

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2012

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #3 - FUNDING UPDATE & ACTIONS OF MAJOR TRANSPORTATION BODIES

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 January 10, 2012, the City Council adopted a resolution for FY2013 funding to continue the Alexandria Transportation Demand Management Program and a Public Transportation Intern. On January 21, 2012, City Council adopted the Waterfront Small Area Plan and a special use permit to construct the Landmark Gateway development at Van Dorn Street and Pickett Street.

State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

No actions affecting Alexandria occurred at the January 18, 2012 CTB meeting.

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 for public comment the addition of several projects in to the FY2013-2018 TIP and the 2012 CLRP. These included Bus Rapid Transit service in the Beauregard-Van Dorn corridor and building an Auxiliary lane on

I-395 northbound between Duke Street and Seminary Road. Staff also provided a consultant review of the FTA Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom grants for which TPB is the designated recipient.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

The WMATA Board approved an extension of WMATA Route 28X , which will initially travel from West Falls Church to the Mark Center, and will travel from Tysons Corner to the Mark Center in the summer. The entire cost of this service is being born by the Department of Defense. The WMATA Board discussed various fare increase proposals and approved that these options go out for public comment in February, 2012.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)

NVTC formally passed a resolution to continue Alexandria's presence on the WMATA Board by appointing Catherine Hudgins from Fairfax County and James Dyke from the Commonwealth of Virginia as voting members of the WMATA Board and Mary Hynes from Arlington County, and Mayor Euille from Alexandria as alternate members. A discussion paper was presented indicating why combining NVTC and NVTA is not a good idea.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)

The January 12, 2012 NVTA meeting adopted the set of CMAQ and RSTP recommendations for the FY2013-FY2018 funding cycle which were prepared by regional staff in the fall of 2011.

Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices of Awards

None

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