

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## **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

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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 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 27<sup>th</sup> through March 7<sup>th</sup>.

*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