Transportation Commission / High Capacity Transit Corridor Work Group

October 3, 2012

Proposed Transportation Master Plan Amendments

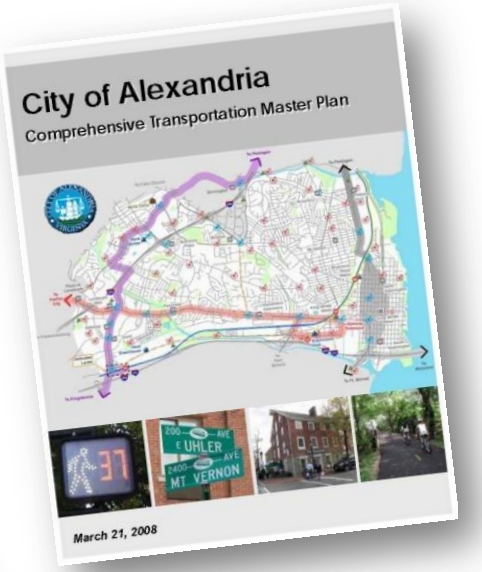
PUBLIC HEARING

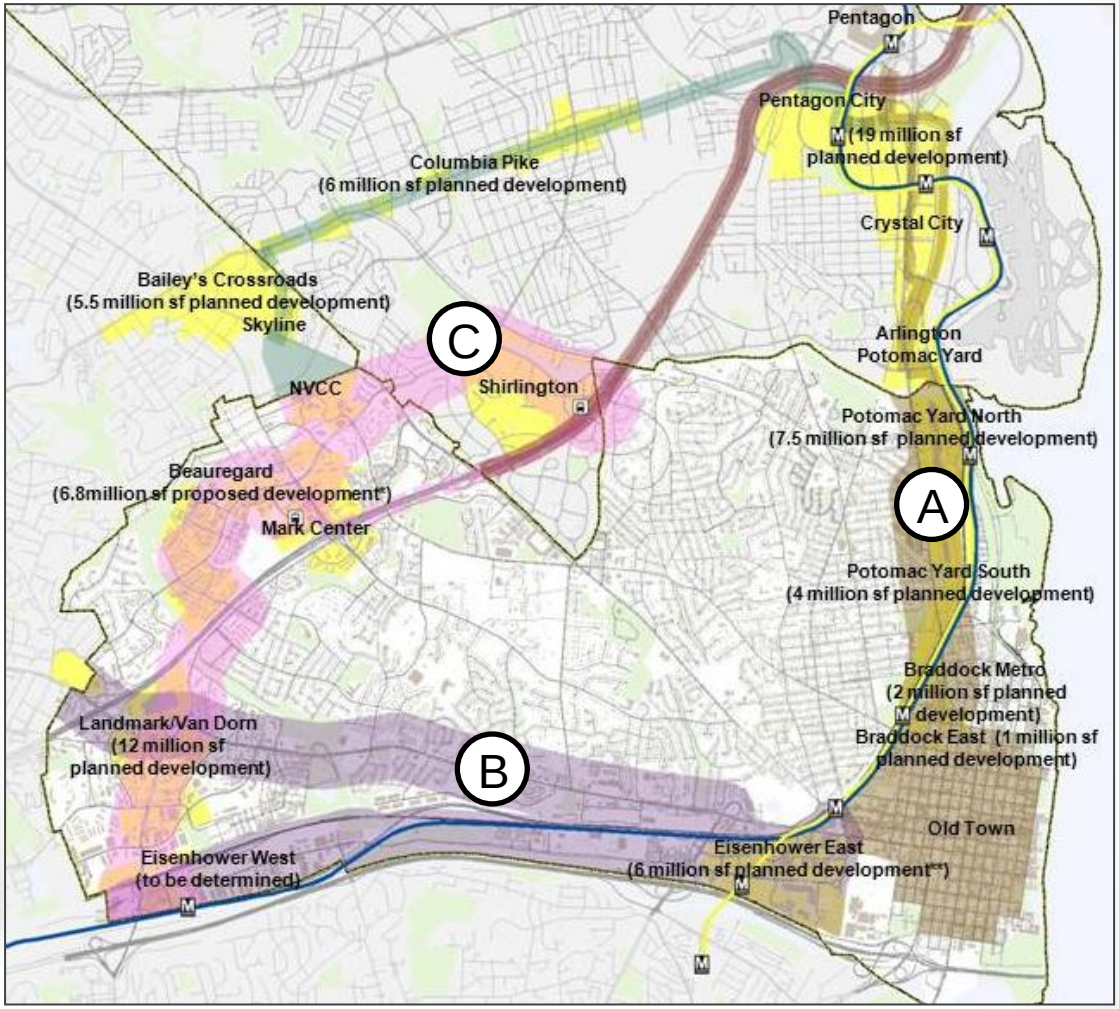
Agenda Item #2

Introduction

- Transportation Master Plan (2008) recommended three transit corridors
- Transitway Corridors Feasibility Study (2012) made recommendations for each corridor
- Corridor Work Group, Transportation Commission and Planning Commission made recommendations for each corridor
- Council approved recommendation for each corridor
- Council directed staff to come back with amendments to the Transportation Master Plan related to Corridor A
- Staff proposes to amend the Transportation Master Plan to reflect the Council approved recommendations for each corridor

City Transit Initiative





Corridor A – Recommendations

- December 15, 2012 – CWG Recommended that no dedicated transitway be built south of Braddock Metrorail Station, and analysis be conducted for a circulator system in Old Town (to connect to Metrorail stations).
- May 2, 2012 – Transportation Commission concurred with CWG, and encouraged analysis of circulator be sensitive to issues / resident concerns in Old Town.
