



City of Alexandria

Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

February 2, 2011
7:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room 1101

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Mayor William Euille, Donna Fossum, Jesse Jennings, Councilmember Krupicka, Jennifer Mitchell, Kevin Posey, Louisa Ward and Justin Wilson

Staff Present: Karen Callaham-T&ES, Abi Lerner-T&ES, Sandra Marks-T&ES, Jim Maslanka-T&ES, Carrie Sanders-T&ES, Steve Sindiong-T&ES, and Steve Kaii-Ziegler-P&Z

A quorum being present, the Chair called the Transportation Commission meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

1. **January 5, 2011 Minutes**

Chair Posey asked if there were any changes to be made to the February minutes. There being no changes, approval was recommended by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Fossum. The February minutes were unanimously approved.

2. **Funding Update**

T&ES staff, Abi Lerner, reported that in a work session with staff, City Council developed a City plan for WMATA governance. City Council also passed a resolution endorsing a FY12 ridesharing grant. The Commonwealth Transportation Board was sent a request from the City to transfer \$1 million from the Clermont Connector project to the Potomac Yard project. WMATA approved the appointment of Richard Sarles as the CEO as well as other new board members. At the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's January meeting, several Alexandria projects were considered as possible candidates for funds discovered by VDOT auditors. VDOT sent a request to the City for input on the FY 2013-17 RSTP/CMAQ Plan due by February 15. Staff will prepare a list with recommended projects which will be sent to the commissioners on February 7 for feedback.

3. **Pedestrian and Bicycle Grant Update**

T&ES staff Carrie Sanders reported that there are 17 City-wide projects that include sidewalk and trail construction, pedestrian and bicycle bridge construction and accessibility and safety improvements near transit stations and schools. The estimated cost for all 17 projects is approximately \$16 million. The City has \$7.7 million in funds for these projects, which leaves \$8.3 unfunded. Additional funding could come from revenues

associated with the proposed Commercial Real Estate Tax and used for projects such as the Holmes Run Bike Trail study and construction, and the Four Mile Run Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge.

4. Staff Updates

Abi Lerner informed the Commissioners that beginning in March, the Transportation Commission meetings will be moved to the City Council workroom. He also informed Commissioners that the VDOT Secretary informed local jurisdictions that a revised HOV/HOT lanes project will only be built from Stafford County to the vicinity of Edsall Road in Fairfax County. The project will no longer include six miles of HOV/HOT through Alexandria and Arlington. However, a direct access ramp (for transit / HOV) at I-395 and Seminary Road into the Mark Center will be constructed simultaneously as part of the VDOT HOV/HOT project. Mr. Lerner also announced there will be two meetings (4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.) on February 10 at Cora Kelly Recreation Center related to the scoping of the Potomac Yard Metro Station Environmental Impact Statement.

BRAC-133 – Staff’s analysis of the short and mid-term road improvements have been completed. City Council offered a supporting resolution to the BRAC-133 Advisory Council’s recommendation authorizing the search of \$17-20 million in funding necessary to implement the improvements. Staff continues to work with the Department of Defense (DOD) on their Transportation Management Plan (TMP) and forwarded a final Letter of Agreement for execution to DOD to amend their TMP. DOD and the City have agreed on terms for DASH to provide express transit services between King Street Metro Station and the BRAC facility. City Council authorized funds to rehabilitate four buses for this service. The City is working on a commitment from DOD to fund traffic control officers at key intersections in the vicinity of BRAC during peak periods and offset the costs associated with the impact to the City’s Fire and EMS services. Staff has also been working on traffic calming and residential parking measures in the BRAC vicinity.

Transitway Corridor Feasibility Study – This initiative is being conducted to investigate the feasibility of implementing a dedicated corridor transit service in three corridors in the City; North-South (Route 1), Duke Street and Van Dorn/Beauregard. The Van Dorn/Beauregard corridor is the first priority and staff has presented seven alignment alternatives for this corridor. Using recommendations from the Corridor Work Group and public comments, a preliminary preferred alternative is anticipated by April 2011.

5. Commission Updates

Commissioner Fossum announced the Developer Stakeholders (JBG, Home Properties, Hekemian and Duke Properties) will hold a meeting on February 28 from 6:30-9:30 pm at the Mark Center Hilton Hotel.

6. Other Business

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:13 pm, seconded and unanimously accepted.