

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2013

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: JOEL MARCUSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #5 (OTHER BUSINESS) - FUNDING UPDATE & ACTIONS OF MAJOR TRANSPORTATION BODIES

ISSUE: Update of funding and actions of major transportation bodies.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission receive the report.

DISCUSSION: This memorandum provides a brief update on funding and/or actions of major regional transportation bodies as they relate to the City.

General funding updates of local, regional and national importance are provided below. Attachment 1 contains the Commission's regular *Monthly Update of Regional Transportation Board Major Actions and Funding*.

City: City Council

The City Council received an update on the Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis in Fairfax County, the Route 7 Alternatives Analysis Study, and the NVRC Potomac River Commuter Ferry Study at its meeting of October 22, 2013. The City Council also gave staff permission to file a grant for revenue sharing funds to reconstruct streets and to do maintenance resurfacing.

State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

On October 17, 2013, the CTB received a briefing on VDOT's effort to rate transportation projects in Northern Virginia to comply with the provisions of HB599. The CTB adopted the priorities presented by VDOT, as well as a methodology for allocating new transit operating funds proposed by the Transit Service Development Advisory Group (TSDAC).

State: Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

The General Assembly passed legislation (SB 1140) requiring that any new transit funds be allocated based on performance, but did not dictate the process or specific performance indicators. The TSDAC was appointed to develop a methodology.

DRPT adopted a three phase approach that will reward performance improvement over baseline performance in different phases in transition periods in FY2014 and FY2015, and a final phase to be used in FY2016 and beyond. TSDAC has a proposed methodology to allocate capital funds, which is currently out for public comment. The City is preparing comments on the proposal.

Regional: Transportation Planning Board (TPB) and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) , Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)

Transportation Planning Board (TPB)

On October 10, 2013, the TPB released a revised draft Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP) for public comment, though TPB staff is already working on an updated draft. The Board is anticipated to vote on the Plan in December or January. The City has provided comments on several occasions. TPB also provided guidance for the submission or alteration of projects for this year's CLRP.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

At the October 24, 2013 WMATA Board meeting, the WMATA Board approved the transfer of permanent easements at the King St-Old Town Metrorail station to the City of Alexandria, which will permit the City to implement the access improvements at the station.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)

At its October 3, 2013 meeting, the NVTC Board received an update on several regional planning efforts, the TSDAC operating and capital proposals, and the Commonwealth's Auditor of Public Accounts VRE report.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)

On October 30, 2013, the City was notified by NVTA that since no one had appealed the decision of the appeals court that the NVTA Bonds were legal, the State Supreme Court will not need to render a decision in that case, and the lower court's ruling applies.

Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices of Awards

No significant federal actions occurred during this month.