



Transportation Commission Meeting

April 15, 2026

7:45PM – PLEASE NOT DIFFERENT START TIME

2900B Business Center Drive

AGENDA

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| 1. Public Comment (Not to exceed 10 min) | 7:45-7:50 |
| 2. Minutes of the March meeting | 7:50-7:52 |
| 3. Action Item: GO Alex Strategic Plan for FY 2027 - 2031 | 7:52-8:20 |
| 4. Commissioner Updates | 8:20-8:30 |
| 5. Written Items | 8:30-8:40 |
| A. Eisenhower Metro Crosswalk | |
| B. Beauregard Street Trail | |
| C. Maintenance of Bike Infrastructure | |
| D. Duke Street at West Taylor Run | |
| E. Smart Scan Update | |
| F. Braddock Road Metro Station Redevelopment | |
| G. Bike to Work Day | |
| H. Braddock Road Corridor Improvements | |
| I. VDOT Six Year Improvement Program Public Meeting | |
| 6. Other Business | 8:40-8:50 |
| A. Chair and Vice Chair Election | |

Public hearing items are so noted on the agenda. The Commission may receive public comments on other agenda items at its discretion.

Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

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City of Alexandria
Transportation Commission
March 18, 2026
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chair Matthew McManus, Vice Chair Leslie Catherwood, Commissioner Dan Beattie, Commissioner Casey Kane, Commissioner Tim Lovain, Commissioner Jim Maslanka, Commissioner Melissa McMahan.

Staff Present: Christopher Ziemann - Transportation Planning Division Chief; Carson Lucarelli - Transportation Planner.

Audio/Visual presentation is available online:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/TransportationCommission>

Chair McManus called the Transportation Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. Public Comment 00:01:10

- **Resident Averelle Talbot** raised concerns about limited lighting on Duke Street between the King Street Metro area and the nearby hillside and expressed interest in safer and better bicycle connections along Duke Street, including from Old Town and the King Street Metro.
- **Resident Carolyn Mohan** said she regularly uses DASH and walks daily along Duke Street but remains unclear about what the Duke Street Transitway would mean for Route 30 local service and how the Duke and West Taylor Run/Telegraph Road project will affect travel patterns. She noted that available project information and maps remain difficult to understand from a resident perspective.

Staff and Commissioners clarified that the Duke Street Transitway is currently in engineering design, with construction expected after design is complete, and that service planning for the corridor will be determined through a later operations plan, and explained that the next phase of the Duke and West Taylor Run project would create a new connection allowing vehicles to turn left onto Duke Street and then onto Telegraph Road and noted that a public meeting on that project is forthcoming.

Motion to close the Public Comment Period: Commissioner Maslanka

Second: Commissioner McMahan

Motion carries 7-0

2. January Minutes 00:09:06

Motion to approve minutes for the January 21, 2026 meeting: Commissioner McMahan

Second: Commissioner Maslanka

Motion carries 7-0

3. Action Item: Proposed City FY2027 Operating Budget & FY2027-2036 Capital Improvement Program 00:09:39

Christopher Ziemann presented an overview of the City Manager's proposed FY 2027 operating budget and FY 2027-2036 Capital Improvement Program. Key points included:

- City Council budget action continues through April, including a tax rate public hearing, an add-delete work session, and final adoption by the end of the month.

- The proposed budget includes roughly \$1 billion in operating funding and just over \$2 billion in the ten-year capital program.
- Transportation-related highlights included increased DASH operating support, an increase in WMATA operating funding, and major capital funding for Complete Streets, Safe Routes to School, sidewalk maintenance, WMATA capital, street reconstruction, transit access and amenities, electric bus charging, fleet expansion, and smart mobility initiatives.
- Staff noted that one vacant Principal Planner position in Transportation Planning was eliminated as part of the budget proposal.

