



# City of Alexandria

## Transportation Commission

### Regular Meeting

December 1, 2010

7:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 1101

### MINUTES

**Commissioners Present:** Donna Fossum, Jesse Jennings, Jennifer Mitchell, Justin Wilson and Phil Voorhees

**Staff Present:** Karen Callaham-T&ES, Abi Lerner-T&ES, Sandra Marks-T&ES, Jim Maslanka-T&ES, Steve Sindiong-T&ES, and Michael Stewart-OMB

A quorum being present, the Transportation Commission meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:32 pm.

1. **November 3, 2010 Minutes**

Commissioner Fossum recommended grammatical edits for the November minutes. The November minutes with the recommended edits were unanimously approved.

2. **Funding Update**

T&ES staff Abi Lerner reported that City Council reduced the rate of the single parking meters from \$1.75 to \$1.25 per hour until they are replaced with multi-space meters. Multi-space meters remain at \$1.75. Council deferred the proposed 'All May Park, All Must Pay' initiative. The Transportation Planning Board (TPB) has received approval to commit TIGER funding for the CCPY transit way and the transit signal priority project along the Beauregard Corridor. There will be a signing ceremony of the agreement. Washington Board of Trade released a report recommending changes in how WMATA is governed and WMATA adopted preliminary budget guidance for the FY12 budget to accept labor and Metro Access increases. NVTVA approved the CMAQ-RSTP allocation of \$3 million and executed the contract for the consultant to begin work on the TransAction 2040 Plan.

3. **CIP Update**

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) staff Michael Stewart, coordinator for the City's capital improvement programs (CIP) gave a brief overview of this year's budget process. He reported that last year was the City's first time adopting a 10-year CIP instead of 6-year CIP. The focus of last year's CIP was on maintenance, but this year, the CIP will be balanced with projects from the City Council Strategic Plan. The challenge will be integrating the CIP with the City's Strategic Goal #3. Strategic Goal #3 is to develop a locally reliable funding mechanism to support a fiscally constrained transportation plan. Council's budget guidance was to keep funding levels at the same level as last year with the exception of the proposed

Commercial Real Estate Tax. A funding plan for the proposed Commercial Real Estate Tax will be included as a component of the budget. The City Manager will be bringing his proposed budget to Council on February 8, 2011.

**4. Transaction 2040 Plan**

T&ES staff Abi Lerner reported that Subcommittee members Kevin Posey and Philip Voorhees met to discuss regional transportation projects to be included in the TransAction 2040 Plan. The proposed list included projects from the City's Long Range Plan of a regional nature. After some discussion, there was a motion by Commissioner Voorhees that the proposed list of Transaction 2040 projects be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fossum, and unanimously approved.

**5. Staff Updates**

Commissioner Fossum asked if progress had been made on the BRAC reimbursement for emergency services and traffic control. Mr. Lerner indicated that Department of Defense (DOD) staff submitted documentation that precludes them from paying for those services however, discussions are still underway.

**6. Commission Update**

Commissioner Fossum requested a memo from staff explaining why placing a Metro line in the middle of I-395 is not an option. Commissioner Wilson commented that he and Councilman Krupicka inserted language in the City's Transportation Master Plan that called for a possibility of a Metrorail station in the Eisenhower Valley. He further stated, a comment at a subsequent meeting by Councilman Krupicka related to that concept was later misconstrued. After discussions, it was decided that staff would prepare a memorandum that states that a Metro line along I-395 is not included in the Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) or any other regional plan at this time.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:05 pm, seconded and unanimously accepted.