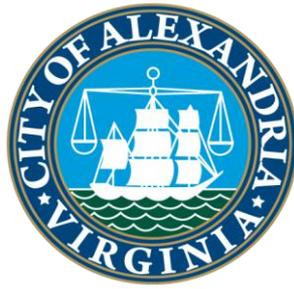


Transportation Commission RETREAT

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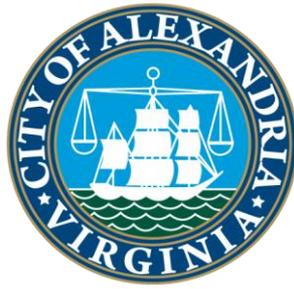
Introduction / Purpose

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- Transportation Planning Initiatives and Commission Input
- Commission Updates
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Transportation Commission Role

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Transportation Commission Role

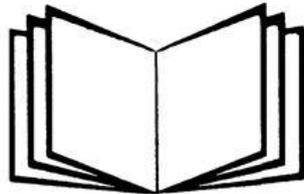
The Alexandria Transportation Commission is established to advocate and promote development of balanced transportation systems for the City through oversight of the implementation of the Transportation Chapter of the City's adopted Master

Ordinance 4526 adopted by Council on April 12, 2008

Commission Responsibilities

Transportation Commission Functions, Powers, Duties

Recommend projects for MPO and regional long range plans



Oversight / implementation of the Transportation Master Plan

Amendments to the Transportation Master Plan

Prioritize projects for Transportation Long Range Plan

Consider other transportation matters referred by Council / Boards / Commissions



Transportation Commission

Guidance and Priorities for CIP / TIP

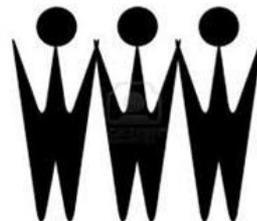
Prioritize projects for State, regional and local funding programs

