



City of Alexandria
Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

September 16, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chair Melissa McMahon, Vice-Chair Oscar Gonzalez, Commissioner Bruce Marsh, Commissioner Casey Kane, Commissioner John Goebel, Commissioner Bill Pugh, Commissioner Jeff Bennett, Commissioner Larry Chambers, Commissioner Alyia Gaskins.

Staff Present: Christopher Ziemann - Transportation Planning Division Chief, Jennifer Slesinger - Transportation Planning, Sharese Thomas - Transportation Planning, Jose Ayala – Department of Planning & Zoning.

Audio/Visual presentation is available online:

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

Chair McMahon called the Transportation Commission meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1. Electronic Meeting Notice

2. Public Comment Period

Former Vice-Chair Jake Jakubek sent his regards to the Commission and gave his final update on the Eisenhower West/Landmark-Van Dorn Advisory Committee (below).

3. February Meeting Minutes

Chair McMahon requested Commissioners first names be added to the attendance listing.

Motion to accept the minutes as amended: Commissioner Kane

Second: Commissioner Marsh

Motion carries with Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Chambers abstaining due to their recent appointment.

4. Commissioner Updates

Former Commissioner Jakubek: The Eisenhower West Landmark Van Dorn Advisory Group met on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. and discussed the developmental improvements for housing; no major Transportation issues were discussed. The next meeting date and time has not been confirmed yet.

Commissioner Gaskins: The next AMPAC meeting is on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. There will be some discussion on curbside management and the impact of community engagement due to COVID-19. The High School Project Advisory Group has not met yet.

Commissioner Marsh: The Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group (PYMIG) has not met, but the City has been issuing monthly updates on the [website](#). The next meeting is September 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kane: The Traffic and Parking Board (T&PB) is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 28.

Chair McMahon: The Planning Commission meet on September 1 and had a work session on the Environmental Sustainability Master Plan that goes along with The Potomac Yard North new development. During the work session the Transportation elements discussed were not aspirational enough in terms of the goals that the Commission would expect for a Metro Urban Development. Chair McMahon asked the Transportation Commissioners to review the Transportation element of the plan and give staff their feedback to submit to the Planning Commission (Planning Commission [docket item 4](#)).

Commissioner Pugh: The Environmental Policy Commission reviewed The North Potomac Yard Environmental Sustainability Master Plan focusing more on the climate, energy, and other elements. The Commission will be selecting their legislative priorities over the next few weeks and some of the legislative priorities may deal with transportation issues as it relates to climate. The Commission will keep the Transportation Commission abreast of its transportation related legislative priorities.

5. Election for Vice-Chair

ISSUE: Election for Vice-Chair

BOARD ACTION:

Motion to nominate Commissioner Gonzalez for Vice-Chair: Commissioner Kane
Second: Commissioner Goebel
Motion passed unanimously.

6. Work Session: 2020 Transportation Long Range Plan

DISCUSSION: Jennifer Slesinger, Transportation Planner presented this item, including an overview of the process and schedule, the scoring guidance, a recap of the Commissioner's emailed feedback, and an overview of each project. The Commissioners discussed changes to the scoring guidance including potential re-weighting of the Livability criteria.

BOARD ACTION:

The Commission reached consensus that no changes should be made this year, but next time the weighting should be revisited.

7. Action Item: FY 2027 CMAQ and RSTP

ISSUE: Consideration of the FY 2027 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) project funding requests.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission endorses the FY 2027 CMAQ /RSTP funding request and recommend City Council consideration and approval at the October 2020 Legislative session.

DISCUSSION: Christopher Ziemann, Transportation Planning Division Chief presented the FY 2026

approved CMAQ/RSTP and FY 2027 proposed CMAQ/RSTP.

BOARD ACTION: Motion to endorse FY 2027 CMAQ/RSTP funding request and recommend City Council consideration and approval at the October 6, 2020 Legislative Session: Commissioner Kane
Second: Vice-Chair Gonzalez
Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion Item: Legislative Priorities

ISSUE: Staff provided a recap of the 2020 Legislative Session and sought feedback on 2021 Legislative Priorities

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission share feedback on transportation legislative priorities for the 2021 short session of the Virginia General Assembly.

DISCUSSION: Staff proposed focusing on preserving funding for FY 2021 and pursuing Vision Zero initiatives. The Transportation Commission requested adding electric vehicle charging incentives as the third priority for the Commission.

9. Updates to Receive (Consent Items)

The Commission discussed the following topics from the Consent Items:

- A. WMATA (name deferral for the new Metro Station)

10. Other business

Staff presented updates to the CY 2020 Work Plan.

Staff presented a template for an electronic meeting policy. Commissioner Kane asked about the status of obtaining iPads for the Transportation Commissioners to enable improved virtual participation. Due to City-wide budget constraints, there are currently no funds available for iPads. In addition, staff will get clarification from the City Attorney's Office on the technology capabilities to support hybrid meetings and whether the policy would apply to subcommittees, such as the Alexandria Mobility Plan Advisory Committee.

Staff will make the revision to Commissioner Kane's last name on the FY20 Annual Report. The Chair approve and staff will submit to the City Clerk.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Kane volunteered to serve as the delegate for the Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Advisory Group
Second: Vice-Chair Gonzalez
Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

At 9:32 pm, the Transportation Commission adjourned.