Questions/Discussion

Commissioner and Staff discussion highlights on this action item included the following:

- Requests for clearer year-over-year context in future budget summaries, especially to distinguish new funding from stable or unchanged funding.
- Concern about the elimination of the principal planner position and the importance of maintaining staffing capacity to manage grants, projects, and implementation.
- Questions about whether a previously existing position could be restored more easily in a future budget year than a brand-new position.
- The need for stronger operational funding and planning for snow clearance on sidewalks, curb ramps, bus stops, bike lanes, and protected bike lanes, with several commissioners emphasizing that the City must remain usable for all travelers after major snow events.
- Concern that snow clearance at intersections and curb ramps remained a major barrier even where adjacent sidewalks had been cleared by residents and businesses.
- Interest in whether revenue re-estimates later in the budget process could create room for additional transportation-related funding.
- Questions about the Potomac Yard Special Revenue Fund and how those revenues relate to Potomac Yard debt service and transit-related costs.
- Support for acknowledging the City’s continued commitment to DASH and WMATA funding while also highlighting the need for additional investments in safety and implementation capacity.

The Commission agreed that staff would draft a budget letter reflecting the Commission’s comments for the Chair to sign and transmit before the next meeting.

Motion to authorize the Chair to write, sign and send a letter expressing the points made in the Commission’s Budget Discussion: Commissioner Maslanka 00:30:41
Second: Commissioner McMahon
Motion carries 7-0

4. Discussion Item: AlexMoves Biannual Resident Transportation Survey 00:31:03

Carson Lucarelli presented results from the 2025 AlexMoves Biannual Resident Transportation Survey. Key points included:

- The survey methodology remained generally consistent with prior years, with updated materials now incorporating additional longitudinal data reaching back to 2016 for some measures.
- Work-from-home rates have declined from the peak pandemic period but remain well above pre-pandemic levels, while Metrorail, bus, and walking showed gains in several travel categories.
- For non-commute trips, more residents reported walking, taking transit, and carpooling, suggesting that non-driving travel is becoming more embedded in everyday activities.
- Survey responses showed strong interest in better lighting, more direct and useful transit routes, better trail access, bike racks, and improved safety from traffic as factors that could encourage more walking, biking, or transit use.
- The survey also showed a decline in households reporting access to usable bicycles since 2016, alongside an increase in electric-assist bicycles.
- Awareness of fare-free DASH service was high, while awareness of GO Alex remained comparatively low.

Questions/Discussion

Commissioner and Staff discussion points on the subject included the following:

- How biking, bikeshare, scooters, and other low-speed mobility options are categorized in the survey, and whether future survey questions should better capture those modes together or distinguish between personal bicycles and shared e-bikes.
- Whether the survey heading labeled as active transportation should be revised to better distinguish between exercise, leisure, and transportation-oriented trips.
- The interpretation of privacy as a growing reason for driving to work, and whether that suggests more people now have alternatives but still choose driving.
- Whether the apparent decline in usable bicycle ownership reflects a broader market trend, changing demographics, or increased reliance on bikeshare and shared micromobility.
- The need to better capture student use of DASH for school travel, especially among middle and high school students.
- Questions about sampling methodology, representativeness, and whether changes in the survey sample could affect how year-to-year differences should be interpreted.
- How GO Alex is currently promoted and whether additional outreach is needed, given relatively low public awareness.
- Whether the timing of the survey during darker winter months may influence findings related to lighting and walking.

Staff noted that the survey materials would be updated online and that the GO Alex Strategic Plan would return to the Commission for further discussion at a future meeting.

5. Action Item: Final 2026 Annual Work Plan and Calendar

00:55:23

Christopher Ziemann presented a revised 2026 Annual Work Plan and calendar incorporating feedback from the prior meeting.

Key updates included:

- Adding an updated status note on the long-range plan.
- Exploring a future meeting or visit at the DASH facilities.
- Redistributing major agenda topics to avoid overloading single meetings.
- Grouping Vision Zero, Complete Streets, Safe Routes to School, and Trails into a dedicated November discussion.
- Moving transit planning and bus stop program items to October.
- Adding residential parking standards, a car share policy update, and maintenance of bicycle infrastructure to the work plan.

Commission discussion focused on:

- Whether Chair and Vice Chair elections should also be anticipated as part of the annual calendar.
- Corrections to the color coding related to the long-range plan was requested to reflect the Commission's earlier decision to postpone that effort because of limited staff capacity.

Motion to approve the revised 2026 Annual Work Plan & Calendar (with the additional color coding corrections): Commissioner McMahon

00:58:43

Second: Commissioner Maslanka

Motion carries 7-0

6. Commissioner Updates

00:59:00

Commissioner Beattie: The Environmental Policy Commission sent a letter in support of the parking changes on Braddock Road to the Traffic & Parking Board.