Prioritize projects for State & federal grants

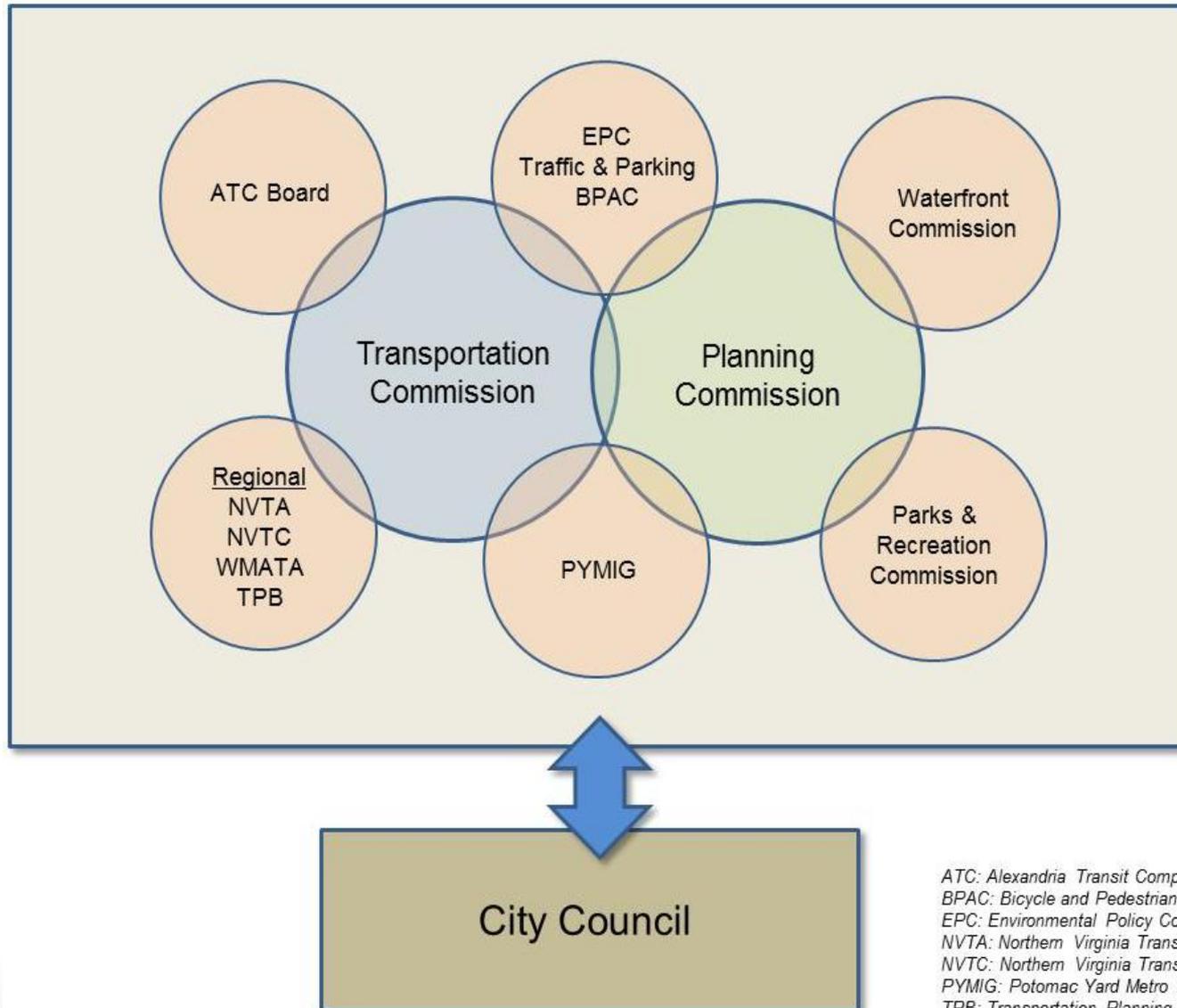


Serve as public forum for transportation issues

Serve as representatives to other boards and committees as needed



Commission Relationships



ATC: Alexandria Transit Company
 BPAC: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
 EPC: Environmental Policy Commission
 NVTA: Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
 NVTC: Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
 PYMIG: Potomac Yard Metro Implementation Group
 TPB: Transportation Planning Board
 WMATA: Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority

Local Commissions / Groups Roles



Planning Commission

Makes recommendations (approval / denial) to City Council for special use permits, development special use permits, request for vacations of or encroachments on public right-of-way, rezonings, master plan amendments, zoning text amendments and other requests. Has the authority to approve or deny requests for subdivision of land or development site plans

ATC Board

Makes recommendations on ATC (DASH) transit operations including the route structure, fare structure, capital and operating budget. In addition, provides input to the City on matters related to BRT and transitway operational policy, DOT paratransit policy/fares, Metrobus fare and route changes, and implementation of transit infrastructure within the City (excluding Metrorail)

Traffic & Parking

Investigates, studies, and analyzes traffic and parking problems within the City. In addition, devises plans, methods and means to control and relieve parking and traffic congestion; and has jurisdiction over taxicabs and their owners/operators.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Provides citizen input in planning and programming bicycle and pedestrian improvements and in promoting bicycling and walking in the city of Alexandria. Inform the City Council, staff, and citizens about bicycling and pedestrian issues that affects the citizens of Alexandria.

Environmental Policy Commission

Advises and makes recommendations to the City Council and, where appropriate, to the Planning Commission and City Manager, on matters relating to clean air, land use, noise pollution and abatement, pesticides, herbicides and contaminants, solid waste, water quality and supply, and other matters referred by the City and citizens

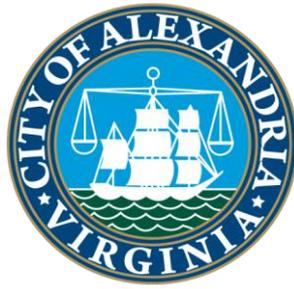
Potomac Yard Metro Implementation Work Group

Assists in the review of the Potomac Yard Metrorail station Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), station concepts, funding, provides policy guidance to City and WMATA staff, considers funding issues related to the new Metrorail station, and provides input to staff, the Transportation Commission and the City Council



Regional Transportation Agency Roles

- Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA): Nine cities/counties in NoVa with a 16-member board. Charged with preparing and implementing a regional transportation plan
- Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC): Manages and controls the functions, affairs, and property of the Northern Virginia Transportation District which is comprised of six member jurisdictions, including Alexandria. NVTC provides a policy forum for its region and allocates state, regional, and federal transit assistance
- Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC): Regional council of 14 member governments in Northern Virginia that provides information and serves as a mechanism for regional coordination
- Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB): Virginia Dept. of Transportation, Dept. of Rail & Public Transportation, Dept. of Aviation, Port of Virginia. Board sets transportation policy and funding priorities for Virginia
- Transportation Planning Board (TPB): Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The regional planning body that serves as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA): Provides rail, bus and paratransit services regionally and determines agency policy and provides oversight for the funding, operation, and expansion of transit facilities



