



City of Alexandria
Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

July 18, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Council Workroom

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chairman Stephen Klejst, Vice-Chair Melissa McMahon, Commissioner David Brown, Commissioner Bruce Marsh, Commissioner Oscar Gonzalez, Commissioner Jake Jakubek, Commissioner Alyia Gaskins, Commissioner Casey Kane, Commissioner Carolyn Schroeder, Councilman Timothy Lovain, Councilman John Chapman.

Staff Present: Christopher Ziemann - Transportation Planning, Ramiro Alberto Rios - Transportation Planning, Quance Lawson - Transportation Planning, Jose Ayala – Planning and Zoning.

Audio/ Visual presentations are available online:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/TransportationCommission>

Chairman Klejst called the Transportation Commission meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1. Public Comment Period

No Comments

2. May and June Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kane suggested staff add a reference to the video/ audio presentations online for full transcript details regarding each meeting. He also suggested a reference be made to the final Ped/Bike Progress Report posted online to reflect his comments. Commissioners made a motion to accept both minutes as modified; Motion approved.

Updates to Receive (Consent Items)

The Commission received written updates about the following:

- NVTVA FY18-23 Six Year Plan
- WMATA Metro Shutdown Impacts – Summer 2019
- King Street-Old Town Metrorail Access Improvement Project
- Vision Zero Implementation

- Interdepartmental Long-Range Plan Work Program.

3. Commission Updates

Chairman Klejst: The DASH Bus fare increase took place this month with minimum feedback from the public. Chairman of the Board, Paul Abramson resigned and was replaced by David Kaplan.

Commissioner Jakubek: The Eisenhower West-Landmark Van Dorn Advisory Group met on May 24, 2018; nothing transportation related to report.

Commissioner Kane: The Traffic and Parking Board (T&PB) approved three “No Right Turn on Red” restrictions at South Pickett Street, Jamison Ave and Cameron Station Blvd. TP&B also approved an administrative procedure for the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services to administer No Right Turn on Red restrictions without the T&PB’s formal approval assuming there are no community objections. The T&PB approved the installation of a hawk signal at the intersection of Franklin and Alfred Street. The Traffic and Parking Board will meet July 23, 2018 to discuss a request to lower the speed limit on a portion of Route-1 from Monroe Street to Four Mile Run.

4. 2018 Transportation Long Range Plan – PUBLIC HEARING

Ramiro Ríos, Principal Planner and Transportation Commission Liaison, presented the final Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP) prioritized list of unfunded transportation projects, programs and studies created by the Transportation Commission. Public Hearing closed with no public comments. The Commission made a motion to adopt the Transportation Long Range Plan as presented; Motion carried.

5. Route 1 South Affordable Housing Strategy

Jose Ayala, Planning and Zoning Principal Planner provided background information on Route 1 South Affordable Housing Strategy and presented an update on the Strategy’s proposed draft Guiding Principle and Recommendations. Planning and Zoning staff has refined the Guiding Principle and Recommendations which were incorporated into the draft document released for community review. Ayala asked the commission to review and endorse the Mobility, Safety, and Neighborhood Connectivity Principle and Recommendations as part of the Route 1 South Housing Affordability Strategy. Vice-Chair McMahon made a motion to endorse as presented; Motion carried.

6. Other business

Chairman Klejst proposed a discussion regarding the status of the Vision Zero Implementation Projects. Commissioner Gonzalez asked for a list of short terms implementation items that staff is currently working on. Division Chief Christopher Ziemann stated that a written update on all items was provided in the June Docket. Staff will also provide an annual progress report to the Commission in February 2019 and regular updates will be made to the Vision Zero city website.

Staff provided the commission with a list of roles and responsibilities of the Transportation Commission and announced that the Transportation Commission retreat is scheduled for February 2019. Commission agreed that September 27th is the preference to attend the Alexandria Transit Vision Plan – Joint TC / ATC Board meeting. Staff will follow up on how many can attend the

meeting

Staff requested two commissioners to attend the Alexandria Transit Stakeholder Meeting on Sept 29, 2018. Staff provided a map of the King Street-Old Town Metro Access Improvement Project pedestrian impacts. Staff requested feedback on proposed changes to the Transportation Master Plan explaining that the term Transportation is traditionally “static” term that does not take into consideration many of the innovations in the sector such as “new mobility”. Staff proposes to update the 2008 Transportation Master Plan with an Urban Mobility Plan. Staff proposes a more holistic approach to become more people focused and includes infrastructure, vehicles, technology and regulation while supporting and incentivizing environmental & social sustainability. The Commission suggested including the hierarchy of modes of transportation and emphasizing safety.

At 8:46 pm, The Transportation Commission adjourned.

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