

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JULY 10, 2013

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: JOEL MARCUSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #2 - FUNDING UPDATE & ACTIONS OF MAJOR TRANSPORTATION BODIES

ISSUE: Update of funding and actions of major transportation bodies.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission receive the report.

DISCUSSION: This memorandum provides a brief update on funding and/or actions of major regional transportation bodies as they relate to the City.

General funding updates of local, regional and national importance are provided below. Attachment 1 contains the Commission's regular *Monthly Update of Regional Transportation Board Major Actions and Funding*.

City: City Council

At the June 11 City Council meeting, Council adopted a resolution to proceed with the acquisition of right-of-way for the Eisenhower Widening project. Council also adopted a resolution in support of the Alexandria Union Station-King St Metrorail pedestrian tunnel project. On June 25, City Council passed an amendment to the City Code that:

1. Removed the local bicycle registration requirement;
2. Made City code consistent with State code regarding how bicycles are operated on the roadway,;
3. Removed the requirement that bicycles utilize paths on certain roadways; and
4. Modified the rules regarding bicycle riding on sidewalks.

State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

The CTB adopted the final Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for FY 2014-FY2019 on June 19, 2013. The final plan, including CMAQ, RSTP, and Urban funds is illustrated in Table 1.

Table 1. Alexandria FY2014 - FY2019 CMAQ-RSTP-Urban Funds Final Program (in 1000s)						
	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
DASH Bus Replacement	\$2,650	\$2,050	\$2,100	\$2,870	\$2,160	\$2,160
Bike Sharing	\$437	\$484			\$270	\$300
Bike Parking			\$25	\$225		\$100
Mount Vernon Trail	\$450					
Transit Store	\$500		\$500		\$560	
Transit Analysis Study		\$500				
Transportation Demand Management	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$700	\$560	\$600
Transitway Enhancements	\$126	\$100				\$500
Braddock Road		\$500				
Parking Technologies					\$110	\$200
Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements						\$340
Eisenhower Avenue Resurfacing	\$248					
King Street Metro Station Improvements				\$382	\$382	\$382
Corridor C Bus Rapid Transitway				\$752	\$1,034	\$1,331
Total	\$4,991	\$4,134	\$3,125	\$4,929	\$4,042	\$5,913

State: Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

The General Assembly passed legislation (SB 1140) requiring that any new transit funds be allocated based on performance, but did not dictate the process or specific performance indicators. The Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee (TSDAC) was appointed to develop a methodology.

The TSDAC met throughout June to identify methods for utilizing performance metrics to allocate new state transit funds. The current preferred approach would reward performance improvement over baseline performance.

Regional: Transportation Planning Board (TPB) and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) , Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)

Transportation Planning Board (TPB)

At the June 19, 2013 meeting, TPB approved an FTA New Freedom grant to the City for Pedestrian Mobility Enhancements at the following four intersections:

1. Pendleton St at St. Asaph St
2. Pendleton St at Columbus St
3. N Washington St at Oronoco St

4. N Washington St at Princess St

TPB staff provided a briefing on the implementation of the Regional Bus Priority Project under TIGER. The City's Route 1 Transitway is one of only two projects that has initiated construction.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

At the June 13 WMATA Board committee meetings, staff provided a progress report for the third quarter capital and operating programs. The report indicated that WMATA is mostly on track to meet its 90% spending goal for FY2013 and that it is projecting a positive position of \$20-25M in the FY2013 operating budget.

The WMATA Board also adopted the *Momentum* strategic plan at its meeting of June 27, 2013.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)

At its June 6th meeting, NVTC adopted WMATA's *Momentum* strategic plan. NVTC also endorsed a Title VI submittal to the FTA, which included Alexandria's submission as a subrecipient.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)

NVTA held a public hearing and met on June 20th to receive comments and discuss the list of potential FY2014 projects for regional funding. The Project Implementation workgroup is currently reviewing and revising the list based on public input. NVTA is anticipated to take action on the project list at its July 24th meeting.

Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices of Awards

No significant federal actions occurred during this month.