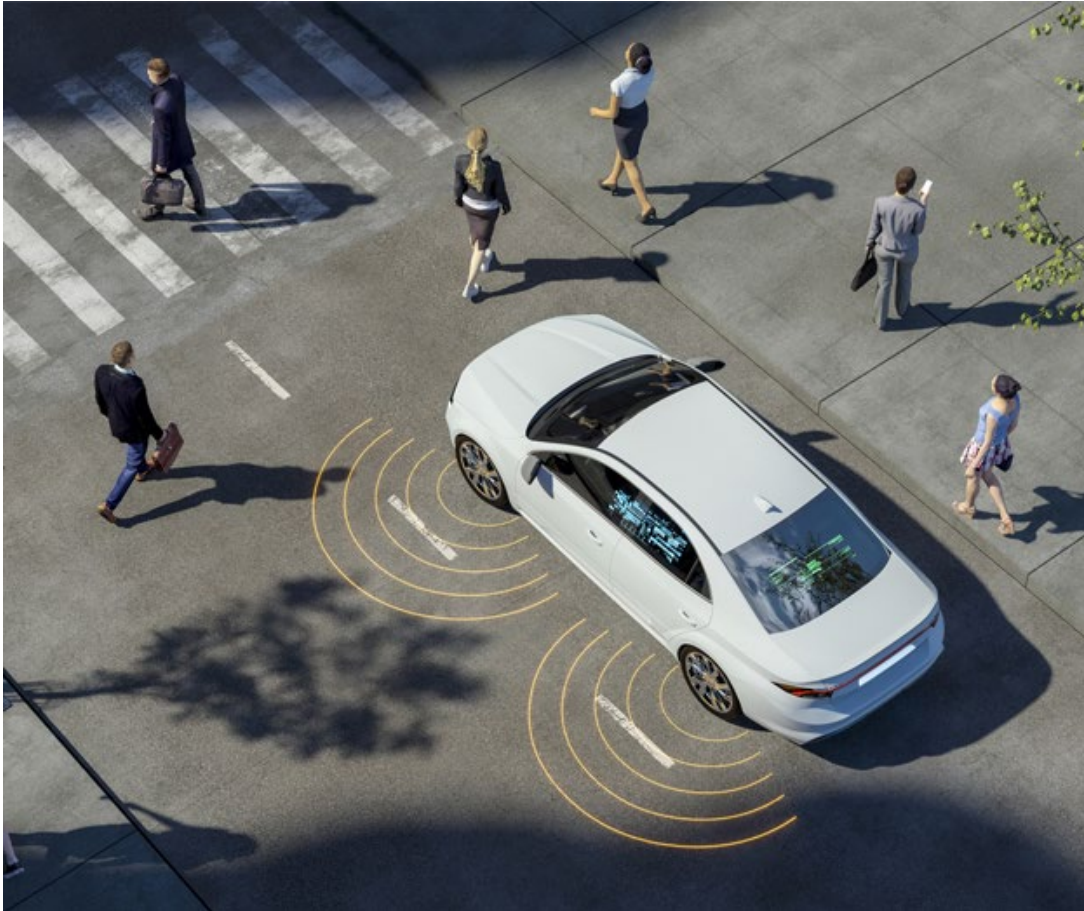


2024 Legislative Priorities

- Every year the TC provides Legislative Priorities.
- Last year's Priorities
 - Protect and Preserve transportation funding sources :
 - **WMATA funding gaps**
 - **Allow TRIP funded to be awarded for free-fare transit**
 - **Oppose changes to SMARTSCALE scoring**
 - **Expand automated speed and red-light enforcement**
 - **Allow safety stops and riding two abreast for bicyclists**



2025 Legislative Session



- 2025 Legislative Session - short session
- Board and Commissions to identify priorities by **October 4**
- Strong Push:
 - define **autonomous vehicles**
 - provide localities authority to regulate



Recommendations

- Define **autonomous vehicles**
- Provide localities authority to regulate

Next Steps

- Write a letter with recommendations for Chair signature



Action Item: By Law-Update

Agenda Item 6



Current By-Laws



CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS BY
MAJORITY VOTE IN DECEMBER



TIME AND DATE OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION- FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH
MONTH AT 7:30PM

Revisions to By-Laws

Staff proposes the following By-Law amendments:

Sec. 1-2 Election of Officers and Terms of Office

- a) The Transportation Commission shall elect its Chair and Vice Chair from among its voting members by majority vote at a regular meeting annually, or otherwise appropriate. ~~its regular meeting in the month of December.~~ Each officer so elected shall serve for a term of one year or until his or her successor is elected.

Sec. 2-1. Regular Meetings

- a) The Commission shall hold a regular meeting on the third ~~first~~ Wednesday of each month at 7:00 ~~7:30~~ PM at City Hall, unless the Commission designates another date time or place for such meetings.



Recommendations



Commissioner Updates

Agenda Item 7



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Written Items

Agenda Item 8



Other Business

Agenda Item 9



Other Business

- Transportation Commission Annual Report



Adjourn Transportation Commission Meeting

Next meeting: October 16, 2024

