

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 2, 2012
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM # 6 - STAFF UPDATES

ISSUE: Staff update to Transportation Commission (Commission) on various ongoing projects

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive the staff update.

A. CRYSTAL CITY-POTOMAC YARD TRANSITWAY:

A public meeting on the 60% design was held on April 18, 2012 at Cora Kelly Recreation Center. Approximately 20 citizens were in attendance.

Staff is currently working with the consultant to determine additional pedestrian visibility elements and finalize the 90% design.

A second public meeting will be held in late May/early June to present the 90% design of the transitway as well as solicit input on three concept designs for the station amenities (everything above the concrete platform at the station including shelter, bench, trash receptacle, signage, off-board fare collection, next bus technology, wayfinding, etc.)

Construction on the transitway will begin as early as July, 2012 and is anticipated to be opened in December 2013.

B. POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION:

A public meeting on the project was held on April 19, 2012 at Cora Kelly Recreation Center. Approximately 80 citizens were in attendance.

City Council approved an increase to the funding agreement on the project from \$2.7 million to \$4.3 million to complete the environmental work including a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS- anticipated by early 2013), a public hearing (early 2013) a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS late 2013 including a locally preferred alternative - LPA) and a Record of Decision (ROD – anticipated in early 2014).

Work continues on the analysis and determination of impacts and potential mitigation of each of the three build alternatives.