

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 4, 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 March 27, 2012, the City Council approved the proposal, advanced by the Transportation Commission to build \$6.9 million of access improvements at the King Street Metrorail station. On March 13, 2012, City Council recommended that staff clarify the rules governing visitor/guests.

State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

The CTB received briefings on the I-495 Express lanes and the I-95 HOV/HOT lanes project.

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 placed the High Capacity Route 7 transit corridor into the TIP/CLRP. The Transportation Planning Board send a letter to the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee that requests that the Committee assign some safety margins in the air quality maintenance plan being developed for PM2.5 to allow for unexpected changes in vehicle

mix and forecasting methodologies.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

The WMATA Board approved the addition of additional transit services to come from Tysons Corner down Route 7 to the Mark Center. The WMATA Board also approved a trial extension of Route 10E which currently travels from Braddock Road Metro to the Pentagon to Rosslyn to mitigate decreased amounts of Metrorail service on the Blue Line in June, 2012.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)

On March 1, 2012 NVTC endorsed a set of principles which would be transmitted to the WMATA Board to enable Loudoun County to join WMATA when the Silver Line goes to Dulles airport.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)

No NVTA meeting was held in March, 2012. Preparations are being made for a public open house on the TransAction 2040 plan at Mary Ellen Henderson School in Falls Church on April 18, 2012.

Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices of Awards

None

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