- June 5, 2012 – Planning Commission concurred with CWG and Transportation Commission recommendations and instructed staff to review process needed to remove Corridor A dedicated transitway south of Braddock Metrorail station from the Transportation Master Plan.
- **June 13, 2012 – Council approved Planning Commission recommendation.**

Corridor B – Recommendations

- March 15, 2012 – CWG Recommended initiating BRT along Duke Street using Alternative 1a, and eventually proceed with Alternative 3c, while also continuing to examine a bicycle facility along Duke Street.

- May 2, 2012 – Transportation Commission concurred with CWG.

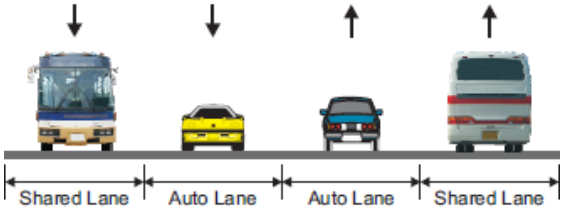
- June 5, 2012 – Planning Commission concurred with CWG and Transportation Commission recommendations, and recommended that Alternative 3c have minimal impacts to businesses and homeowners, and that a bicycle facility along Duke Street be accommodated only if studies show the streetscape can be preserved.

- **June 13, 2012 – Council approved Planning Commission recommendation.**

Corridor B Recommendation

Alternative 1a

Gordon Street to Wheeler Avenue



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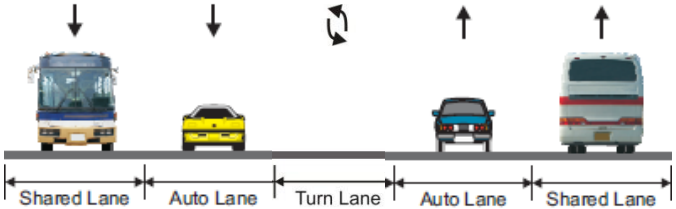

