



# City of Alexandria

## Transportation Commission

### Regular Meeting

March 7, 2012

7:30 p.m.

City Council Workroom

### MINUTES

**Commissioners Present:** Donna Fossum, Jesse Jennings, Kevin Posey, Louisa Ward, and Justin Wilson

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

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

#### 1. February 1, 2012 Minutes

The Chair asked if there were any comments, additions or corrections to be made to the February minutes. Commissioner Fossum offered editorial corrections of the minutes. There being no comments, corrections or additions to the minutes other than Commissioner Fossum's, Commissioner Wilson moved that the minutes to be approved. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

#### 2. Funding Update

T&ES staff, Abi Lerner reported:

**City Council** On March 27, 2012, Council approved the proposal to build \$6.9 million of access improvements at King Street Metrorail station.

**Commonwealth Transportation Board** Received briefings on I-495 Express lanes and the I-95 HOV/HOT lanes project.

**TPB** Placed the High Capacity Route 7 Transit Corridor Study into the TIP/CLRP and sent a letter to Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee requesting assignment of safety margins in the air quality maintenance plan being developed for PM2.5 to allow for unexpected changes in vehicle mix and forecasting methodologies.

**WMATA** Board approved additional transit services to come from Tysons Corner to Mark Center. Approved a trial extension of Route 10E (Braddock Metro to Rosslyn) to mitigate decreased amounts of Metrorail service on the Blue Line beginning in June, 2012.

**NVTC** Endorsed a set of principles to enable Loudon County to join WMATA when the Silver Line goes to Dulles.

NVTA Preparations are being held for a TransAction 2040 Plan Public Open House on April 18, 2012 (Mary Ellen Henderson School, Falls Church)

### **3. Transportation Management Plans (TMPs)**

Staff gave a brief background and update on the City's Transportation Management Plans (TMP). TMPs are part of the City's Zoning Ordinance. The TMP ordinance was enacted in 1987 and amended in 1992 to offset the traffic impact of new developments by removing single occupancy vehicles (SOV) from the road. The City has 60 active TMPs and 21 in the pipeline. In 2008, the City received a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) grant to review the City's TMP program. MWCOC's report identified challenges with the existing program and opportunities to incorporate national best practices. In December 2010, City Council directed staff to move forward with revisions to the TMP program. The revised TMP ordinance language and new administrative guidelines are anticipated to be heard by the Planning Commission and City Council this Spring.

### **4. Long Range Transportation Plans (LRPs)**

Staff gave an overview and reminded Commissioners that the LRP is the unconstrained list of transportation projects, studies and programs that have no identified funding source. The projects list is the only list that is prioritized. Once projects on the LRP receive partial or full funding, they are moved to the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) or the ten-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). With the adoption of the FY 2012 CIP and TIP, many of the projects on the LRP moved to the CIP and TIP. Staff asked Commissioners to review numbers 1-16 on the project list, using the prioritization criteria, complete the scorecard and submit to staff before the May meeting.

### **5. Staff Updates**

Crystal City Potomac Yard Transitway - A public meeting to discuss the layout and elements of the facility is scheduled for April 18, 2012 from 7-9pm at Cora Kelly Recreation Center. A staff report and recommendation related to the 60% design and approval of the final type and design of the dedicated transit service will be taken to Planning Commission on May 1, 2012, Transportation Commission on May 2, 2012 and City Council (Public Hearing) on May 12, 2012. Construction is anticipated to begin July, 2012 and be completed in winter, 2013.

Potomac Yard Metrorail Station EIS - A public meeting to discuss the three build alternatives will be presented on April 19, 2012 from 7-9pm at Cora Kelly Recreation Center. The next meeting of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Working Group (PYMIG) is scheduled for May 16, 2012 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Council Workroom in City Hall. Work continues on the impact analysis of various social, environmental, and transportation elements which will be discussed at the next PYMIG meeting.

Route 1 Streetcar Conversion Project - This Transitway Corridor A project is being coordinated with Arlington County and is comprised of a feasibility study for an eventual conversion of a portion (or the entire 5-mile length) of the CCPY Transitway (Route 1 BRT) to streetcar use. Consultations with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are underway to determine the necessary environmental classification of the feasibility study but it is anticipated that an Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Assessment (AA/EA) process will be recommended.

**6. Commission Updates**

The Beauregard Small Area Plan will be the only item to be considered by the Planning Commission at their May 3, 2012 meeting.

**9. Other Business**

None.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:45p.m., seconded and unanimously accepted.

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