Transportation Commission

July 11, 2012

Funding Update

Agenda Item #2

Funding Update

- City Council:
  - Approved (on June 13) staff proposal to implement Del Ray-Arlandria Trolley.
  - Endorsed the Transportation & Planning Commission recommendations for Transitway Corridors A and B on June 16.
  - Approved course of action City will take on possible conversion of Potomac Yard Busway to a streetcar operation on June 16.
- Commonwealth Transportation Board:
  - CTB approved Six-Year Improvement Plan (FY2013-18) on June 20
  - Method for dispersing Commonwealth transit funds to Northern VA jurisdictions and WMATA to be decided on July 18, 2012.
- TPB:
  - Approved a set of applications for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funds.

Funding Update

- WMATA:
  - Board received information on new way to pay for station improvements and provided a detailed customer services action plan.
  - Began new Rush Plus service in June 2012, and an extension of Route 10E from the Pentagon to Rosslyn.
- NVTC:
  - Board discussed a directive from DRPT to change the way Commonwealth funds are given to jurisdictions in Northern VA
- NVTA:
  - The Efficiency and Effectiveness Study to review the structure of transportation functions in Northern VA was being worked on by staff and reviewed by public officials.

Long Range Transportation Plan – PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item #3

Proposed Projects

2011	**2012**	
4	**1**	Pedestrian / Bicycle connection from Potomac Yard to Four Mile Run Trail
1	**2**	Potomac Yard Intermodal transit center
6	**3**	Van Dorn Street bridge widening
NEW	**4**	Bicycle Parking at Waterfront
NEW	**5**	Corridor A Circulator Transit Service
2	**6**	West End Transit Shop
5	**7**	Eisenhower Avenue Metrorail Platform Extension
NEW	**8**	Pedestrian improvements at King Street and waterfront area
7	**9**	Bradlee Transit Center
3	**10**	Transit Corridor A - Transitway from Braddock Road to King Street
NEW	**11**	Van Dorn at Braddock Road Intersection Improvement
NEW	**12**	Beauregard Street at W. Braddock Road Intersection Improvement
NEW	**13**	Quaker Lane at Seminary Road/Janneys Lane Intersection Improvement
13	**14**	Construct Holland Lane Extension
12	**15**	I-395 access to West End Town Center
11	**16**	Clermont Interchange with I-95 and connection to Eisenhower Avenue
15	**17**	South Van Dorn Street Improvements at the City Limits
9	**18**	Construct Elizabeth Lane extension
16	**19**	Edsall Road Connector to Farrington Avenue and South Pickett Street

New Programs and Studies

- Corridor Improvements
- Van Dorn Metrorail Station Access and Circulation Study
- Transit Corridor A- Circulator Service Study (Transit Corridor Workgroup)
- Braddock parking requirements Study (moved from programs)
- HOV Lanes Study (moved from programs)

Del Ray Trolley

Agenda Item #4

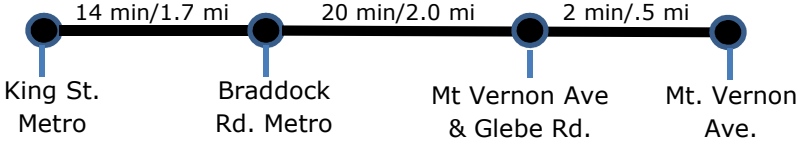
Del Ray-Arlandria Trolley

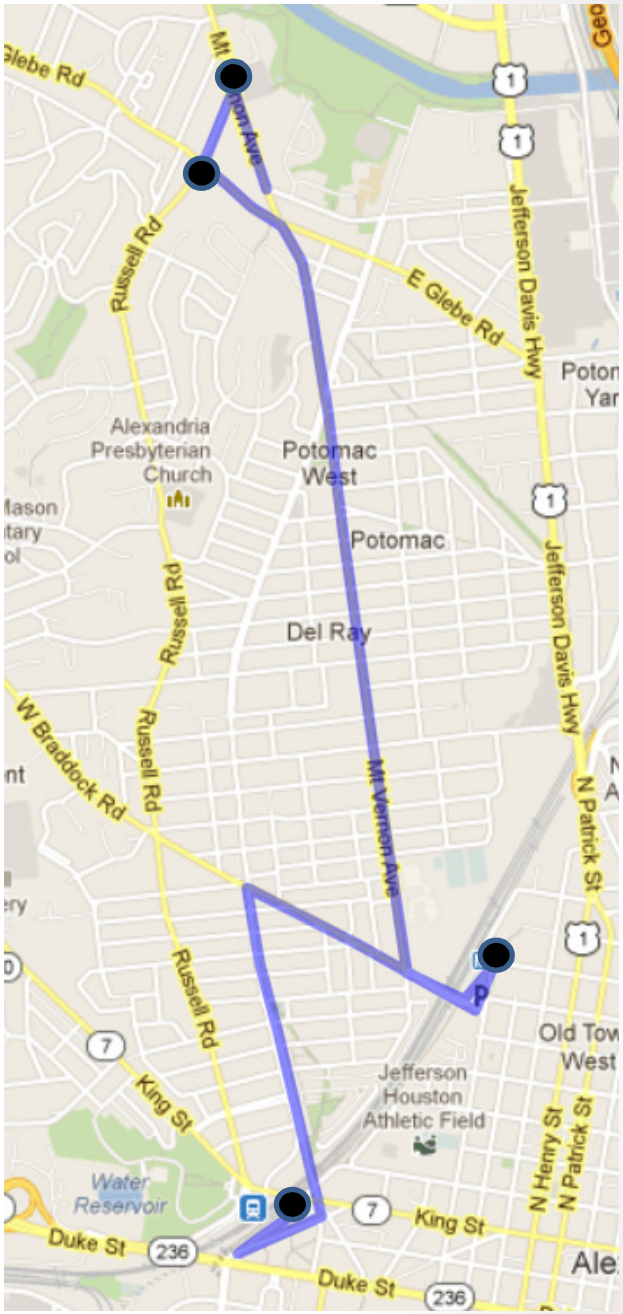
- Promotes the use of transit by residents and visitors
- Catalyzes economic development by encouraging spending in new areas of the City
- Eases congestion and reduce parking needs in business districts
- Creates a seamless trolley system by connecting with the King Street Trolley.

