

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 6, 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 May 6, 2012, the City Council approved the City's FY2013 Operating Budget and FY2013-FY2018 Capital Improvement Program. On May 12, 2012, City Council approved the design of the Route 1 High Capacity Transitway. On May 22, 2012, City Council approved a reallocation of the City's Transportation Improvement funds to pay for the first year of operations of the City's Capital Bikeshare pilot program.

State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

A letter was sent by the City of Alexandria commenting upon the Draft Six Year Plan for FY2013-18 (See Attachment 2).

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)

A Complete Streets Policy for the National Capital Region was adopted by the Transportation Planning Board (See Attachment 3).

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

The WMATA Board approved an operating and capital budget for FY2013. One significant change in the budget is to shift some of the Blue Line trains to the bridge going over the Potomac River rather than the Rosslyn tunnel, in preparation for changes needed for the Silver Line implementation. The City and Arlington County have developed a bus alternative for people travel from Alexandria to the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)

At its May 2, 2012 meeting, the NVTC board approved NVTC applying for a FTA grant to conduct the environmental work required by the Potomac Yard Metro station. The jurisdictions and NVTC were given a directive to change the way the Commonwealth funds are given to jurisdictions in northern Virginia. At this writing staff is studying how to respond to this directive.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)

A NVTA meeting occurred on May 10, 2012. The 2040 Transportation Plan, being developed by staff and consultants was extensively discussed. The Efficiency and Effectiveness study to review the structure of transportation functions in Northern Virginia was also the subject of the meeting.

Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices of Awards

None

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

Attachment 2: Letter from Alexandria to CTB regarding Draft Six Year Plan (FY2013-18)

Attachment 3: National Capital Region Complete Streets Policy