

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JULY 11, 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 June 13, 2012, the City Council approved the staff proposal to implement a trolley between the King Street-Old Town Metrorail Station and Del Ray and Arlandria. The City Council considered staff's recommendations for High-Capacity transitway corridors A and B on June 13, 2012, and formally endorsed them at the Public Hearing on June 16, 2012. At the public hearing on June 16, 2012, City Council approved a course of action the City will take in a possible conversion of the Potomac Yard Busway to a streetcar operation.

State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

The final six-year improvement plan for FY2013-FY2018 was approved by the CTB on June 20, 2012. The method for disbursing Commonwealth transit funds to northern Virginia jurisdictions and WMATA will be decided on July 18, 2012.

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 Transportation Planning Board approved a set of applications for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funds. Some of these funds will be provided to agencies working with people in northern Virginia.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

The WMATA Board received information about a new way to pay for needed station improvements and was provided with a detailed customer services action plan. WMATA began its new Rush Plus service in June, 2012 as well as an extension of Route 10E from the Pentagon to Rosslyn, to compensate for fewer Blue Line trains from the Pentagon to Rosslyn.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)

At its June 7, 2012 meeting, the NVTC Board discussed a directive from the Commonwealth's Department of Rail and Public Transportation to change the way the Commonwealth funds are given to jurisdictions in northern Virginia. Meetings have occurred throughout the month of June on this topic.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)

No NVTA meeting occurred in June, 2012. The Efficiency and Effectiveness study to review the structure of transportation functions in Northern Virginia was being worked on by staff and reviewed by public officials.

Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices of Awards

None