

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 30, 2010

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

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: City Council

On June 22, the City Council authorized \$71,942,521 for capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Expenditure Summary. Critical transportation projects include:

Public Transportation and Traffic Control (\$7,437,000)

WMATA Capital Contribution: \$7,037,000
Traffic Control Facilities: \$400,000

Streets, Bridges, and Non-Motorized Transportation (\$1,331,000)

King Street Paving: \$1,213,000
Shared Use Paths: \$118,000

More information >> <http://dockets.alexandriava.gov/fy10/062210rm/di23.pdf>

State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) on June 16 adopted the Fiscal Years 2011-2016 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). The plan includes \$7.8 billion for rail, transit, transportation demand management, bicycle, pedestrian and highway projects. The CTB also adopted budgets for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to cover administrative, maintenance and operations costs.

The final SYIP, adopted by the CTB after four public hearings and several weeks of collecting public input, is available at www.VirginiaDOT.org and www.drpt.virginia.gov for review.

The SYIP includes \$5.7 billion for highway construction and \$2.1 billion for rail and public transportation. Rail and public transportation funding in the SYIP is similar to levels in the revised Fiscal Years 2010-2015 SYIP. However, these levels represent a 10 percent decrease from the SYIP adopted by the CTB in June 2009.

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

Transportation Planning Board (TPB)

The Transportation Planning Board approved on June 16, 2010 a regional pre-application for funds to be used for bike sharing by the District of Columbia, Arlington County, City of Alexandria, Fairfax County, Montgomery County, and the City of College Park. The City of Alexandria is committing to provide approximately \$180,000 in capital funding to this effort which will comprise its 20% match for approximately 150 bicycles at 18 parking terminals with a total citywide project cost estimated at \$869,000. The entire regional application is estimated at \$10 million. The city's 20% match is expected to come from existing capital funding identified for non-motorized transportation improvements.

Washington Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

WMATA passed a \$1.4 billion WMATA operating budget in their Finance and Administration Committee, which relied heavily on a significant fare increase to balance the budget. This budget did not require WMATA to trim its services. WMATA also passed a capital budget which is supported by a new capital funding agreement, which was adopted by the jurisdictions in the WMATA compact in late June 2010. Alexandria's portion of this is \$64.1 million over the next six years. City Council approved this agreement at their meeting of June 22, 2010. The capital funding agreement will have significant benefits for Alexandria. It will fund the replacement of the 1000 series railcars, the oldest cars in the WMATA fleet, and will fund a replacement bus garage for the Alexandria Royal Street garage, in Cinder Bed Road, in Fairfax County. The WMATA Board approved the operating and capital budgets on June 24, 2010.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)

The NVTC Board considered responses at its meeting of July 1, 2010 to the Secretary of Transportation's letter of May 26th, which demanded that NVTC relinquish two of the WMATA Board seats it appoints (one voting and one alternate member) to people who are appointed by the Governor, before the commonwealth will release \$50 million of Commonwealth funds to match federal PRIIA funds.

Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices or Awards

The TIGER II program was reviewed in the regional section the TPB.

Attachment 1: Monthly Update of Non-Federal Transportation Board Major Actions & Funding

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