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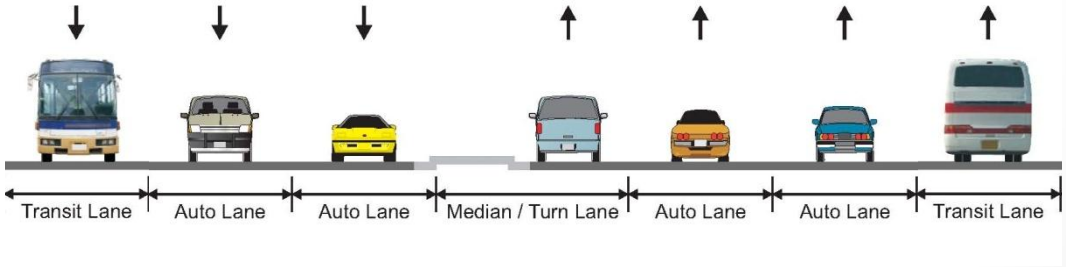
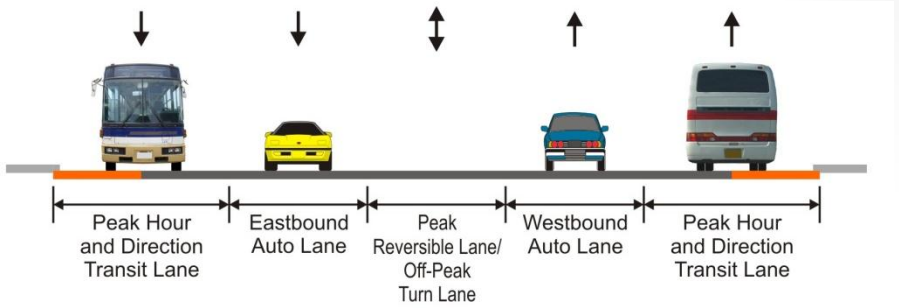
Callahan Drive to King Street Metro