Transportation & Planning Initiatives / Commission Input

Agenda Item #3

DASH Comprehensive Operations Analysis

- **Purpose:**
 - Evaluate the current performance of DASH
 - Make recommendations for short term and long term improvements
- **Commission Role:**
 - Ensure that the recommendations are consistent with the Transportation Master Plan



Lower King Street Pedestrian Study

- **Purpose:**
 - Analyze impacts of closure of 100 block of King Street to general purpose traffic
 - Examine impacts related to circulation, operations, maintenance, loading, parking, emergency access, transit, non-motorized access
 - Coordinate with closure of the Unit block
- **Commission Role:**
 - Ensure that the recommendations are consistent with the Transportation Master Plan



Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan Update / Complete Streets Design Guidelines

- **Purpose:**

- Develop a non-motorized system that addresses needs of all users and encourages use of alternative modes of transportation
- Develop hierarchy of connecting bicycle and pedestrian ways based on identification of major activity centers / destinations
- Develop framework for implementing non-motorized polices and projects citywide

- **Commission Role:**

- Have a representative on the Ad hoc Committee that provides project guidance on project goals, recommendations, deliverables
- Ensure that the recommendations are consistent with the Transportation Master Plan
- Provide recommendation to Planning Commission and Council



Eisenhower West Transportation Study

- **Purpose:**

- Serve as transportation element of the Small Area Plan
- Conduct additional analysis of need for Eisenhower to Duke connector
- Conduct additional analysis of multi-modal bridge concept (Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan)

- **Commission Role:**

- Have a representative on the Steering Committee that provides project guidance on project scope, recommendations, deliverables
- Ensure that the recommendations are consistent with the Transportation Master Plan
- Provide recommendation to Planning Commission and Council



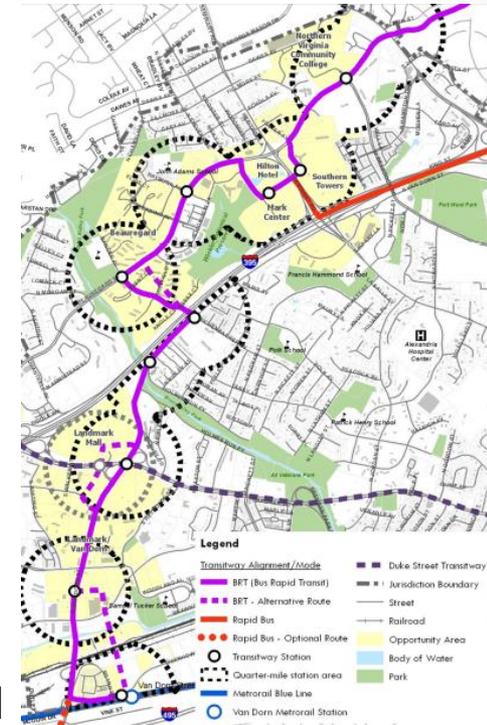
Corridor C Alternatives Analysis / Environmental Assessment

- **Purpose:**

- Alternatives Analysis to evaluate modal / alignment options to identify a locally preferred alternative
- Environmental Assessment needed to meet NEPA requirements and State Environmental Review Process (SERP), considering social, economic, environmental impacts

- **Commission Role:**

- Receive briefings throughout course of project
- Have a representative on the Policy Advisory Group that provides input on data, findings and recommendations
- Ensure that the recommendations are consistent with the Transportation Master Plan
- Provide recommendation to Planning Commission and Council



Potomac Yard Metro EIS

- Purpose:

- Identify potential alternative locations for the Potomac Yard Metrorail infill station
- Assess the environmental impacts, construction impacts for each alternative consistent with NEPA process
- Identify a preferred alternative

- Commission Role:

- Have a representative on the Potomac Yard Metro Implementation Work Group (PYMIG) that provides guidance on technical and policy issues
- Ensure that the recommendations are consistent with the Transportation Master Plan
- Provide recommendation to Planning Commission and Council



