



City of Alexandria
Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

January 16, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Council Workroom

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Yon Lambert -T&ES Director, Christopher Ziemann - Transportation Planning, Quanice Lawson – Transportation Planning.

Audio/ Visual presentations are available online:

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

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

1. Public Comment Period

No public Comment.

2. November Meeting Minutes

Commissioners accepted minutes as presented. Councilman Aguirre and Commissioner Jakubek abstained due to previous absence.

3. Updates to Receive (Consent Items)

The Commission received written updates about the following:

- Potomac Yard Metro Update
- 2019 WMATA Shutdown Update

4. Commissioner Updates

Chairman Klejst: The last DASH Board meeting was held on December 12, 2018. DASH ridership decreased in November approximately 5% presumably due to the government shutdown. The Student Ridership pilot program was expanded to include several high schools within the City and has recorded average ridership of 1,200 riders a week.

Commissioner Jakubek: The Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Advisory Group met on December 12, 2018. Jakubek stated that was little to report related to transportation but that he suggested the bus station be moved closer to the road. A Landmark Mall Re-Planning Process Community Workshop will be held on Jan 26, 2019 at The Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave from 10am to 2pm.

Commissioner Kane: The Traffic and Parking Board approved City recommendation to implement design adjustments from Mount Vernon Trail to Slaters Lane (north side). The board also approved several safety improvements on Monticello Blvd. The Residential Parking Plan Subcommittee held a meeting to review the current plan to determine the permitting fees and hours.

Commissioner Marsh: The Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group (PYMIG) held several meetings in the month of December. The Potomac Yard Metrorail Station project has completed all NEPA requirements, received a Record of Decision (ROD) on the preferred alternative by the Federal Transit Administration in October 2016, and received a ROD by the National Parks Service in November 2016. During the procurement process in 2017, it was determined that the cost of the station would need to increase from \$268m to \$320m due to increases in prices of materials and labor, and the south mezzanine would need to be removed. WMATA procured a Design-Build contractor for the project in 2018. During the summer / fall of 2018, the City worked with the Potomac Yard Metro Implementation Work Group (PYMIG) to recommend design changes to still accommodate access from the east and southwest, and a recommendation was made to provide a ramp from East Glebe Rd to the north skybridge. The Council adopted a DSUP Amendment for the design changes in December 2018. In November 2018, Amazon announced its decision to locate the second Amazon headquarters at National Landing, which includes a State contribution of \$50m toward the South entry of the station. The City and WMATA are currently working on design changes to accommodate the south entry, which will be determined by Spring 2019. The City is working with the State to secure the funding through various grant sources. In the meantime, WMATA is moving forward with the current approved design, and another DSUP amendment to refine the design to add the south entry will be needed in Spring/Summer 2019. The project is on schedule to begin operation in early 2022.

Commissioner Schroeder: The Environmental Policy Commission will hold an Eco-City Summit on March 9, 2019 at Francis C. Hammond Middle School at 9:30am - 12:30pm. The Environmental Action Plan draft plans will be released to the public in early March 2019.

5. FY2020 State Aid Grant Programs (DRPT Grants)

Yon Lambert, T&ES Director presented the FY2020 State Aid Grant Programs DRPT Grant Applications. Staff requested that the Commission endorse grant submissions totaling up to \$85,000,000. As a result of HB 1539, the City is requesting State Aid Grants administered by DRPT to provide support for transit and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs, projects and services. However, their granting sources may change due to the impending guidance changes with DRPT. The grant applications are due on or before February 1, 2019.

- Potomac Yard Metro Southern Entrance – approximately \$50,000,000
- Metroway Extension – approximately \$1,000,000
- DASH Bus Replacement – approximately \$8,000,000
- DASH Bus Expansion – approximately \$3,500,000
- DASH Hybrid Bus Powertrain Reconditioning – approximately \$900,00

The funds must be formally approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and the City

is working with all project partners to integrate this new funding prioritization and requirements due to HB 1539 into the project. Once the CTB approves the FY 2020 Six Year Program in the spring, the funds will be available on July 1, 2019. Vice Chair McMahon made a motion to endorse the submissions of FY2020 State Aid Grant Program - DRPT Grant applications. Motion approved.

6. Shared Mobility Pilot Program Update

Christopher Ziemann, Transportation Planning Division Chief provided the Transportation Commission with a high-level update on the shared mobility device pilot program. The City of Alexandria has approved one vendor to operate within the city’s jurisdiction. Several companies have expressed interest in the application process, while some are still under review. Ziemann provided a revised edition of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the shared mobility vendors.

7. Other business

- City staff confirmed date for the Joint Transportation Commission/ATC Board Meeting on February 13th at DASH Facility Board Room at 7pm.
- City staff confirmed the date for the upcoming 2019 Transportation Commission Retreat, taking place on March 2nd, 2019 at City Hall at 9am to 11am. Staff will send out calendar invites.

At 8:49 pm, The Transportation Commission adjourned.