

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 7, 2012

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

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 February 28, 2012, the City Council approved the funding for the Alexandria portion of a High-Capacity Transit Study for the Route 7 Corridor. City Council approved an allocation of \$600,000 from the Metrorail station FY2012 CIP account for funding of the Potomac Yard metrorail station Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). City Council also had a working session on DASH, on February 28, 2012.

State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

The CTB passed a resolution at its February 15, 2012 meeting which authorizes the Commissioner to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement, with the Department of the Army, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the City to execute roadway improvements at the Mark Center.

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 TPB approved for the addition of several projects in to the FY2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2012 Constrained Long Range Plan (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 discussed implications of an air quality maintenance plan for particulate matter smaller than 2.5 microns (PM2.5).

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

The WMATA Board received comments from the Tri-State Oversight Committee regarding safety at WMATA. The WMATA Board received more information from the staff concerning the budget. WMATA conducted Fare Increase Hearings from February 27th through March 7th.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)

On February 9, 2012 NVTC and NVTA held a joint meeting to discuss legislative issues and to pass the regional application for Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) funds. At the meeting of March 1, 2012, a proposal to include Loudoun County into WMATA after Dulles Phase 2 is completed was discussed.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)

On February 9, 2012 NVTA and NVTC held a joint meeting to discuss legislative issues with the General Assembly in Richmond.

Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices of Awards

None

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