

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 8, 2010

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

SUBJECT: MARCH 8, 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*

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 work session with staff on February 24 to review the CIP and a transportation work session will take place on Monday, April 5 at 6:30 pm in Sister Cities Conference Room 1101.

Staff will present the Transportation section of the CIP to the Transportation Commission at its March 8 meeting.

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

At its February 17 meeting, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) took no major actions that relate to the City of Alexandria. VDOT staff reports that all ARRA funding (including the two ARRA-funded projects in Alexandria) have been obligated and met federal deadlines.

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

The TPB was awarded \$58.8 million in stimulus funding from the US Department of Transportation (DOT) TIGER Program on February 17th. This funding will improve bus transportation along priority corridors in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia; enable priority bus transit to connect Prince William and Fairfax Counties and the City of Alexandria with the District of Columbia; and will create a multimodal Takoma/Langley transit center in Prince George's County. The TIGER grant will provide \$8.5 million of funds for Alexandria to construct a High Capacity Transitway from East Glebe Road to Monroe Avenue. The TIGER grant will also provide \$670,000 to build enhanced transit facilities along the proposed Van Dorn-Beauregard High Capacity Transit Corridor and to develop systems which will give transit vehicles preference at certain traffic intersections.

The deadline for transportation agencies to submit draft project input to the CLRP and TIP is March 10, 2010, which will likely be postponed for a month, since VDOT District staff only recently received some funding assumptions from VDOT's Central Office. The Transportation Commission reviewed Alexandria's current requests at its February meeting.

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

Congressman James P. Moran attended the City Council legislative session on February 16 to discuss federal issues and discuss requests for new federal appropriations. The docket memo for Congressman Moran's meeting is here >>  
<http://dockets.alexandriava.gov/fy10/020910rm/di7.pdf>

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