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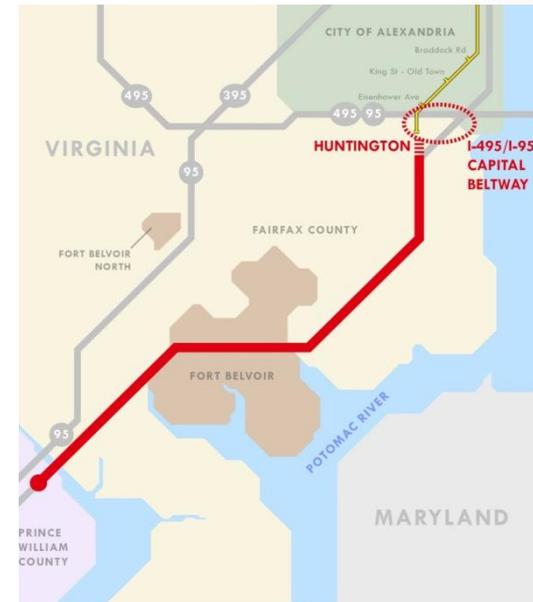
Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis

- **Purpose:**

- Focused on Route 1 between I-495 and Route 123 (Woodbridge)
- Identify transportation issues, needs, and evaluate range of multimodal transportation solutions (including BRT, LRT, Metrorail, Road widening, non-motorized improvements)
- Recommend a program of transportation improvements

- **Commission Role:**

- Receive briefings throughout course of project
- Ensure that the recommendations are consistent with the Transportation Master Plan
- Provide recommendation to Council



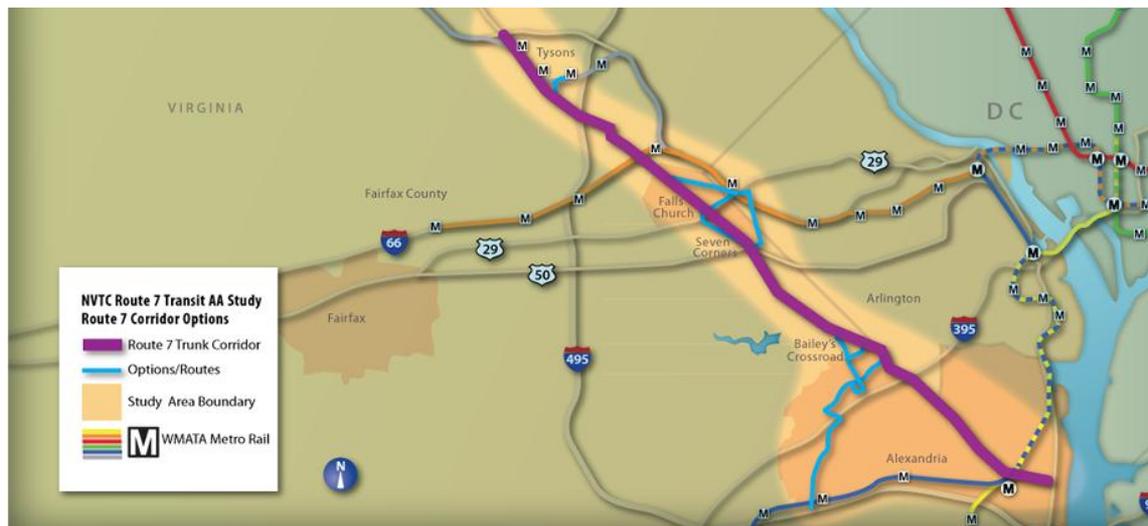
Route 7 Transit Alternatives Study

- Purpose:

- Focused on Route 7 between Tysons Corner and Alexandria
- Phase I developed project statement/need, initial alternatives, and evaluation criteria
- Phase II to carry forward alternatives and include assessment of transportation / development effects, evaluation, costs/funding

- Commission Role:

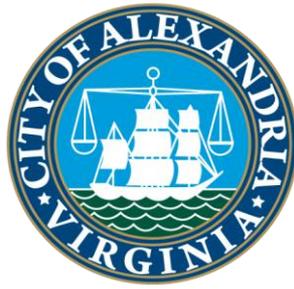
- Ensure that the recommendations are consistent with the Transportation Master Plan
- Provide recommendation to Council





Commission Updates

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Other Business

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