Council Approved Route

- Route:
  - King St Metro to Del Ray-Arlandria via Commonwealth Ave, Braddock Rd Metro, Mt Vernon Ave, West Glebe Rd, Russell Rd
- Days and hours of operation:
  - Thurs/Fri: 3 PM - 10:30 PM
  - Sat/Sun: 11:30 AM - 10:30 PM
- Headways:
  - 30 minutes

Travel Time/Distance by Segment





Project Implementation

Project Timeline

- June: Council approval
- July: Issue RFP for new service
- Sept: Notice to Proceed
- Nov: Initiate service

FY 2013

- Annual Operating Hours: 5,000
- Annual Costs: $640,000
  - Includes funding for marketing and branding of new service

FY 2014

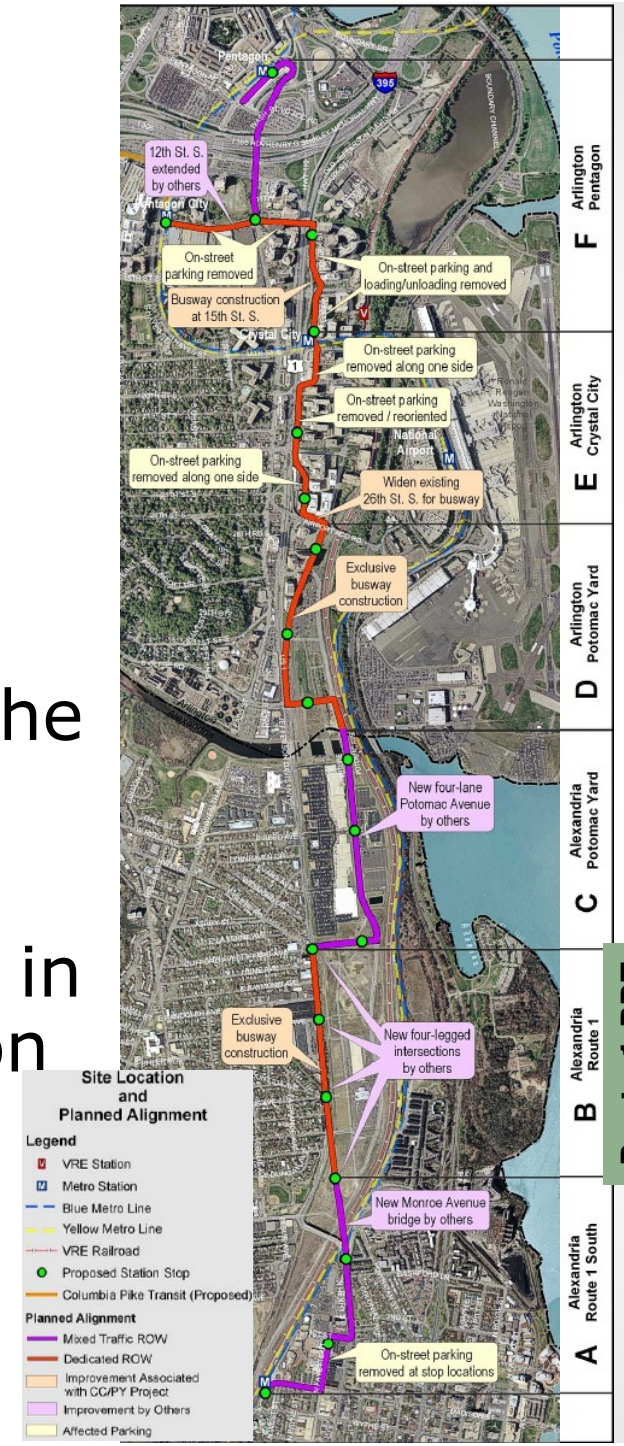
- Annual Operating Hours: 7,700
- Annual Costs: $850,000

