Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Transportation Commission includes to advocate and promote development of balanced transportation systems for the City of Alexandria, through oversight of the implementation of the Transportation Chapter of the City's adopted Master Plan. Within these guidelines, the Transportation Commission membership completed the following activities during its 2019/20 session.

Transportation Commission Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- Membership remained steady through most of the year with a quorum achieved at all scheduled meetings. Two new members joined in June 2020.

Coordination with other Boards

- The Transportation Commission includes membership from the Planning Commission, the Traffic and Parking Board, the Environmental Policy Commission, the Potomac Yard Metro Implementation Working Group, and the DASH Board. At every Transportation Commission meeting, the Transportation Commission receives updates and reports back on Transportation Commission topics to their respective board. Through this means, the Transportation Commission reported on the Alexandria Mobility Plan initiative to solicit feedback from associated boards. A member of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities also serves on the Alexandria Mobility Plan Advisory Committee, which also includes all members of the Transportation Commission. The Transportation Commission also weighed in on and endorsed the Alexandria Transit Vision Plan to the Alexandria Transit Company board.

- No formal policy changes have been made.

Transportation Commission Member Activities

- All members are serving on the Alexandria Mobility Plan Advisory Committee, which is overseeing the update to the City’s 2008 Transportation Master Plan.

2019-2020 Accomplishments

- See attachment 2.

Goals for 2020-2021

- Two major goals of the Transportation Commission in the coming fiscal year will be to 1) Achieve Council adoption of the Alexandria Mobility Plan and 2) update the biennial capital Long Range Transportation Plan. In addition, the Transportation Commission will seek to make recommendations to Council or other boards to ensure that funding, implementation and plans are consistent with the Transportation Master Plan.
• The Commission will also make endorsements for transportation grants and weigh in on transportation components of other plans.
• The Commission will seek to establish a virtual meeting policy.

Leadership

• Officers for the 2019 calendar year were elected at the January 2019 meeting. Steve Klejst served as chair and Melissa McMahon served as vice-chair. Officers for the 2020 calendar year were elected at the January 2020 meeting. Melissa McMahon was elected as chair and Jake Jakubek was elected as Vice-Chair.

• List term expirations and new members, with month they were appointed.
  • Melissa McMahon, term expired 9/2019, reappointed for another three-year term (Planning Commission representative)
  • Jake Jakubek, term expired 6/2020, resigned (Citizen West of Quaker Lane representative)
  • Carolyn Schroeder, term expired in October of 2019, resigned in April 2020 (Environmental Policy Commission representative)
  • Steve Klejst, resigned in March 2020 (DASH representative)
  • Jeffrey Bennett, appointed in June 2020 (Citizen West of Quaker Lane representative)
  • Lawrence Chambers, appointed in June 2020 (Alexandria Transit Company representative)

• During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals:
  o Councilman Canek Aguirre
  o Jeffrey Bennett
  o Lawrence Chambers
  o Councilman John Chapman
  o Alyia Gaskins
  o John Goebel
  o Oscar Gonzalez
  o Casey Kaine
  o Bruce Marsh
  o Melissa McMahon
  o Jake Jakubek
  o Carolyn Schroeder
  o Steve Klejst

• Jennifer Slesinger, Transportation & Environmental Services acted as the staff liaison to Transportation Commission during the 2019/2020 year.

Attachments
Attachment 1: Annual Attendance Report
Attachment 2: FY20 Accomplishments Summary
Attachment 3: Notable Letters:

1. Any notable letters to City Council, date, subject
   - Endorsed Application for Commonwealth Smart Scale Program – February 2020
   - Endorsed Application to the Transportation-Land Use Connections Program – February 2020
   - Dockless Mobility Pilot – October 2019
   - Endorsed Application for CMAQ – October 2019
   - Seminary Road Proposed Changes – July 2019

2. Any letters to other Advisory Groups, date, subject
   - Alexandria Transit Vision Plan Endorsement to the ATC Board – November 2019

3. Any completed reports or relevant documents
   - Letter to VDOT on proposed changes to SmartScale – November 2019