

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 26, 2010

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: YON LAMBERT, PRINCIPAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNER, T&ES

SUBJECT: APRIL 7, 2010 MEETING – FUNDING UPDATE & ACTIONS OF MAJOR TRANSPORTATION BODIES

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This memorandum provides a brief monthly update on funding and/or actions of major regional transportation bodies that relate to Alexandria.

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

### City

#### *CIP and FY2011 Budget*

City budget discussions are ongoing. On February 16, Alexandria City Manager James K. Hartmann proposed a \$534.1 million General Fund Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2011. The proposed budget includes a range of reductions to close a \$44 million spending gap; City Council held a public hearing on the budget on March 10.

City Council and Transportation Staff are attending a work session to review the CIP and a transportation items on Monday, April 5 at 6:30 pm in Sister Cities Conference Room 1101. Staff presented the Transportation section of the CIP to the Transportation Commission at its March 8 meeting and will provide an oral presentation on recent developments during the April 7 meeting.

#### Docket Items of Note

At its March 9 meeting, City Council adopted a resolution approving the major design features of the King/Beauregard intersection. This item is online here:

<http://dockets.alexandriava.gov/fy10/030910rm/di21.pdf>

At its March 23 meeting, City Council authorized capital project allocations for Washington Street repaving and Safe Routes to School. This item is online here:

<http://dockets.alexandriava.gov/fy10/032310rm/di9.pdf>

At its March 23 meeting, staff provided an update on ARRA projects. This item is online

here: <http://dockets.alexandriava.gov/fy10/032310rm/di19.pdf>

At its March 23 meeting, City Council heard an oral report on the BRAC project and the initial public response to the VDOT IJR. This item is online here:

<http://dockets.alexandriava.gov/fy10/032310rm/di21.pdf>

#### **State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)**

At its March 17 meeting, VDOT provided the Commonwealth Transportation Board reports on the development of the FY2011-2016 Six Year Improvement Program (a DRAFT recommended SYIP is expected in May) and an ARRA project update.

VDOT SYIP: [http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2010/march/cm\\_6\\_FY11-16\\_SYIP\\_Development.pdf](http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2010/march/cm_6_FY11-16_SYIP_Development.pdf)

VDOT ARRA project update:

[http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2010/march/cm\\_5\\_March\\_17\\_2010\\_ARRA\\_Update.pdf](http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2010/march/cm_5_March_17_2010_ARRA_Update.pdf)

There were no major developments related to transportation funding although there is a possibility for a special session on transportation funding in 2010.

#### **Regional: Transportation Planning Board**

The WMATA Board approved a three-party agreement on Thursday, March 25th, which stipulates the roles of WMATA, the Hoffman Company, owner of adjoining property, and the City of Alexandria in rebuilding the area around the Eisenhower Metrorail Station. These improvements will include new roads for buses, a new urban square, and an updating of passenger amenities at the station, including the installation of canopies to shelter bus patrons. This project will be a collaborative one in which the Hoffman Company will be funding some of the improvements, WMATA will supply land, and the City will invest \$3.1 million of funds supplied by FTA grants and Commonwealth matching funds, and State STP Urban funds.

#### **Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices or Awards**

There are no outstanding federal grant updates or award notices.

**Attachment 1:** Monthly Update of Regional Transportation Board Major Actions and Funding