



City of Alexandria

Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

May 6, 2009
7:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room 1101

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Mayor William D. Euille, Jaime Blakesley, Sean Kumar, Timothy Lovain, Jennifer Mitchell, Donna Fossum, Keith Freihofer

Others Present: Jim Maslanka, T&ES, Yon Lambert, T&ES, Karl Moritz, P&Z Pat Mann, P&Z, Sandra Marks, T&ES, Charlotte Landis, ICCA.

1. **Minutes**

Chairman Kumar asked for edits or changes for the minutes of the April 1, 2009 meeting. There being none, Commissioner Blakesley made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Fossum second the motion. The April 1, 2009 minutes were approved 7-0.

2. **LRP/TIP Project Prioritization**

Sandra Marks, T&ES staff, followed up on the project list from the April meeting. Commissioner Mitchell moved to accept the revised project list and move the staff recommended projects to an archive category, Commissioner Fossum seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Fossum reported back from the Transportation Commission's prioritization subcommittee. Ms. Marks distributed the proposed criteria for prioritizing the City transportation projects that uses a five-point ranking schema in answer to pertinent questions to each category. The seven criteria proposed to be used for the Long Range Plans (LRP) are livability connectivity, multi-modal choices, operations and technology, and if the proposed project reduces single occupancy vehicle (SOV) travel.

Ms. Marks also reported back to the Commission on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) projects. These projects have made their way from the LRP projects list to the top of the TIP list. The categories these projects will be based on are safety, funding, on-going costs and urgency.

3. **Update on the Federal Economic Stimulus Package** – Deferred

4. **Regional Bus Network**

Jim Maslanka, T&ES staff, gave a recap of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's monthly meeting. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), provides \$1.5 billion in discretionary transportation grant funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation for multi-modal transportation uses. This provides the Metropolitan Washington area an opportunity to plan and seek funding for regional projects. The TPB Scenario Study Task Force has asked staff to work up a proposal of bus and roadway improvement projects for the Washington area for this grant funding package to compete with projects from other areas of the country.

5. **Commission Updates**

Planning Advisory Group - Commissioner Mitchell reported that at their meeting, possible alternative locations for the Potomac Yard Metro rail station was discussed. Also discussed was the real estate value created by proximity to metro rail stations and the potential proffers to be gained from developers.

BRAC-133 Advisory Group – Commissioner Blakesley reported the issues remain the same as last month.

A motion to adjourn was made by the Chairman and Commissioner Fossum seconded the motion.