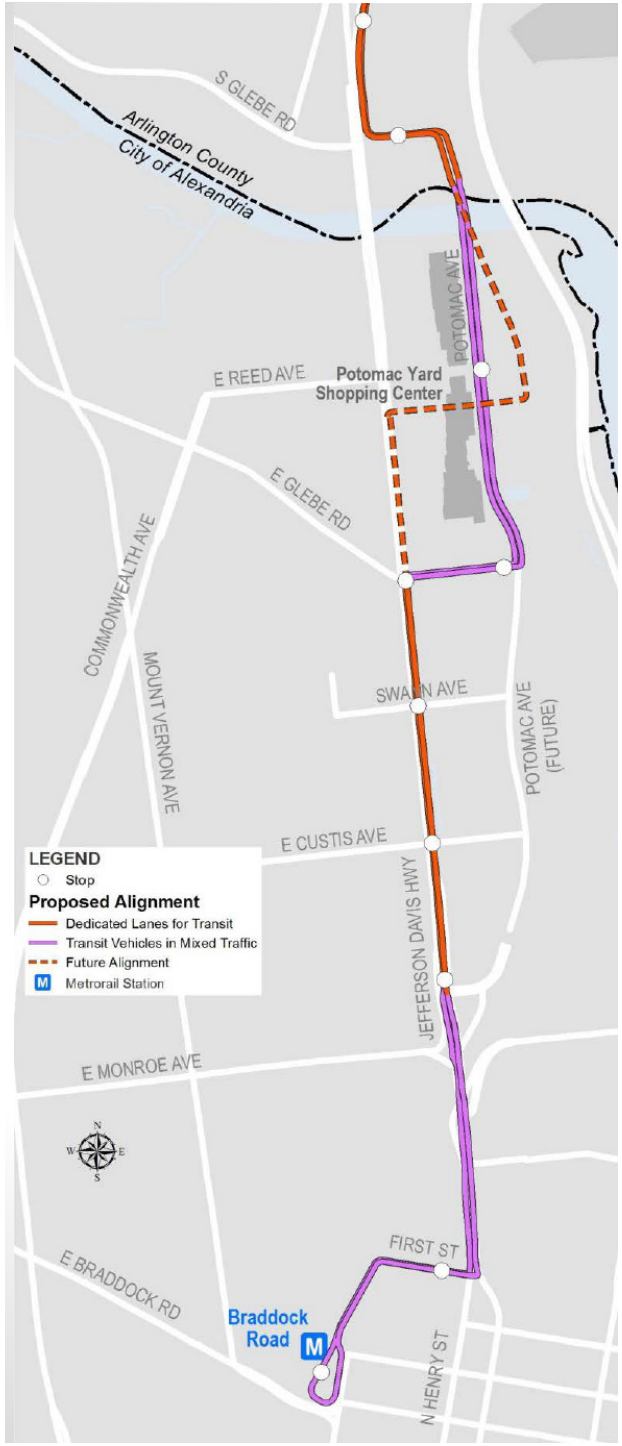
Route 1 Transitway Update

Agenda Item #5

Overview

- Crystal City-Potomac Yard (CCPY) Transitway– 5-mile length of priority transit service.
- TIGER grant - $8.5 million.
- Route 1 BRT is a portion of the CCPY (Segment B) from Potomac Ave to E Glebe Rd
- Design-Build contract began in November 2011; construction scheduled to begin in July 2012; with an opening date of December 2013.





Project Specifics

- 7 stations within section
  - East Glebe Rd – SB only (NB located in Potomac Yard)
  - East Swann Avenue – two stations – far side
  - East Custis Avenue – two station – far side
  - Potomac Avenue – two stations – both on north side of intersection.

Guiding Criteria

- Strong brand for the corridor
- Reflects Alexandria culture and identity
- Safety/security
- Pedestrian circulation
- Cost/budget
- Strong, identifiable roof
- Protection from the elements
- Lighting
- Inclusion of off-board fare collection and real time information
- Energy efficiency

