

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: JUNE 1, 2011

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #4 - FUNDING UPDATE & ACTIONS OF MAJOR TRANSPORTATION BODIES

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**ISSUE:** Update of Funding and actions of major Transportation bodies.

**RECOMMENDATION:** No Action is required. Information only.

**DISCUSSION:**

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**

The City Council passed a budget which dedicates an additional increment of the property tax to transportation. A resolution was passed endorsing the City's application of a Safe Routes to Schools grant application.

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

Staff communicated with the Commonwealth Transportation Board about the City being eligible for more transit funding from the CTB as a result of the budget which was passed by the City Council on May 2, 2011.

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

*Transportation Planning Board (TPB)*

The Transportation Planning Board approved a Transportation Improvement Program amendment to perform a study of the viability of transit on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. The TPB also received a report on Governance of several transit agencies in other metropolitan areas.

*Washington Area Transit Authority (WMATA)*

The WMATA Board discussed its proposed bylaw and procedures changes with members of the Governors and Mayor Working Group and the MWCOG/BOT Task Force. WMATA also received an information item relating to criteria which jurisdictions should use to develop new station names which must be submitted to WMATA by September, 2011 in order that they be placed into effect when WMATA reconfigures its Metrorail system in 2012.

*Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)*

The NVTC staff provided a brief presentation on the real-time bus information system they are helping to develop for Alexandria. NVTC also discussed several aspects of the BRAC relocations in Northern Virginia.

*Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)*

No NVTA meeting occurred in May, 2011.

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

None

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