



City of Alexandria

Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

January 9, 2013
7:00 p.m.
City Council Workroom

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: William Euille, Donna Fossum, Tim Lovain, Jennifer Mitchell, Josh Sawislak

Staff Present: Ben Aiken - P&Z, Chris Bever – OMB, Karen Callaham – T&ES, Sandra Marks – T&ES, Raymond Mui – DASH, Marti Reinfeld - T&ES, Steve Sindiong - T&ES, Andre Stafford – DASH

Guests Present: Tom Harrington – WMATA

The Chair called the Transportation Commission meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

1. December 6, 2012 Minutes

Commissioner Mitchell asked if there were any comments regarding the December 6 meeting minutes. Commissioner Fossum recommended a minor edit to the December minutes. There being no quorum, it was decided to save the motion to approve the minutes until the next meeting.

2. Funding Update

T&ES staff, Marti Reinfeld reported:

City Council: Approved an application on December 11, 2012 for a grant to the DRPT to continue funding the City's TDM Program in FY2014.

Commonwealth Transportation Board: Authorized entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with WMATA to upgrade transit signal equipment to implement Transit Signal Priority along Route 7.

DRPT: Sent a letter to VRE concerning restoration of VRE track access fees.

TPB: Approved a letter to the Virginia, Maryland and District legislators requesting additional funds for transportation.

WMATA: Approved bus service adjustments in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Adjustments were largely cost neutral and will result in increased efficiency.

NVTC: The Board Discussed the Alternatives Analysis being led by NVTC in the Route 7 Corridor. Possible transportation bills which may be proposed at the General Assembly, including indexing the gasoline tax were discussed.

NVTA: No meeting held in December.

3. WMATA Strategic Plan

T&ES staff Marti Reinfeld introduced WMATA's Director of Long Range Planning Tom Harrington. Mr. Harrington reported that for the first time, WMATA's Board has been working on a strategic plan for Metro to include mission, vision and goal statements. Metro staff developed a draft plan and have performed outreach to organizations and municipalities soliciting feedback regarding Metro's vision to move forward. Metro has invested in Metro Forward, a \$5 billion, six-year investment program. Mr. Harrington spoke about the progress and growth rate and how the system is strained and there being no funding for any expansion beyond the Silver Line. He spoke of Metro's strategic plan, the core of the next generation of Metro, connecting communities beyond the end of line stations, and questions regarding sustaining the system. He invited all to join the conversation online at wmata.com./momentum.

4. FY 2014-23 CIP

T&ES staff Sandra Marks reported that the Transportation Commission CIP Subcommittee met to review staff's first draft of FY 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects. Changes from the FY 13 TIP involve revising the budget and schedule of Corridor C, shifting 2022 projects to 2023, additional DASH buses, operating cost for Corridors A and C and changes to Trolley service. In November 2012, staff prepared a draft FY 2014-23 CIP budget based on the Commission's guidance of the following: limit funding adjustments within expanded transportation funding and base CIP; maintain funding for highest priorities set by Transportation Commission; maintain funding across modes; and continue to fund existing programs. The recommendations will be forwarded to the City Manager for inclusion in his budget. After the City Manager presents his draft budget in February, 2013 the Transportation Commission will review the proposed budget and provide additional input and recommendations to the Council prior to the approval of the budget later in the spring.

5. Staff Updates

The Commission received a written staff update on the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station, and the Route 1 Transitway.

8. Commission Updates

- Commissioner Mitchell noted that she will appoint a Transportation Commission representative to the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Group (PYMIG).

9. Other Business

- None.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 pm, seconded, voted on and unanimously approved.