

# *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 #4 – POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION

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**ISSUE:** Update of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station project.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Transportation Commission receive the Staff update.

**DISCUSSION:** The Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Working Group (PYMIG) met on February 6, 2012 to determine the best location within each of the proposed alternative zones for placement of a potential metrorail station based on factors including:

- NPS Property
- Wetlands
- Existing, Approved Plans
- Ownership
- Track Geometry
- Construction Impacts/Access
- Potential Ridership Capture

Potential impacts to wetland areas as well as construction access and construction impacts were also reviewed and provided to the PYMIG members for not only the station footprint but any necessary track work and the auxiliary facilities associated with the proposed station location.

Functionality and appearance of both an at-grade (Alternative A and Alternative B) and an aerial (Alternative D) station were provided along with preliminary cost drivers. Cost estimates for each of the three alternatives is anticipated in Fall, 2012.

Environmental assessment and impact analysis for social, economic, environmental, and transportation effects are underway.