

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION, MAY 5, 2015: On a motion by Vice Chairman Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Wasowski, the Planning Commission voted to recommend Alternative B, with construction access Option 2, for the Potomac Yard Metro Station and determined that it is consistent with the City's Master Plan. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0 with Commissioner Lyle absent and Commissioner Macek recusing himself.

Reason: The Planning Commission agreed with the staff analysis that the provision of a metrorail station, specifically in the location of Alternative B, is most consistent with and represented in the preceding planning processes and documents. Further commentary discussed that the impacts to the George Washington Memorial Parkway can be mitigated through collaboration already outlined through the draft net benefits agreement with the National Park Service, and that the Alternative B location minimizes impacts to the linear park [Potomac Yard Park] in Potomac Yards.

Speakers:

Poul Hertel, representing himself, spoke in opposition to the request. Mr. Hertel commented that the Alternative B station would be clearly visible from the Parkway and would damage the special entrance to Alexandria. Mr. Hertel stated that the establishment of the Old & Historic District was put in place to protect the integrity of the Parkway. Mr. Hertel expressed that the choice [of Alternative B] would destroy Alexandria's cultural heritage.

Katy Cannady, representing herself, spoke in opposition to the request. Ms. Cannady commented that only half of the traffic generated by the North Potomac Yard development will be absorbed by the metro station. Ms. Cannady highlighted that Alternative A is only three blocks from Alternative B which costs millions more and takes parkland.

Kathryn Papp, representing herself, spoke in opposition to the request. Ms. Papp contended that the distance from high density development in North Potomac Yard to station location Alternative B would require alternative transit to get to station. Ms. Papp stated that her primary concern is that the net benefits agreement with the National Park Service NPS is too cheap, and should be more than \$12 million.