Schematic of Route 1 in Vicinity of Transit Stops

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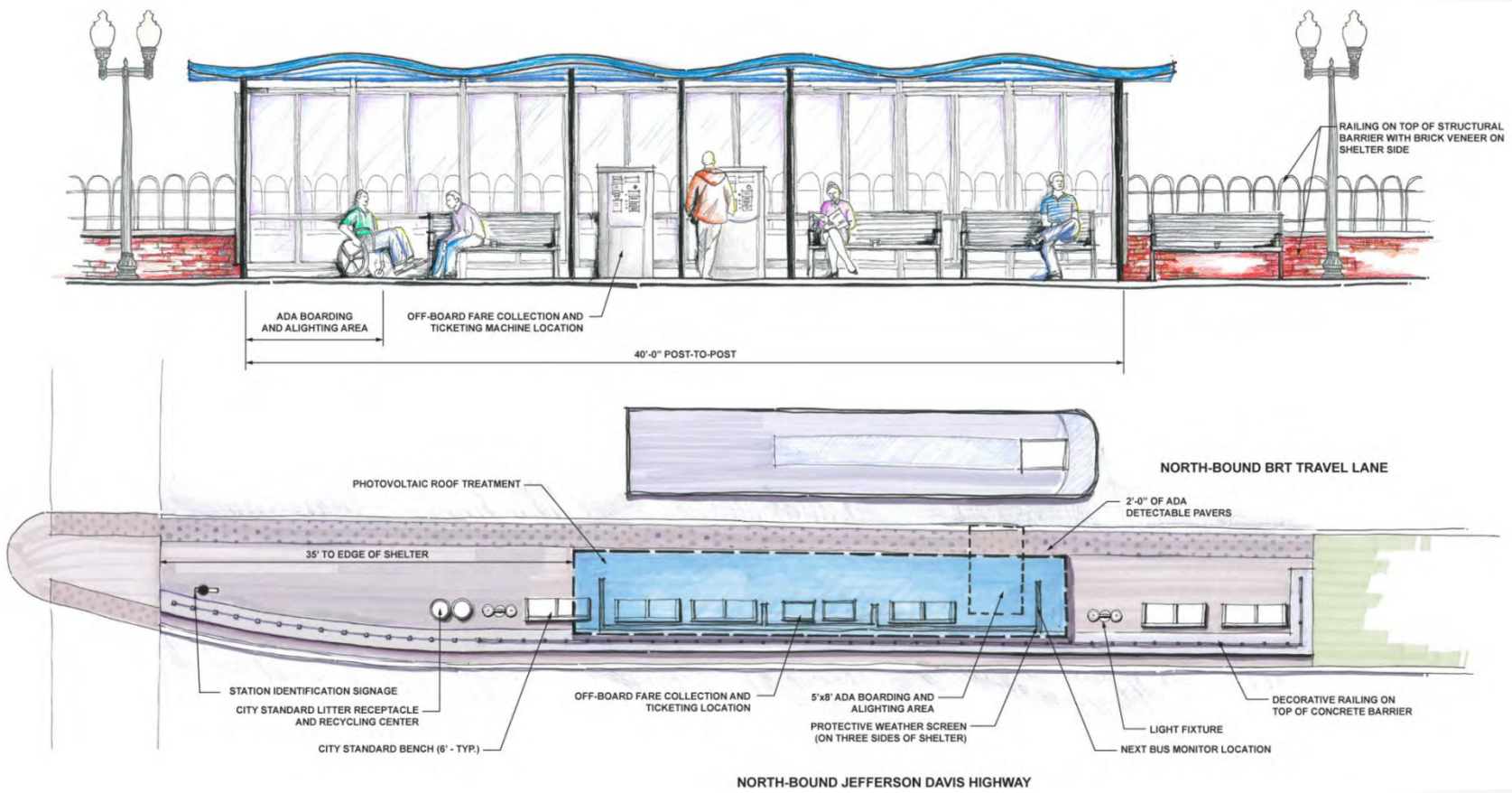

