Transportation Commission
March 17, 2021

The meeting will begin at 7PM. We will be conducting audio/video checks between 6:45 and 6:55PM.
Commission Members

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- Lawrence Chambers – DASH
- Jeremy Drislane – Citizen West
- John Goebel – Planning Commission
- Oscar Gonzalez – Citizen East
- Casey Kane – Traffic and Parking Board
- Bruce Marsh – Citizen East, Potomac Yard Metro Implementation Working Group
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- Bill Pugh – Environmental Policy Commission, AMP Chair
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Meeting Notice

Agenda Item #1
Electronic Meeting Notice

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, the 3/17/21 meeting of the Transportation Commission is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 or Section 4-0.01(g) in HB29 and HB30, enacted by the 2020 Virginia General Assembly (Virginia Acts of Assembly Ch. 1283 and 1289), to undertake essential business. All of the members of the Commission and staff are participating from remote locations through a Zoom webinar. The meeting can be accessed by the public through Zoom or Phone. Public comment will be received at the meeting and was able to be emailed beforehand.
Public Comment Period

Agenda Item #2
Public Comment

- Raise hand or press *9
- 3 minutes per speaker
3 Minute Timer

Announcement will sound automatically when time is up
COMMISSION MINUTES:
February 17, 2021 Meeting

Agenda Item #3
Alexandria Mobility Plan

Agenda Item #4
Purpose

• Preview the Alexandria Mobility Plan in advance of the release of the draft plan
• Authorize a public hearing at the Transportation Commission, once the plan is released
What is the AMP?

A **strategic update** to the 2008 *Transportation Master Plan* focused on improving mobility choices

- Serves as a **workplan to outline priorities and guide transportation decision-making**
- Promotes **flexibility to adapt** to new ideas, technologies, and trends
- Provides a **foundation for securing funding** to advance existing plans and new projects
- Provides a **framework for public and private partnerships**
Plan and Chapter Components

**Alexandria Mobility Plan**

**Vision**
What we want for Alexandria

**Guiding Principles**
Broad outcomes that we hope to achieve

**Key Performance Indicator**
Specific measures of our guiding principles

**Overarching Policies**
Methods to guide decision-making

**Chapters**

- **Transit**
- **Supporting Travel Options**
- **Smart Mobility**
- **Streets**
- **Curb Space and Parking**
- **Pedestrian & Bicycle (2016)**

**Policies**
Method to guide decision-making

**Strategies**
Specific and achievable initiative and/or project

**Actions**
Trackable step toward implementing a strategy

**Metrics**
Specific measures of our strategies
Related Plans

Interdepartmental Work Groups
Advisory Committee
Best Practices
Public Input
Existing Policies & Plans

Alexandria Mobility Plan

- Safe
- Accessible
- Connected
- City Master Plan
- Transit Vision Plan
- City Strategic Plan
- Smart Mobility Framework
- Equitable
- Convenient
- All Alexandria

Related Plans

- Complete Streets Policy/Guidelines
- Vision Zero Action Plan
- City Strategic Plan
- Environmental Action Plan
- Transit Vision Plan
Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Interdepartmental Work Groups
Advisory Committee
Existing Policies & Plans
Best Practices
Public Input

48,000+ Interactions

- 2 Public Meetings with 350 views
- 7 Pop-Up Events with 468 participants
- 9 Focus Group Meetings with 86 attendees
- 9 Advisory Committee Meetings

- 24+ Stakeholder Meetings
- 24 Community Champions
- 1,100+ Surveys submitted and comments submitted
- 46,465 People reached via social media
Community and Stakeholder Engagement
Vision

Safe, seamless, and connected mobility options foster a thriving Alexandria for all
Guiding Principles

ACCESS Alexandria

Accessible
Alexandria will work to make its transportation network easily accessible for users of all ages and abilities.

Connected
Alexandria’s transportation system will take you where you want to go seamlessly by leveraging technology and integrating transportation and land use.

Convenient
Alexandria will provide a transportation system with high-quality mobility options that are reliable, frequent, proximate, and comfortable.

Equitable
Alexandria acknowledges that there are disparities in neighborhoods and populations in the City that have been historically underserved. Alexandria will be targeted, inclusive, and intentional in addressing gaps in mobility options available, their quality, and safety.

Safe
Alexandria will eliminate all traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2028.