Vice Chair Catherwood: No updates to report.

Commissioner Kane: reported on the recent, 6-hr. long Traffic and Parking Board meeting, including approval of the Braddock Road project to install bidirectional bike lanes with parking removal and new bicycle facilities, as well as the project’s subsequent appeal to City Council, which they will hear in May. He noted parking changes on Eisenhower Avenue intended to support traffic calming, and additional parking adjustments along the DASH circulator route in Old Town to improve bus operations and access.

Commissioner Kane also noted that his term on the Traffic and Parking Board will expire in June and raised the need for succession planning for the Commission’s cross-appointment.

Commissioner Lovain: No updates.

Commissioner Maslanka: No updates.

Commissioner McMahon: **The Planning Commission met this month and had a work session on the Housing 2040** process, during which the notion of “right-sizing” parking as an affordable approach to housing. was discussed – she provided feedback that the housing plan, if focusing on how to make housing truly affordable, should not take any position on parking.

Chair Matthew McManus: No updates.

Commission discussion also touched briefly on the status of councilmember representation due to elections. While Mr. McPike is not currently a Councilmember, he cannot be on the Commission but can reapply after they get through the elections.

7. Written Items

01:07:02

Item A. FY27 WMATA Budget & Item C: Legislative items pertaining to their priorities:

Commissioner Maslanka requested an update on the status of state legislation and budget action related to additional funding for WMATA and local transit through the broader DMV Moves effort. Staff replied that Maryland and the District had advanced funding commitments, while Virginia had not yet reached a final resolution and the outcome remained uncertain pending the state budget process.

Item F: Complete Streets Updates : **Commissioner Kane** commended City staff for the breadth of transportation work underway and recognized the team’s progress despite staffing constraints.

Item H. Smart Mobility Lab wins Smart City Award: **Chair McManus** reiterated the Commission’s interest in visiting the Smart Mobility Lab and continuing discussion of the program’s innovation work.

8. Other Business

01:12:02

- The Commission discussed whether to hold the annual election of Chair and Vice Chair at the April meeting or postpone it until new commissioners are appointed. Staff explained that ordinance updates and Council scheduling are delaying new appointments, likely until May or June.
- Commissioners generally favored proceeding with the election on the regular schedule unless a formal delay is pursued, while also encouraging interested members to consider serving in leadership roles.
- **Chair McManus** stated that he is not a candidate for the role of Chair in this election, agreeing that the position should continue its rotation around the board.
- Staff and commissioners suggested a vote be held at the end of the next meeting.

At **8:22 pm**, the Transportation Commission meeting adjourned.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 15, 2026

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #3 – GO ALEX STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FY 2027 - 2031

ISSUE: The City is proposing the [GO Alex Strategic Plan for FY 2027 – 2031](#).

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission endorse the [GO Alex Strategic Plan for FY 2027 – 2031](#).

BACKGROUND: The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation’s (DRPT) Commuter Assistance Grant Program requires the City to create a five-year Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) Strategic Plan. This plan is intended to identify programs and projects that will eventually be funded by the CAP grant in future years. The strategic plan also provides the City, through GO Alex, the opportunity to evaluate and update the programs and services offered by Go Alex in response to changes in travel demand, mobility, and transportation needs.

DISCUSSION: The [GO Alex Strategic Plan](#) provides guidance for GO Alex to promote transportation choices, connect GO Alex to transportation project improvements, and strategically allocate funding resources. GO Alex envisions an Alexandria where everyone is informed about their transportation options and empowered to choose safe, seamless, and convenient ways to move.

The plan uses a Live, Work, and Visit framework that organizes grant funded operations into the following activities and services:

- Training and Education
- Incentives
- Events & Engagement
- Access and Pilots
- Recognition and Celebration
- Marketing
- Administrative

The plan supports GO Alex to evolve current services through investment in a customer relationship management system and consider timely programs such as a travel training program,

an e-bike incentive program, and a youth transportation program. The plan also considers pilot programs for an e-bike lending library, and for a water taxi study. Through these additional strategic operations, GO Alex connects residents, employees, and visitors with a range of transportation options that make it easier to move around the city and region.