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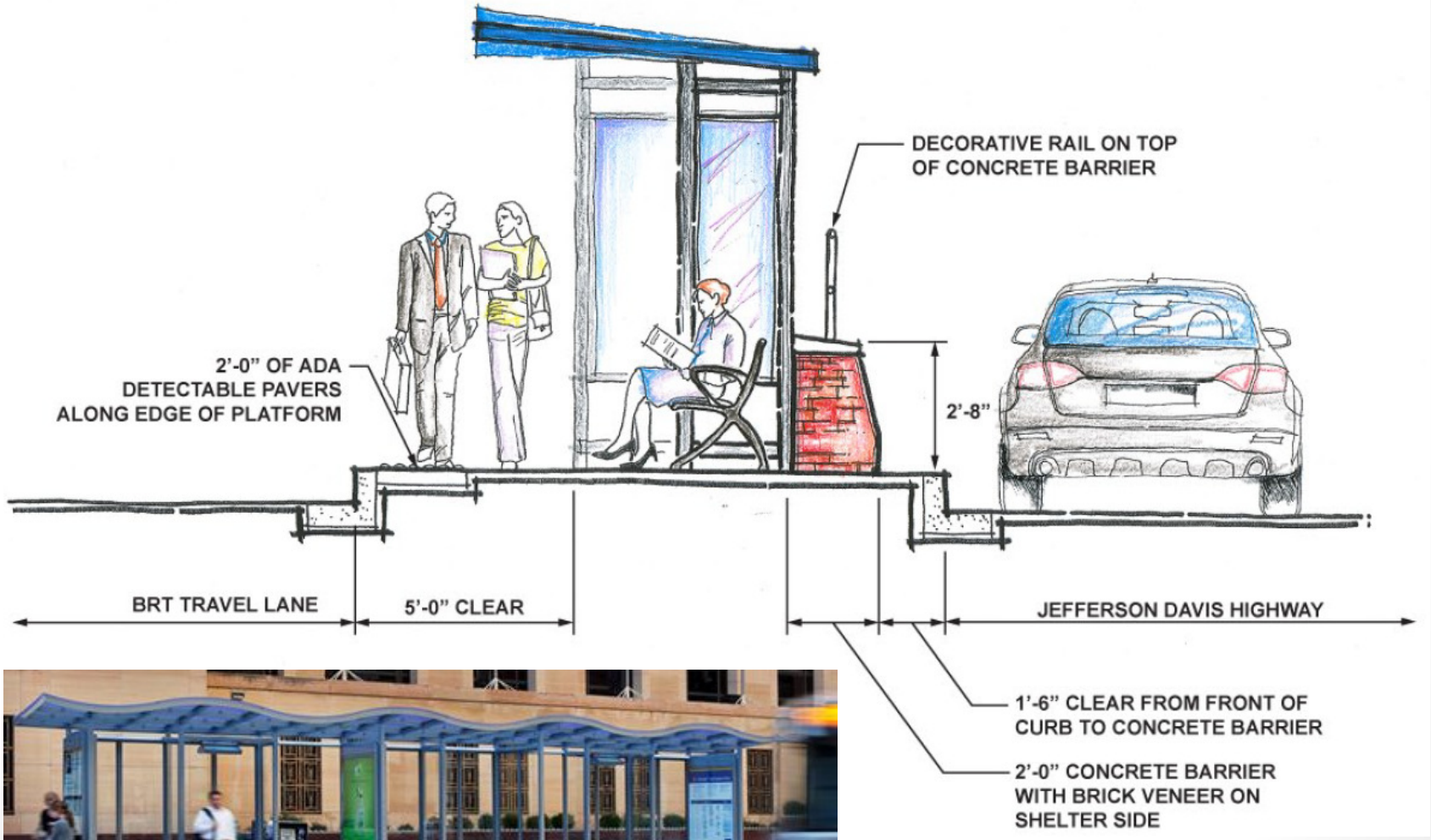

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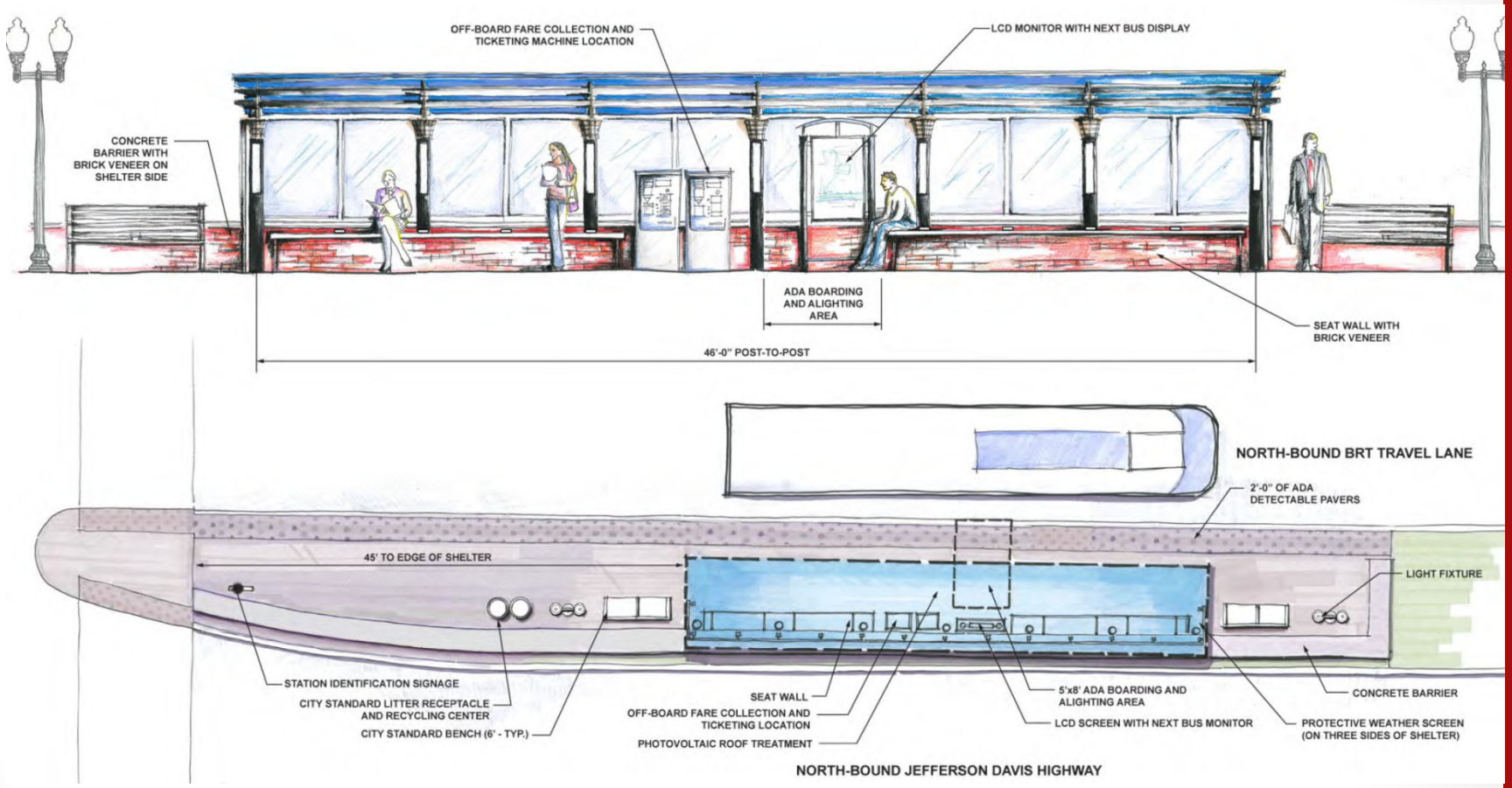

