

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 26, 2010

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

SUBJECT: MAY 5, 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

CIP and FY2011 Budget

The FY2011 city budget is expected to be adopted on Monday, May 3 at a Special Council meeting at 6:30 pm. City Council held a work session on Transportation and Economic Development on Monday, April 5. The work session presentation is here>>
<http://alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/Development%20and%20Transportation.pdf>

At the April 5 work session on Transportation and Economic Development, the Council requested the following budget memos related to transportation:

#63: WMATA Operating Subsidy

#70: Revenue from Increasing Parking Rates

#75: Fiscal impact of 'All May Park, All Must Pay'

#76: Response to Councilman Krupicka's and Councilman Smedberg's questions regarding parking meter upgrades

#79: Traffic Calming Unallocated Balance Spending Plan

#81: Funds for Additional BRAC-133 Transportation Studies

#86: Commercial Add-On Tax Docket Memo Re-Issuance

All City Council budget memoranda are available on-line here>>

<http://alexandriava.gov/budget/info/default.aspx?id=30300>

At its May 7 Transportation Commission meeting, T&ES staff will provide the Commissioners with an oral update on the budget process including updates from the Add/Delete List Reviews on April 26 and 5:30 pm on Monday, May 3. There were no

major City Council docket items related to the budget in the April meetings.

State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

At its April 14 meeting, VDOT provided the Commonwealth Transportation Board with a brief update on the status of ARRA project funding.

VDOT ARRA project update:

http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2010/April/cm_7_April_14_2010_ARRA_Update.pdf

There were no other major items of note on the CTB agenda related to Alexandria.

Regional: Transportation Planning Board and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

At its meeting on April 22, the WMATA board approved the establishment of a formal reimbursable project to update the existing environmental documentation for the Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway.

On behalf of Arlington County, the City of Alexandria and Metro, a Metro planning consultant had prepared environmental documentation for the Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway (FY2006-07) using FTA grant funds. Approval of this new, formal reimbursable project on April 22, 2010 will allow the City to direct \$300,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds via the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) to fund the costs of Metro involvement in the environmental document update. The board also approved a project budget of \$300,000 and authorized its staff to execute the reimbursable project with the City and issue tasks to the Metro planning consultant for technical support to the City.

More information on this document is available here >>

http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/board_of_directors/board_docs/042210_FACCCrystalCityReimbursableProject.pdf

The Transportation Planning Board received updates related to the Street Smart campaign and the annual upcoming Bike to Work Day celebration on Friday, May 21, 2010.

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