

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: MAY 2, 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. Attachment 2 is the budget memorandum sent to City Council regarding reactivating the City's traffic calming/iN-STEP program.

### **City: City Council**

On April 24, 2012, the City Council approved an amended budget for Potomac Yard Metrorail Station environmental impact statement.

On April 24, 2012, a budget memorandum was provided to City Council in response to Councilman Krupicka's request to reactivate the City's traffic calming/iN-STEP program and design the new program as a "Complete Streets" focused program. A Complete Streets program would fund pedestrian facilities including crosswalks, sidewalks, and pedestrian safety infrastructure, bicycle facilities including bike lanes, sharrows markings and other bicycle infrastructure, and traffic calming devices to manage traffic speeds and volumes. In addition to restoring CIP funding for the construction of new Complete Streets infrastructure, the proposed program would also require a Complete Streets Coordinator position to be added to develop and implement the City's Complete Streets guidelines as recommended by the Transportation Commission.

**State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)**

The CTB released its Draft Six Year improvement program for FY2013-18 and the City is preparing a letter to respond to this draft

**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 steering committee approved a project to do the preliminary engineering for a northbound auxiliary lane on I-395 from Duke Street to Seminary Road.

*Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)*

The WMATA Board approved a proposal to raise transit fares in FY2013. Other portions of the budget will be considered in May, 2012 WMATA Board Committees.

*Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)*

At the April, 2012 NVTC meeting, designating how the local match for the Route 7 transit study would be provided was endorsed. The Commissioners heard a review of the Legislative Session in Richmond, in which the Governor has proposed that local land use plans must be in conformance with VDOT plans.

*Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)*

No NVTA meeting was scheduled in April, 2012. A public open house was conducted 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

**Attachment 2:** April 24, 2012 Complete Streets Budget Memo to City Council