



City of Alexandria
Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

June 20, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Council Workroom

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Vice-Chair Melissa McMahon, Commissioner Bruce Marsh, Commissioner Oscar Gonzalez, Commissioner Casey Kane, Councilman Timothy Lovain.

Staff Present: Hillary Orr - T&ES, Christopher Ziemann - Transportation Planning, Ramiro Alberto Rios - Transportation Planning, Darren Buck – Transportation Planning, Quance Lawson - Transportation Planning.

Vice Chairman McMahon called the Transportation Commission meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

1. Public Comment Period

No Comments

2. May Meeting Minutes

Unable to approve due to lack of quorum

3. Updates to Receive (Consent Items)

Hillary Orr, Deputy Director of T&ES, answered questions regarding funding updates, WMATA impacts, Vision Zero Implementation and Interdepartmental Long-Range Planning Work Program.

4. Commission Updates

Commissioner Casey Kane: The Traffic and Parking Board (TP&B) approved two “No Right Turn” signs on East Taylor Run and Moncure Drive from 4pm-6pm as part of a pilot program and will consider no truck thru traffic at the next meeting.

Councilman Timothy Lovain: The Federal Highway Administration’s latest statistics show that Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in the region are going down due to teleworking options, enhanced Bicycle and Pedestrian infrastructure, and retired residents aging in place.

5. 2018 Transportation Long Range Plan – PUBLIC HEARING

Docket item was not presented due to lack of quorum.

6. I-395 Shirlington Interchange Improvements Study

Olivia Daniszewski, VDOT Engineer, provided an update on the I-395 Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway and South Shirlington Road Interchange Improvement Study.

Study Purpose: Assess safety improvements, evaluate operational analysis and assess cost estimates and feasibility for alternatives.

Study limits: I-395 Shirlington interchange, Glebe Road ramp on Route 120 to southbound I-395, the intersection of Shirlington Road and Arlington Mill Drive, and the intersection of Gunston Road and Martha Custis Drive.

Potential recommendations: repair and replace existing interchange lighting, refresh pavement markings, increase or move signage in areas where short weave lengths exist (Arlington Mill Road and I-395 SB split) and clear overgrown vegetation to increase sight distance.

Next Steps: In Fall 2018, VDOT will hold a final public information meeting and issue a final report.

7. Central Alexandria Traffic Study

Hillary Orr, T&ES Deputy Director, provided a brief update on the background as well as final recommendations from the Central Alexandria Traffic Study. Final recommendations were shared with members of City Council on May 17, 2018. They include:

- PM Peak period right turn restriction pilot from southbound East Taylor Run Parkway and Moncure Drive
- Reconfiguration of the East Taylor Run Parkway at South View Terrace intersection
- New and upgraded crosswalks throughout neighborhoods
- A midblock crossing on West Taylor Run Parkway to Angel Park
- Additional speed cushion on East Taylor Run Parkway, Yale Drive and North Jordon Street
- Upgraded speed cushions on West Taylor Run Parkway
- Initiate complete streets review prior to Seminary Road and Cambridge Road resurfacing
- Initiate safety design of Seminary Road and North Howard Street intersection

Impacted Civic Associations supported recommendations several additional actions that staff did not present to City Council:

- Engage regional leaders to provide transportation alternatives
- Redesign the West Taylor Run Parkway at Duke Street intersection
- Accelerate Corridor “B” design
- Prioritize Duke Street for Adaptive Signal Control
- Pilot 15 MPH “Slow Zones” in TRCA and CCPCA
- Encourage greater use of alternative modes of transportation
- Continue Task Force efforts.

In Fall 2018 staff will hold a public meeting to provide overview of City efforts for long-term policy recommendations and begin design and community outreach for a project at West Taylor Run and Duke Street.

8. Route 1 South Affordable Housing Strategy

Docket Item was not presented due to unmet quorum.

9. Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan Implementation and Complete Street Update

Darren Buck, T&ES Complete Streets Program Manager, provided a comprehensive update on progress for projects from the 2016 Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan Master Plan (a.k.a. Pedestrian and Bicycle Chapter of the Transportation Master Plan, or Ped/Bike Chapter). The Chapter proposed overall goals for bicycling and walking.

- Goal #1. Safety
- Goal #2. Engineering
- Goal #3. Encouragement
- Goal #4. Education

The Ped/Bike Chapter Update highlighted the following achievements in the last two years:

- Vision Zero Resolution and Action Plan
- Safe Routes to School for all Alexandria elementary schools.
- Several new sidewalk segments
- The City's first permeable concrete sidewalk
- Over 14 lane miles of on-street bicycling accommodations.
- All priority trails projects funded
- Capital Bikeshare ridership growth.
- Silver Designation as a Walk Friendly Community
- Silver Bicycle Friendly Community status renewed
- King Street Complete Streets project
- One of the "Best Complete Streets Projects of 2017" by National Complete Streets Coalition
- Maintenance of Traffic regulations for construction projects to not allow sidewalks and bicycle facilities to be closed

Commissioner Kane stated disappointment that the new Maintenance of Traffic regulations do not apply to existing construction sites, and that wayfinding for sight-impaired pedestrians is still an issue.

10. Other business

- Staff will provide commissioners with potential legislative ideas for submission of the 2019 Legislative Package prior to the next Transportation Commission Meeting.
- The Commission will discuss the Transportation Commission Retreat at the next Transportation Commission Meeting.
- City staff requested commissioner participation at the 2018 Alexandria Transit Vision Study Joint TC/ ATC Board Meeting on September 26th or 27th 2018 as well as the Alexandria Transit Vision Stakeholder workshop on September 29, 2018.

At 8:50 pm, The Transportation Commission adjourned.