Sustainable
Alexandria will prioritize low-carbon mobility options and reduce automobile dependency.
Outcomes

Measurable progress towards achieving Guiding Principles

Accessible
Increased access to transportation choices for all Alexandrians

Convenient
Better overall experience getting around the City

Equitable
Equitable outcomes for all Alexandrians, especially neighborhoods and populations that have been historically underserved

Connected
More and easier multimodal connections to jobs, opportunities, and community destinations

Safe
Reduced number and severity of crashes

Sustainable
Increase in non-single occupant vehicle commuting
Addressing Community Concerns

• The strategies and policies in this plan seek to address the major feedback identified during our outreach:
  • Concern about *cut-through traffic* and *congestion* on local streets
  • Desire for *more and better travel choices, particularly transit*
  • Need for *transportation equity*
Next Steps

• Finalize Plan
  • Release Plan (Late March/Early April)
  • Present draft at meetings of other bodies (April/May)
  • Transportation Commission Hearing (April 21)
  • Process input (May)
  • AMP Advisory Committee meeting (May/June)
  • Planning Commission hearing (Summer or Fall)
  • City Council hearing and adoption (Summer or Fall)
Next Steps

• **Begin Implementation**
  • Pursue actions identified for each strategy
  • Identify capital projects consistent with AMP
  • Identify funding sources
  • Coordinate with our partners to achieve shared goals
  • Track and report on progress
  • Adapt based on performance
  • Continued engagement with the community, stakeholders, and elected officials
Recommended Action

• Authorize a public hearing during the Transportation Commission’s April 21st meeting on the draft Alexandria Mobility Plan.
Purpose

• To inform the Transportation Commission of transportation-related items in the City Manager’s Proposed Budget.
FY22 Operating Budget
Livable, Green, and Prospering City Focus Area

• Cost-neutral implementation of the Alexandria Transit Vision 2022 network

• Fully funding Metro obligations

• Maintaining staffing levels for all Transportation positions
FY22 Capital Budget
Transportation and Transit Highlights

• $12.0M - City’s contribution to WMATA’s Capital Improvement Program
• $8M - West End Transitway
• $7.2M - Smart Mobility investments
• $7.0M - bridge repairs and refurbishments
  • Ex.: joint Alexandria-Arlington Four Mile Run Bridge project
• $6.4M - street reconstruction and resurfacing
• $1.5M - Complete Streets
FY23-FY31 CIP
Transportation and Transit Highlights

• $162M for Transitways

• $111.7M for DASH bus fleet replacement

• $6.3M for access improvements at Landmark
HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDORS

Metroway (Corridor A)
- $1.2 M of unspent grant funding from Phase I and Amazon Funding for Phase II design
- Phase II includes extension of Rt. 1 dedicated lanes from E. Glebe to Evans Lane
- Phase II construction contingent on development

West End Transitway (Corridor C)
- Funding
  - $73M (State/NVTA grants) for design, buses, spots (work to be executed FY24-25)
  - $3M (I-395 funds) - operating (AT1 Plus) (currently)
    - Next application $7M for expanded service (Line 35) to Pentagon (FY22-23)
  - $3M (CMAQ) – WET Operations (FY24-26)
- Phase 1:
  - Mostly shared lanes with queue jumps & transit signal priority
  - No dedicated transit lanes
  - 20 new buses
  - Begins 2028 (FY 24-26 funds)
- Phase 2:
  - Full build – dedicated transit lanes, additional right-of-way
**Duke Street Transitway – Corridor B**

- **Funding**
  - $12M (NVTA) – Outreach, Design, Environmental
  - $75M (NVTA) – Awarded in Summer 2020 for Construction
    - Connects Old Town to West End with reliable and fast transit
  - $3.5M (CMAQ) – Operations (FY27)

- **Project**
  - High capacity transitway on Duke Street
    - Landmark Mall site to King Street Metro

- **Upcoming Work**
  - Duke Street Revisioning – Spring - Summer 2021
    - Extensive community engagement planned
    - Cross-section not yet determined
  - Planning/Conceptual Engineering – Summer 2021 – Spring 2022
    - Preferred alternative
  - Design/Environmental – Spring 2022 – 2023
  - Construction – 2024-2025
Next Steps

• April 7 City Council budget work session
  • Livable, Green, and Prospering focus area (Operating budget)
• April 17 City Council public hearing
• April 21 Transportation Commission Public Hearing
• April 27 City Council Legislative Meeting (preliminary add/delete)
• May 3 City Council final add/delete
• May 5 Budget adoption
Commissioner Updates

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Updates to Receive

Agenda Item #7
Other Business

Agenda Item #8