Corridor B Recommendation

Alternative 3c

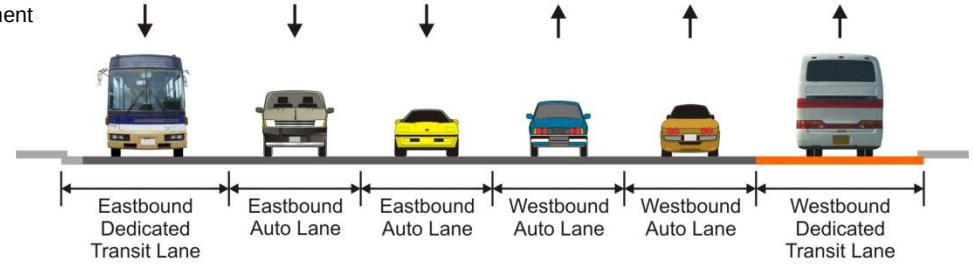
Jordan Street to Wheeler Avenue



Legend

Additional Pavement

S. Quaker Lane to Roth Street (Alexandria Commons Area)



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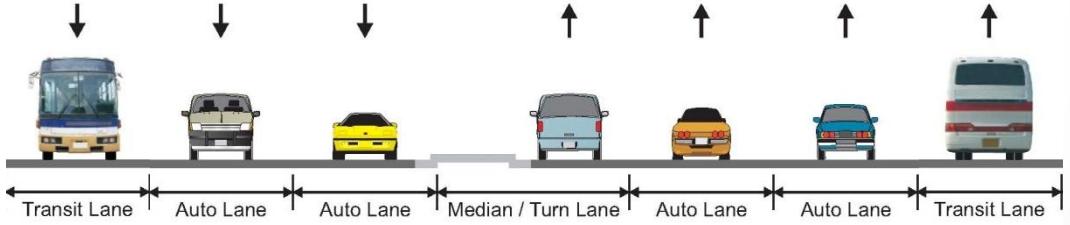
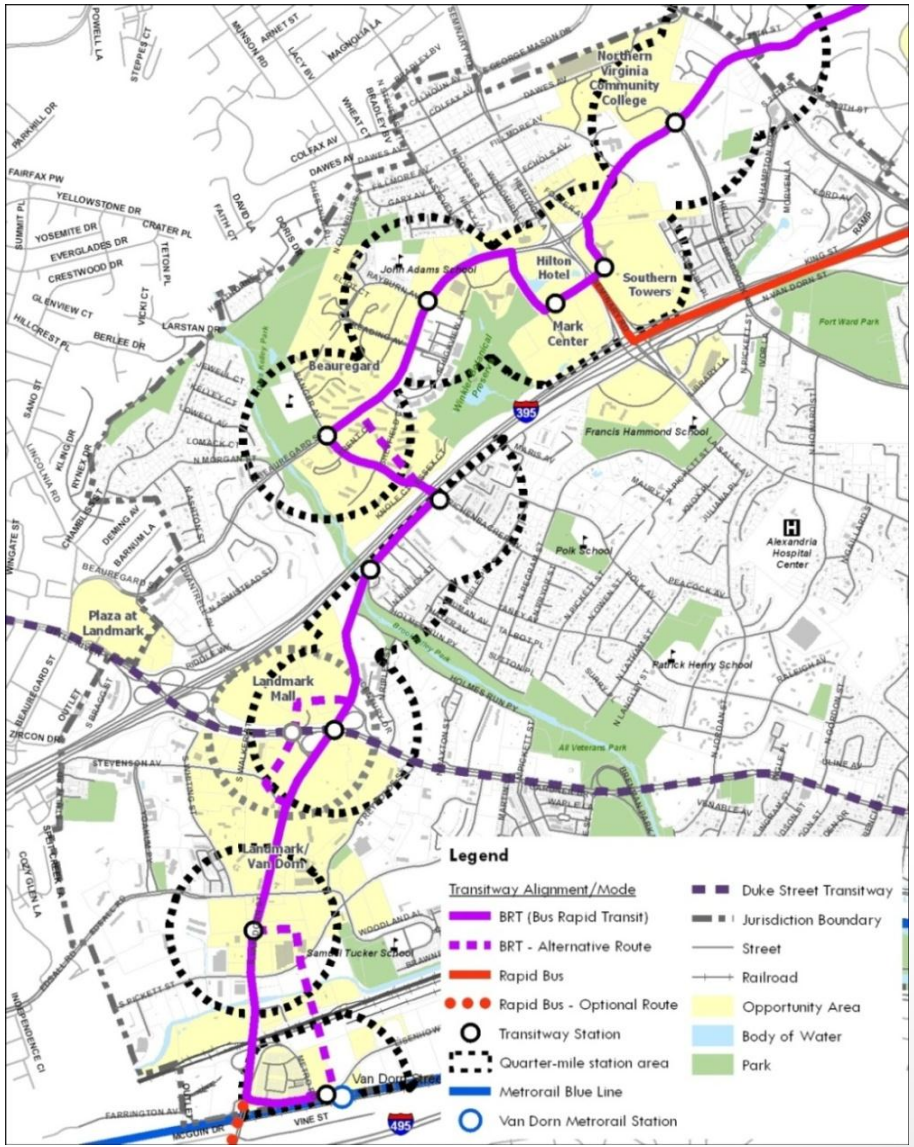


Corridor C – Recommendations

- May 17, 2011 – CWG Recommended implementation of Alternative D until such time that Alternative G is feasible.
- September 7, 2011 – Transportation Commission (TC) concurred with CWG and recommended an alignment to better serve NVCC, and that the TC be tasked with identifying decision criteria for transition to Alt. G.
- September 8, 2011 – Planning Commission reaffirmed support for BRT in dedicated lanes on Corridor C.
- **September 16, 2011 – Council approved the recommendation by the CWG with amendment that the alignment be optimized to better serve NVCC.**