Staff will present the GO Alex Strategic Plan to the City Council in May 2026 for their approval and adoption.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Endorsement Letter

[Attachment 2: GO Alex Strategic Plan for 2027 - 2031](#) (posted separately because of size)



Alexandria Transportation Commission

April 15, 2026

Re: Endorsement of the GO Alex Strategic Plan for FY 2027 - 2031

Dear Mayor Gaskins and Members of City Council:

At its April 15, 2026 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse the GO Alex Strategic Plan for FY 2027 - 2031. We support the strategic approach the City is taking to adapt to changes in travel demand, mobility, and transportation needs that connect residents, employees, and visitors with a range of transportation options that make it easier to move around the city and region.

This plan provides the GO Alex team with a roadmap for future grant applications and program services, while also advancing the City's goals in the Alexandria Mobility Plan—particularly those in the Supporting Travel Options chapter. We encourage Council to approve the plan.

Sincerely,

Leslie Catherwood
Vice Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission
City Manager James F. Parajon
Emily Baker, Deputy City Manager, T&ES
Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 15, 2026
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FROM: HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #5 – WRITTEN ITEMS

ISSUE: Staff update to Transportation Commission on various projects.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive the written items.

A. Eisenhower Metro Crosswalk

The [Eisenhower Avenue Crosswalk Improvement Project](#) has kicked off its construction phase. The project is intended to improve the crossing conditions at the Eisenhower Ave Metro Station. The plans include an enhanced crosswalk with changes to the traffic signal that would prioritize crossing safety. A virtual Pre-Construction Community Meeting was held on March 26, 2026. At the meeting, staff provided information to the public on the project scope, schedule, and anticipated construction activity. Construction is slated to begin May 2026 and be completed early 2028.

B. Beauregard Street Trail Project

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's (MWCOG) Transportation and Land Use Connections Program is funding consultant assistance to develop a concept design and high-level cost estimates for a [bicycle and pedestrian trail along North Beauregard Street](#). The proposed trail would run approximately two miles from Fillmore Avenue to the Fairfax County line, advancing the AlexWest Small Area Plan's goals of improving connectivity and safety for pedestrians and cyclists along this key corridor. The project team began work in January and has completed initial data collection and concept development. Staff hosted a virtual community meeting on Wednesday, March 25th to share draft concepts and kick-off public engagement. An online feedback form is available from March 25 – April 19th to solicit community input on the concepts. Staff will provide a presentation on the project and its recommendations to the Traffic and Parking Board later this year.

C. Maintenance of Bicycle Infrastructure

The City maintains protected bike lanes using a mix of hand work and smaller equipment. Leaves and debris are typically cleared with blowers and by hand. These lanes are checked and cleaned regularly throughout the year.

During snow events, smaller storms are handled with hand tools and a small plow unit. For larger

storms, the City evaluates conditions and may use contractor support and additional equipment, such as skid steers, if needed. Bike lanes are cleared after a snow event has ended and after crews have addressed roads citywide. Once that work is complete, crews move to alleyways and bike lanes to help restore access and support refuse collection.

As the bike lane network grows, the City is also evaluating equipment designed specifically for these facilities. In 2025, staff observed three vendor demonstrations of compact sweepers sized for protected bike lanes. In Spring 2026, the City will pilot several of these units at no cost to evaluate how well it performs for sweeping and snow removal.



D. Duke Street and West Taylor Run

A public forum was hosted by the City on April 7, 2026 regarding the [Duke Street and West Taylor Run project](#), during which a brief presentation was shared regarding the design plans, which are currently at 90%. At the meeting, information boards were made available and community members provided comments. The purpose of the meeting was to share information and answer questions from the community. The team shared how this project will be phased with the Duke Street Transitway project. The City is taking comments and questions until April 17 as part of the state’s process.