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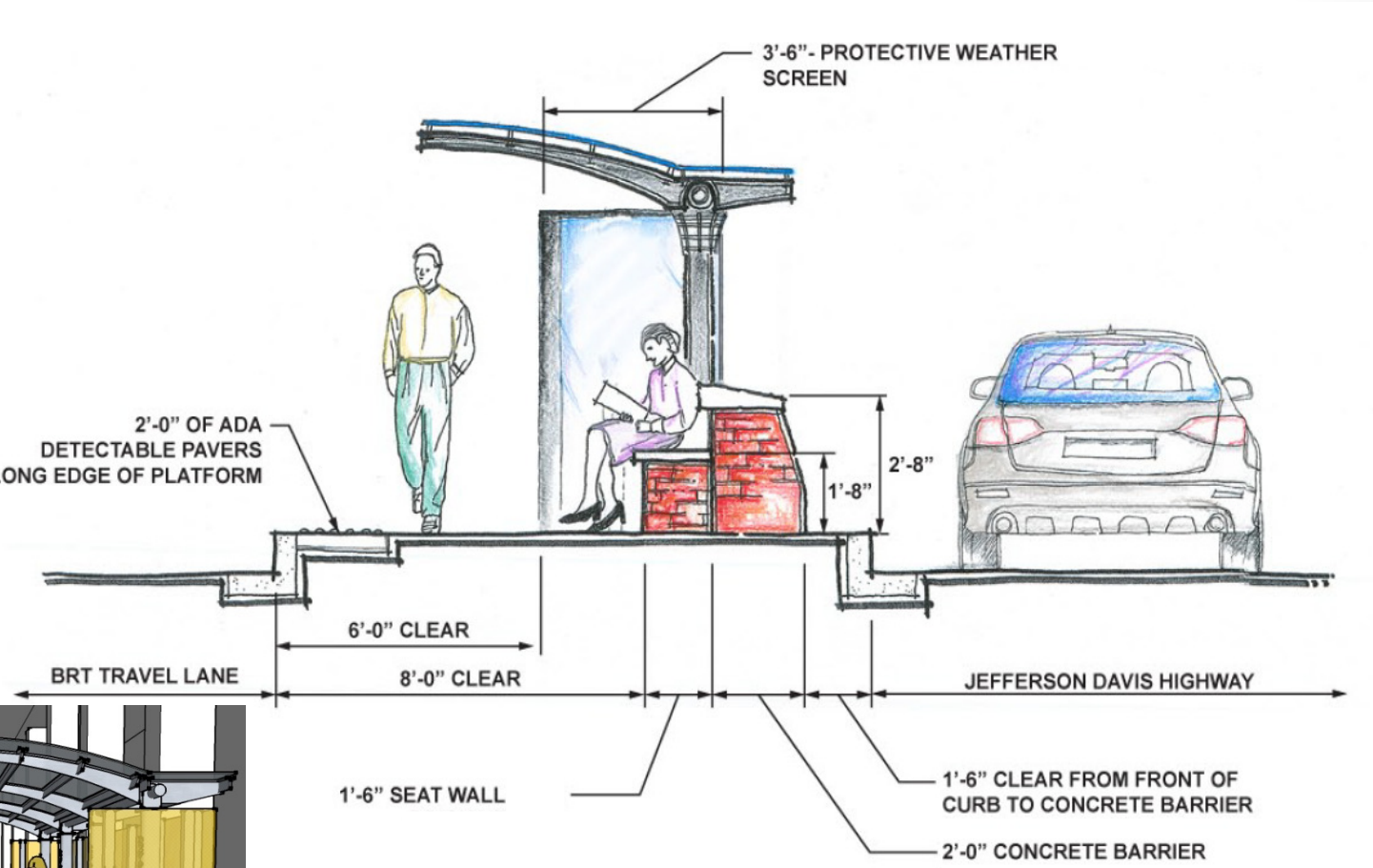

