



City of Alexandria

Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

February 1, 2012

7:30 p.m.

Alexandria Police Headquarters

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Donna Fossum, Jesse Jennings, Rob Krupicka, Jennifer Mitchell, Kevin Posey, Phil Voorhees, Louisa Ward, and Justin Wilson

Staff Present: Karen Callaham – T&ES, Jeff Farner – P&Z, Steve Kaii-Ziegler – P&Z, Abi Lerner - T&ES, Sandra Marks – T&ES, Jim Maslanka - T&ES, Steve Sindiong - T&ES

City Council Present: Del Pepper

A quorum being present, the Chair called the Transportation Commission meeting to order at 7:35pm.

1. **January 4, 2012 Minutes**

The Chair asked if there were any comments, additions or corrections to be made to the October minutes. Commissioner Wilson asked for a correction that his vote to transfer the \$1.9 million in funds from the Mill Road Extension project to the King Street Metro Station Design project reflect nay and not abstain. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes after the correction is made. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jennings and unanimously approved.

2. **Officer Elections**

Justin Wilson noted that Virginia law prohibits voting by ballot. Abi Lerner presided over the elections. Donna Fossum nominated Kevin Posey to serve a second term as the Chair, and for Louisa Ward to serve as the Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Justin Wilson, and unanimously approved.

3. **Funding Update**

T&ES staff, Abi Lerner reported:

City Council Adopted resolution for FY2013 funding to continue for Alexandria Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program; and adopted a Waterfront Small Area Plan, and Special Use Permit to construct Landmark Gateway development.

Commonwealth Transportation Board Approved several projects in to the FY2013-2018 TIP, and 2012 CIP, including Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in Corridor C, and I-395 Auxiliary lane (from Duke Street to Seminary Rd).

WMATA's Board approved extension of Route 28X (Tysons Corner to Mark Center by Summer 2012) and discussed various fare increase proposals which will go to public comment in February.

NVTC Passed resolution to continue Alexandria's presence on WMATA Board (appointed Mayor Euille as an alternate member).

NVTA Adopted set of CMAQ / RSTP recommendations for the 2013-2018 funding cycle.

4. Potomac Yard Capital and Development Projects

Staff gave an update on the background of the Potomac Yard development and the various transit related projects underway, including the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway, and the Route 1 Streetcar conversion project. Jennifer Mitchell noted that because she and her firm is directly working on the Route 1 Street car environmental analysis, she will recuse herself, as part of any Commission input toward the project.

5. Beauregard Small Area Plan

Staff provided a written update of the Beauregard Corridor Plan, traffic analysis and the Draft Beauregard Small Area Plan recommendations to be forwarded to the Planning Commission and City Council for their consideration during the February 13th joint session.

6. BRAC Update

Staff gave an update on BRAC-133 and reported that the BRAC-133 Advisory Group voted to recommend City Council not reauthorize the group after February 2012; 4,720 positions have been moved into the BRAC-133 facility and less than 60% are using parking garages, DASH and WMATA Express services to the building are accommodating over 30% of the BRAC-133 facility employees; district 12 parking has been implemented and +461 citations issued to date; traffic volumes and conditions have not resulted in the Gridlock Reduction Intervention Program (GRIP) Traffic Control Officers not being needed every day or at all locations; Four Design/Build teams have been selected for the short term improvements and proposals are due on February 7, 2012 with selection of the finalist on February 14, 2012 with a project completion date of September 2012; VDOT held the public information meeting and design public hearing for the HOV/Transit Ramp Environmental Assessment on January 25, 2012; and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 was signed into law on December 23, 2011. It imposes a cap on usable parking spaces at the BRAC Mark Center facility at 2,000. Louisa Ward noted that she believes the traffic volumes on Van Dorn Street, and along Jordan Lane may be higher as a result of BRAC facility, and requested staff to look into this.

7. Staff Update

A written staff report provided an update of the Transitway Corridor Feasibility Study. The study has been proceeding with the analysis of Corridor B (Duke Street/Eisenhower Avenue), and a recommendation is anticipated to go to the City Council in May, 2012. No questions were asked by the Commission.

8. Commission Updates

Kevin Posey noted that the Alexandria Police Department will be holding a Citizens Police Academy in March. If interested, contact Deputy Chief Eddie Reyes at the Alexandria Police Department. Chair Posey also noted that the Council of Governments is considering a Complete Streets policy for the entire region, and is considering using the City of Alexandria's Complete Streets policy as a template.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 08:55p.m., seconded and unanimously accepted.

DRAFT