E. Smart Scan Update

The [City’s Smart Roadway Project](#), funded through USDOT’s Smart Grant, works towards the modernization of pavement and marking conditions assessment, and potential inventory of signs and other critical transportation assets. As part of the project, cameras and sensors mounted on the vehicle will collect real-time data on roadway conditions and catalog infrastructure assets. The test vehicle will pilot “Smart Detection” technology to help staff evaluate data accuracy, how data can be integrated with City operational platforms, and potential scalability across the

broader transportation network. On Tuesday, March 17, a City fleet vehicle equipped with Smart Detection hardware started collecting roadway data. This testing period will continue until the beginning of Summer 2026. For more information, visit the project webpage, <https://www.alexandriava.gov/transportation-planning/smart-roadway-management>



F. Braddock Road Metro Station Redevelopment

Metro proposes changes to the [Braddock Road Metro Station transit facilities](#) to enable joint development and increase ridership. The recommended changes are made after evaluation of future demand for the transit and Kiss & Ride facilities at Braddock Road Metro Rail Station.

The Project Site is an approximately 3.6-acre, Metro-owned property on the east side of the Metro Station, located within the City of Alexandria, Virginia. The site includes a five-bay bus loop and a 21-space Kiss & Ride lot. There are 65 bicycle racks, 12 bicycle lockers, and a Capital Bikeshare station on-site. There is no existing Park & Ride facility. The Modifications include:

- Reconfiguration of the bus loop; and
- Closure of the off-street Kiss & Ride facility.

The changes to the transit facilities will be constructed in coordination with Metro's future joint developer, which will be selected through a future solicitation. Below is the proposal overview:



Members of the public may provide written comments beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2026, and ending at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

Take the [survey, provide written comments, or upload documents.](#)

Attend the Public Hearing

Join us in person or virtually on **Monday, April 20, 2026.**

- **Open House at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Hearing at 7:00 p.m.**

In-person Attendance Location

- Charles Houston Recreation Center, Multipurpose Room
901 Wythe Street

G. Bike to Work Day

Bike to Work Day's 25th Anniversary will be held on Friday, May 15, 2026. Bike to Work Day is a free event, co-organized by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Commuter Connections program and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association. Alexandria will host the following six Pit Stops throughout the day:

- Old Town at City Hall, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- John Carlyle Square Park, 6:00 to 9:00 a.m.
- Del Ray, 6:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- Fairlington Centre, 6:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- Mark Center, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.

- National Landing at APTA (afternoon), 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

In 2025, Alexandria pit stops had over 900 register Bike to Work Day participants. Similar registration is expected this year. [Community members can register here](#) and explore further Bike to Work Day information at <https://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/>

H. Braddock Road Safety Improvements

The Braddock Road Trail Access and Corridor Improvements project is intended to enhance safety and accessibility for all roadway users along Braddock Road between Russell Road and North West Street. The goal is to create a more connected, comfortable, and safe corridor for walking, biking, transit, and driving while improving access to the Braddock Road Metrorail Station, Potomac Yard Trail, Metro Linear Trail, George Washington Middle School, and nearby neighborhoods and businesses.

The Traffic & Parking Board voted to endorse the recommended design concept at its February 23 Public Hearing. This alternative would add bicycle lanes in both directions on Braddock Road where parking is located.

The Traffic & Parking Board's February decision has been appealed to City Council pursuant to [City Code section 5-8-6\(a\)](#). The appeal will be tentatively scheduled for public hearing before City Council at its monthly public hearing meeting to be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., or shortly thereafter, in the Council Chamber at Del Pepper Community Resource Center, 4850 Mark Center Drive.

I. VDOT Six Year Improvement Program Public Meeting

As the [Commonwealth Transportation Board reviews the FY27-FY32 Six Year Improvement Programs \(SYIP\)](#), comments will be accepted for new projects valued in excess of \$25 million. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will consider comments as it develops the FY2027-2032 SYIP. This program allocates public funds to highway, road, bridge, rail, bicycle, pedestrian and public transportation projects. All federally eligible projects in the SYIP will be included in the **Statewide Transportation Improvement Program** to document how Virginia plans to obligate its federal funds.

The public is able to provide feedback on the FY2027-2032 SYIP update at the spring meetings for the corresponding VDOT construction district on the dates and times noted below. All meetings will be conducted in person with an opportunity for public comment. The meeting for the Northern Virginia district will be held at the following date and location:

Date / Time: May 19, 2026, at 5 p.m.

Location: Hotel AKA Alexandria, 625 First St., Alexandria, VA 22314

[The public can also submit comments electronically here.](#)