

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2010

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 3, 2010 MEETING – FUNDING UPDATE & ACTIONS OF MAJOR TRANSPORTATION BODIES

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 and the Arlington County Board received a briefing on joint initiatives on October 14, 2010 which discussed the Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway and the Beauregard-Columbia Pike transit efforts. City Council will also provide staff with formal direction on October 26, 2010 regarding whether staff should become a formal partner with Arlington County in developing an environmental assessment for a streetcar line in the Crystal City-Potomac Yard corridor.

State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

The Commonwealth Transportation Board will consider Alexandria's requests to reprogram some funds at its next meeting.

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 received word that it had not received funds for a regional bike sharing program and had not received a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Sustainable Communities Planning. The Council of Governments did indicate that they had submitted a grant application with the Kaiser-Permanente Corporation to receive \$500,000 to fund regional bike-sharing proposals.

They also requested that these funds be awarded for three additional years.

Washington Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

The WMATA Board received information in October which indicates that WMATA is taking several steps to build a new bus terminal at Cinder Bed Road in Fairfax County which will replace the existing Royal Street garage in Alexandria. The WMATA Board also received information about WMATA's efforts to develop an "open-payment" system which will use computer chips implanted in credit cards to pay transit fares. The WMATA Board also received a preliminary report of a 2040 long range regional plan for WMATA. WMATA will be conducting public workshops on proposed provisions in the plan in the Winter of 2010.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)

The TIGER II grant which NVTC submitted for the Streetcar Coalition was not funded. The NVTC Board passed a resolution at its October meeting calling for the funding and provision of public transit services in Northern Virginia to be its primary focus with a provision that local representation in some form should remain at the WMATA Board.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)

No meetings of the full NVTA Board occurred in October. Alexandria participated in a negotiation concerning CMAQ and RSTP projects for FY2012 on October 28, 2010.

Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices of Awards

None

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