

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: APRIL 3, 2013  
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
FROM: T&ES STAFF  
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM # 5 - STAFF UPDATES

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**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 TIGER 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 April, work will be dependent on the weather, but continued construction is anticipated on the widening of Route 1 between Potomac Avenue and Howell 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. The left turn lane from Southbound Route 1 to Eastbound Potomac Avenue has been removed from service as of March 28, 2013 to allow for the southbound station at Potomac Avenue.

The first concrete pour of the Transitway (between Swann Avenue and E. Custis Avenue) will occur (weather dependent) April 3, 2013.

### **B. POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION**

The Potomac Yard Metro project is an infill Metrorail station located 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 May 2013. As part of the public comment period between the publication of the DEIS and the Public Hearing, PYMIG and the City of Alexandria is planning to hold three Community Education and Discussion workshops to allow the community to ask questions and understand the information contained in the DEIS and the process associated with it. The City is also putting together a community guide to the DEIS that will provide information about the process and analysis associated with the DEIS. Dates for the workshops are being finalized but will likely occur in May and June, 2013. A Record of Decision is anticipated in early 2014.