Corridor C
Near Term Recommendation

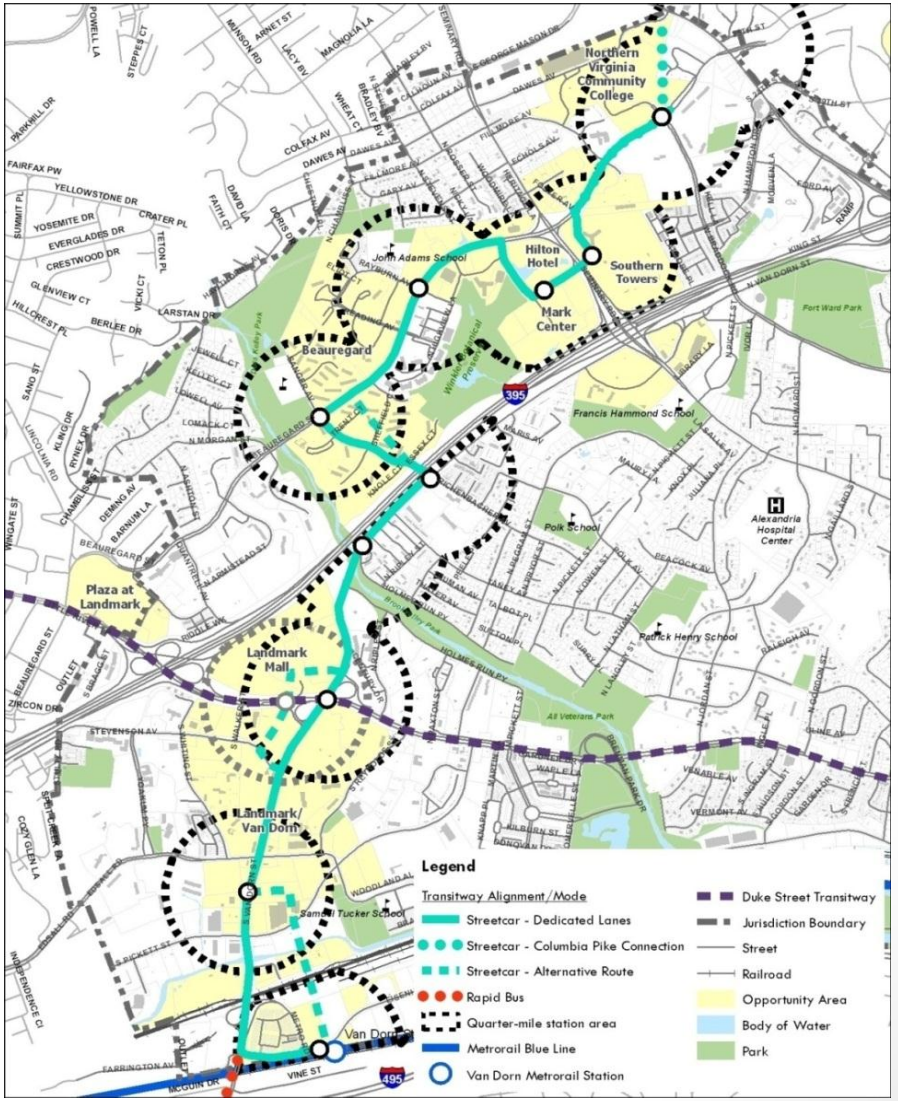
Bus Rapid Transit in Dedicated Lanes from Van Dorn Metro to Pentagon



Corridor C
Long Term Recommendation

Alternative G (Long Term)

Streetcar in Dedicated Lanes from Van Dorn Metro to Pentagon via Columbia Pike



Next Steps

- November 6, 2012 - Planning Commission
- November/December, 2012 – City Council

Funding Update

Agenda Item #3

Funding Update

- City Council:
  - Endorsed the TransAction 2040 Plan
  - Approved Alexandria submission for CMAQ-RSTP plan (FY 2014-19)
  - Approved execution of operating and capital funding agreements between City and DRPT
- Commonwealth Transportation Board:
  - Received briefing on implications for the Commonwealth of MAP-21 legislation, which consolidates Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to Schools, and Recreational Trails programs into a "Transportation Alternatives" program
- DRPT:
  - Provided briefing to Commonwealth transportation and transit agencies a report resulting from SJR297 (passed in 2011). Final report is anticipated during the upcoming General Assembly session

Funding Update

- TPB:
  - Received an update concerning setting safety margins for mobile emissions budgets for fine particulate matter, on a revised method of designating major activity centers, and a new program to study bus operations on expressway shoulders.
- WMATA:
  - Approved revision to budget PY Metrorail Station EIS project.
  - Board authorized staff to hold public hearings regarding bus service changes.
- NVTC:
  - Approved resolution allowing staff to establish financial accounts to receive state funds from DRPT, as an agent for jurisdictions.
- Federal:
  - New transportation legislation (MAP-21) includes key changes as outlined in your memorandum.

Thank You

QUESTIONS?

Staff Updates

Agenda Item #4