

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2013
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM # 5 - STAFF UPDATES

ISSUE: Staff update to Transportation Commission on various ongoing projects

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive the staff update.

A. CRYSTAL CITY / POTOMAC YARD (ROUTE 1) TRANSITWAY

The City received a grant for the Crystal City/Potomac Yard Transitway totaling \$8.5 million. The grant was allocated to the design/build of the Route 1 Transitway between Monroe Avenue and Potomac Avenue in dedicated lanes. Five other grants have been received to aid in the design/construction of various elements within the transitway project. The total cost of the transitway including vehicles is approximately \$20 million.

Construction began in July 2012 on the transitway and is anticipated to be completed in December 2013. Heavy and hazardous materials have been found on-site during excavation. The contractor is working with the City to dispose of the materials correctly.

In the first three weeks of January, construction will begin to widen of Route 1 north Potomac Avenue. Further widening of Route 1 is necessary to allow for sufficient area in the median to construct two stations on the north side of Potomac Avenue. Further, the installation of storm structures will be placed in the area between Potomac Avenue and Swann Avenue and the roadway sub-base will begin to be placed.

Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) has approved the City's proposal in relation to the DVP 230kv Transmission line located in the transition area at the north end of the dedicated lanes. The proposal utilizes a portion of the existing flowable thermal backfill as subbase. The road will be raised slightly north of East Glebe Road, but there will be no impacts to the intersection of East Glebe and Route 1.

B. POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION

The Potomac Yard Metro project is a proposed infill Metrorail station between the National Airport and Braddock Road Metrorail stations on the Blue and Yellow lines in the vicinity of the Potomac Yard Development.

The development of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project is currently underway. The project team is advancing the socioeconomic, environmental, and

transportation impact assessments for the no build and three build alternatives. The DEIS is due for public release in Spring 2013 and anticipated for a Record of Decision in early 2014.

The next meeting of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Working Group (PYMIG) is scheduled for January 30, 2013 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Council Workroom in City Hall. Topics of the meeting include impacts, and funding opportunities for each alternative.