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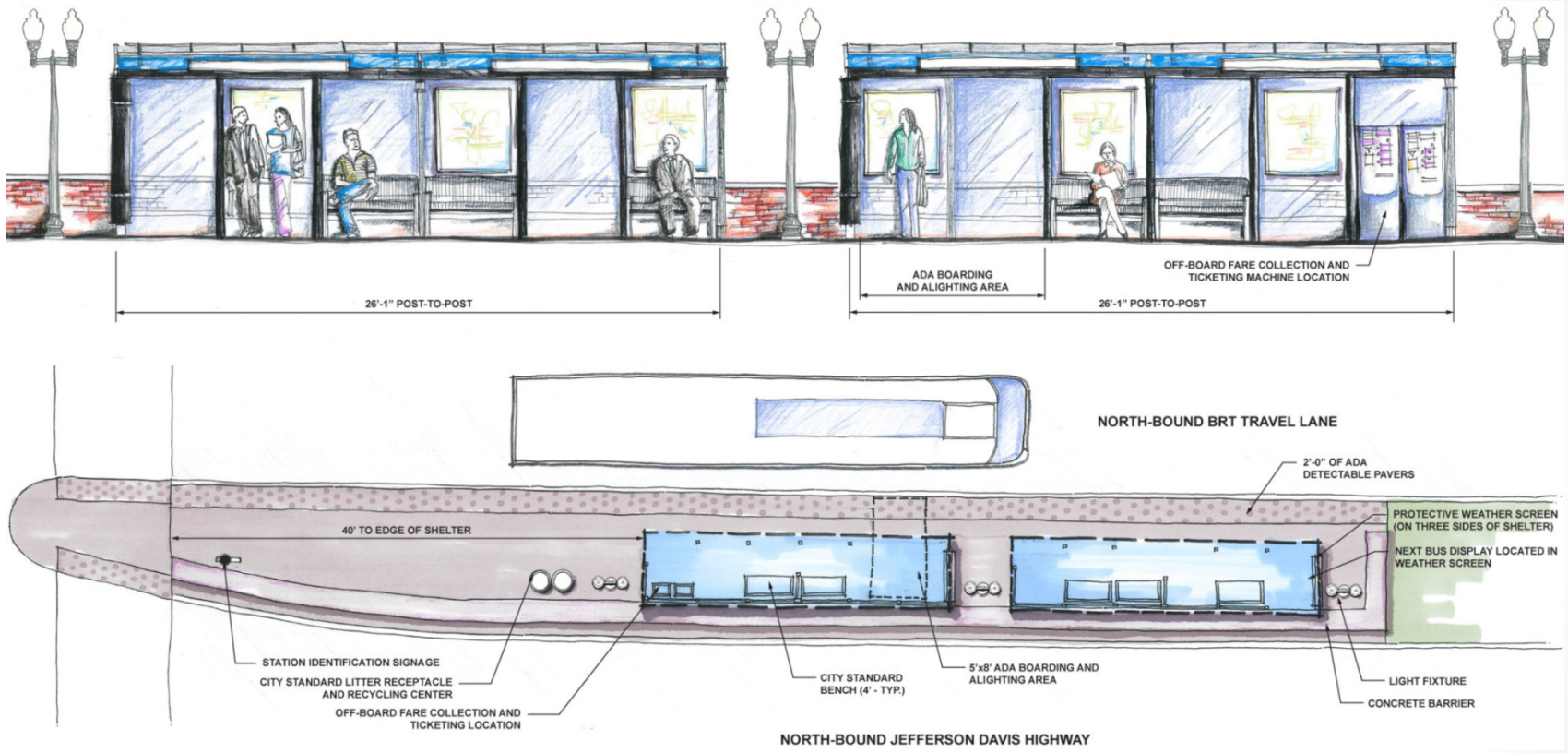

