

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2012
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM # 7- STAFF UPDATES

ISSUE: Staff update to Commission on various ongoing projects

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission (Commission) receive the staff update.

- A. **POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION:** The Potomac Yard Metrorail Station project is an infill Metrorail Station to be located between the current National Airport and Braddock Road Metrorail Stations on the blue and yellow lines and be located in the vicinity of the Potomac Yard Development.

Impact assessments for various socio, economic, environmental, and transportation areas are currently underway with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) anticipated to be completed in early 2013. The locally preferred alternative (LPA) is anticipated through a City Council vote in early 2013.

The next meeting of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Working Group (PYMIG) is scheduled for October 10, 2012 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Council Workroom in City Hall. Topics of the meeting include impacts, preliminary cost estimates, and funding opportunities for each alternative.

- B. **CRYSTAL CITY-POTOMAC YARD TRANSITWAY (ROUTE 1 BRT):** The City received a grant for the Crystal City/Potomac Yard Transitway totaling \$8.5 million. The grant will be allocated to the design/build of the Route 1 Bus Rapid Transitway (BRT) between Monroe Avenue and Potomac Avenue in a dedicated transitway.

The 90% design plans have been completed and reviewed by City Staff. 100% design plans are currently underway. Construction began in July 2012 on the transitway and is anticipated to be completed in December 2013.

C. **BRAC-133 UPDATE:** There are several projects/programs currently underway associated with the BRAC-133 facility.

Short- and Mid-Term Improvements

These roadway improvements are funded by the Department of Defense (DoD) and the design and construction is being managed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The construction of the short-term improvements will be completed in September 2012. The construction of the mid-term improvements, which require right-of-way acquisitions, will be completed in December 2013. A pedestrian bridge across Seminary Road has been removed from the set of proposed improvements.

I-395 HOV Transit Ramp

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued by FHWA in June 2012. VDOT has issued the Request for Proposals. The Interchange Modification Report (IMR) has not been approved yet. The City of Alexandria is requesting that FHWA approve the option that precludes northbound right turns at the top of the ramp in the morning and precludes westbound left turns onto the ramp in the afternoon. Construction of the ramp is expected to be completed in 2015.

BRAC-133 Transportation Management Plan (TMP)

The DoD issued a TMP evaluation report on July 18, 2012. As shown in the table below, the program has been very successful in the utilization of alternate modes of transportation.

Mode Split	TMP Forecasted	As of Dec 2011
Single Occupant Vehicles (SOV)	57%	47%
Transit/DoD Shuttle	28%	38%
Carpool/Vanpool	8%	10%
Bike/Walk/Slug	7%	5%
Telework, Absences, etc.	10%	40%