

Stakeholder Panel Action Items and Proposed Changes to DRAFT Strategic Objectives

Jennifer Mitchell

- ✓ A key objective should be a dedicated funding source that is sustainable and diversified
- ✓ Objective #3 as written should be made more explicit. It is currently too vague.
- ✓ Suggest revising overall goal

Larry Robinson

- ✓ Disagree with public comment that people who have money won't use transit. This is not the case in many cities where transit is incorporated into the transportation system.
- ✓ All great transit systems are subsidized and transit projects – including the planning for them – costs money
- ✓ Establishing a dedicated funding source may need to be our #1 objective

Sean Kennedy (for Nat Bottigheimer)

- ✓ The objectives need to mention a regional focus. It is loosely mentioned in #1 and #4.
- ✓ From a transit planning perspective, the priority should be on person through-put and not on vehicular through-put

Ron Kirby

- ✓ The objectives need to acknowledge the auto mode and issues such as parking. We should say it explicitly because auto traffic is still the dominant form of travel. We just need to take a deep breath and address it.
- ✓ We need to manage auto use, civilize it as best as we can because it is a reality. It is crucial to commercial vitality and important to our major retail corridors such as King Street

Jayne Blakesley

- ✓ Strongly support revising overall goal
- ✓ A good simple way of stating that our transportation system needs to work for people is to say something to the effect of “everyone should be able to walk to find a gallon of milk”
- ✓ The notion of people having to drive to do everyday things has to be changed
- ✓ We need to emphasize the connection between transportation and land use.
- ✓ Goals 2 and 5 overlap and may be able to be combined because the ‘means’ are the same

Goal 3: Meeting Action Items, November 30, 2009

- ✓ We need to look to standards that exist and use as indicators tools such as Walkscore (perhaps saying every address in Alexandria should have a score of 70) or the League of American Bicyclists' 'Bicycle-Friendly Community'
- ✓ The overall goal should be revised to something such as an 'integrated transportation system that supports multiple modes.' The idea of using efficiency as a measure for our system is antiquated; perhaps it should be more focused on livability
- ✓ Proposed objectives:
 - Dedicated funding at the City/Neighborhood Level
 - Complete Streets
 - Land Use/Transportation
 - High Quality Public Transportation per the Transportation Master Plan

Paul Smedberg

- ✓ In reviewing our objectives as compared to the other groups, there are concerns that the objectives need more defined projects
- ✓ We need short, simple declarative statements that say the things we are going to do.
- ✓ The objectives needs to be distilled so they are less wordy