

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2011

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #2 - FUNDING UPDATE & ACTIONS OF MAJOR TRANSPORTATION BODIES

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Transportation Commission receive the report.

**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**

On November 22, 2011, the City Council adopted the City's legislative packet which included a provision to allow the City to acquire additional revenue from such sources as a new gasoline tax, a new sales tax, or new state grants to fund the capital and operating costs of high-capacity transit.

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

No meetings of the Commonwealth Transportation Board were scheduled in November, 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 the 2011 Constrained Long Range Plan at its meeting of November 16, 2011. The Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee adopted an amendment to the FY2011-2016 Transportation Improvement

Program (TIP) to include a project which funds an Alternatives Analysis study of Alexandria's Transitway Corridor C which was recently funded by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration.

*Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)*

After considering staff recommendations, the WMATA Board, at a special Board meeting on November 3, 2011 adopted resolutions to change the names of some Metrorail stations. The WMATA Board adopted a resolution to change the name of King Street station to King St-Old Town, which was advanced by the City. The WMATA Board adopted a set of service changes which will include providing mid-day service on Route 25A from Bradlee Center to Parkfairfax. This change will occur in December, 2011.

*Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)*

NVTC received a report on a potential way for the region to receive more FTA Section 5307 funds by reporting on the operations of vanpools in the region. At NVTC's December meeting, a decision must be made about who will be the NVTC's representatives on the WMATA Board.

*Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)*

The NVTA meeting originally scheduled for November 10, 2011 was not held, due to a lack of a quorum.

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

None

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