

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: ABI LERNER, P.E. DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 MEETING – FUNDING UPDATE & ACTIONS OF MAJOR TRANSPORTATION BODIES

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This memorandum provides a brief monthly update on funding and/or actions of major regional transportation bodies that relate to Alexandria.

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

### **City: City Council**

City Council was not in session in July or August.

### **State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)**

The State is considering directives for the use of CMAQ and RSTP funds which will require that RSTP and CMAQ funds must be obligated and expended within a fairly short time of the grants' award.

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

#### *Transportation Planning Board (TPB)*

The Transportation Planning Board did not have a meeting in August. Alexandria staff has provided inputs to the FY2011-16 TIP.

#### *Washington Area Transit Authority (WMATA)*

The WMATA Board only met once in August, on August 9, 2010, to receive information about the NTSB's findings related to the Fort Totten accident in June, 2009. The WMATA Board pledged to follow the NTSB recommendations, which will have financial impacts for WMATA.

*Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)*

The NVTC Board did not meet in August. It will be considering a recommendation of the Governor's Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring which is proposing to combine NVTC, PRTC, and NVTA into one agency.

*Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)*

At its most recent Board meeting, the NVTA Board approved the use of excess ARRA funds to buy an additional trolley for Alexandria and to cover additional costs beyond those originally projected for the four hybrid trolleys the City is buying with ARRA funds.

**Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices of Awards**

The regional TIGER II grant application was filed on August 20, 2010, which contains bike-sharing funds for Alexandria..

**Attachment 1:** Monthly Update of Non-Federal Transportation Board Major Actions & Funding