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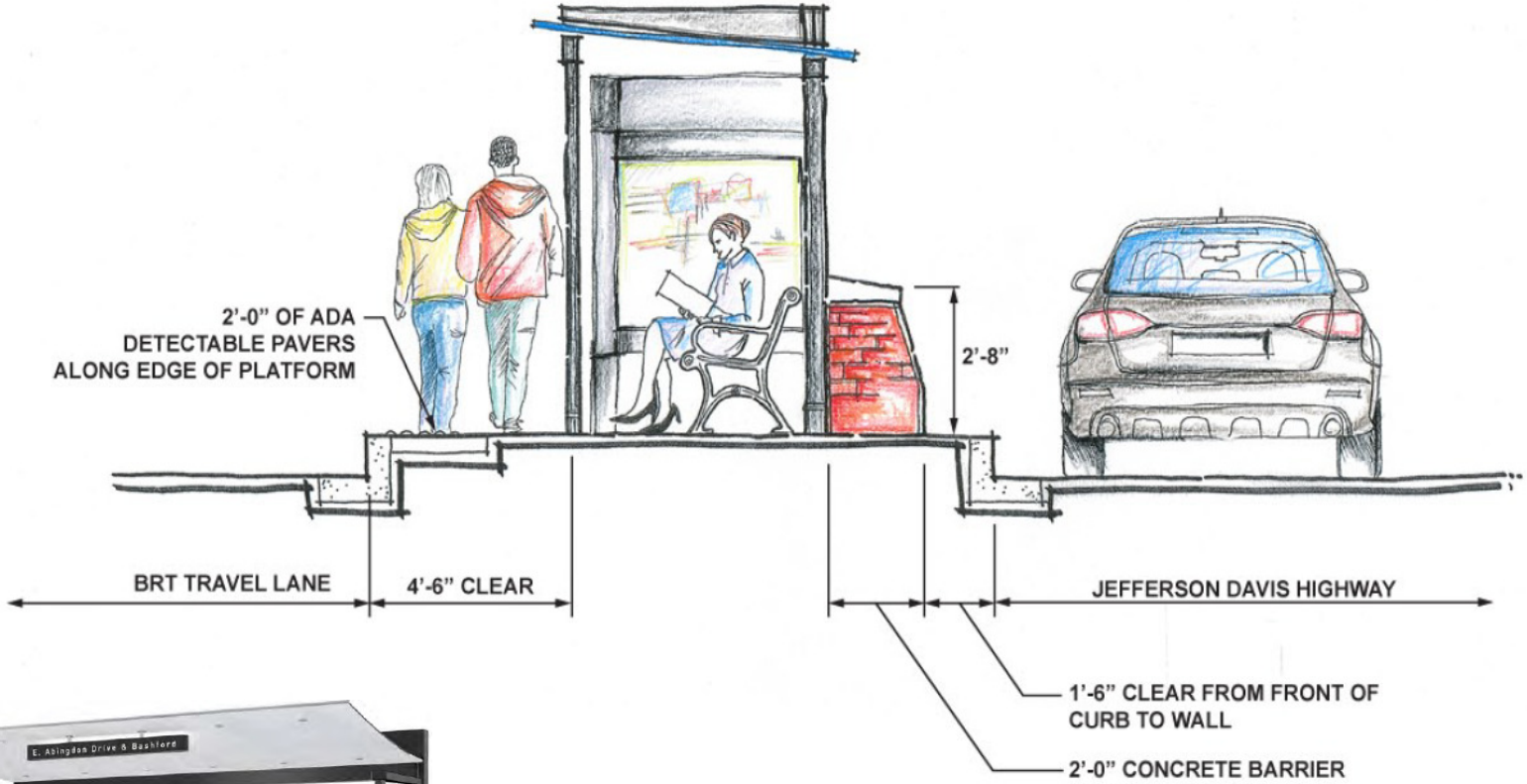
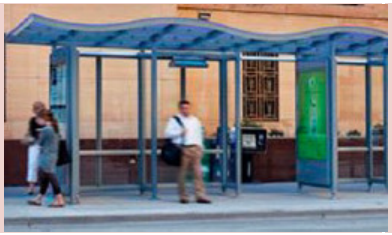


Shelter Concept vs Guiding Criteria

Shelter Option	Branding for the Corridor	Reflects Alexandria culture and identity	Safety/Security	Pedestrian circulation	Cost/budget	Strong, identifiable roof	Protection from the elements	Lighting	Off-board fare collection and real-time info	Energy efficiency
		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Next Steps

- July 2012: Begin construction of Transitway
- September 2012: Present Concept Station Design to Planning Commission
- September 2012: Present Concept Station Design to City Council
- December 2013: Opening of Route 1 BRT between Potomac Avenue and East Glebe Road

Route 1 Corridor Streetcar Conversion

- City Council & County Board recommendation on 6/6/12:
  - Arlington to proceed with Environmental Assessment for Streetcar (to terminate north of Four Mile Run)
  - No Alternatives Analysis for either the Arlington or the Alexandria segments at this time
  - After PYMetro location determined (2014) Alternatives Analysis could be initiated for potential streetcar conversion for a portion, or the remaining section, of the corridor

For more information on these projects or other capital or planning projects in Potomac Yard:

www.alexandriava.gov/potomacyard

Staff Updates

Agenda Item #6