



**City of Alexandria**  
Transportation Commission

**Regular Meeting**

September 19, 2018  
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 Alyia Gaskins, Commissioner Casey Kane, Commissioner Carolyn Schroeder, Councilman Timothy Lovain, Councilman John Chapman.

**Staff Present:** Yon Lambert – Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, Hillary Orr – Deputy Director, Transportation, Christopher Ziemann - Transportation Planning, Ramiro Alberto Rios - Transportation Planning, Quanice Lawson - Transportation Planning, Alexandria Carroll - Transportation Planning.

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

Chairman Klejst called the Transportation Commission meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**1. Public Comment Period**

Alexandria resident Dan Beady expressed pedestrian safety concerns on the Windsor avenue and Russell road intersection as well as speeding concerns on West Windsor avenue. Mr. Beady stated that Russell Road was recently repaved and haphazardly remarked with fractional crosswalk traffic markings, he would like staff to consider initiating safety improvements to these areas. Chairman Klejst asked staff to relay this concern to the appropriate T&ES staff as well as the Alexandria Police Department's Chief Brown to assist with traffic enforcement on Windsor Avenue. Yon Lambert, Director of Transportation of Environmental Services, confirmed that staff is currently working on several safety improvements on Russell Road.

**2. September Meeting Minutes**

Commissioners accepted the September minutes as presented.

### **3. Updates to Receive (Consent Items)**

The Commission received written updates about the following:

- City Manager Budget Guidance
- Route 1 Speed Limit Reduction
- Transportation Master Plan Update

Chairman Klejst proposed to commissioners to respond to the three questions asked in the Budget Guidance by the City Manager prior to the next commission meeting.

### **4. Commission Updates**

**Commissioner Dave Brown:** The planning Commission approved the Route 1 South Plan with a change to the name from Route 1 South to South Patrick Street Affordable Housing Strategy. Brown reported that there were residential concerns about the additional development creating a negative impact in the long run. However, the planning commission determined that the affordable housing objectives outweighed those concerns.

**Chairman Klejst:** Chairman Klejst reported on the pilot program to allow T.C. Williams students to ride DASH for free. DASH reported 1400 rides in June during the weekday and approx. 500 rides on the weekend. The Chairman offered his seat on the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group, and Commissioner Bruce Marsh accepted the task.

**Commissioner Jakubek:** The Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Advisory Group met on September 17, 2018. Jakubek reported that the West End Transitway costs are estimated at \$70 million. The Backlick Run Multi-use Trail project is proposed to include two sections; one east of Van Dorn Street, one west of Van Dorn Street. Planning for the new Landmark Mall development site is currently underway with SmartScale funds for pedestrian and bicycle improvements. Jakubek reported that the Multi-Modal bridge project is estimated to cost \$151 million. Dak Hardwick, Advisory Group Member, proposed a more cost-effective alternative: to rehabilitate and widen the bridge on Van Dorn Street.

**Commissioner Schroeder:** The Environmental Policy Commission had their annual retreat on September 8, 2018. The retreat covered the Environmental Action Plan and did a Kick-off for Phase Two that will include transportation.

### **5. Shared Mobility Pilot Program**

Hillary Orr, Deputy Director of Transportation, presented a high-level overview of the Shared Mobility Pilot Program.

- Shared Mobility Device (SMDs) are electric-assist bicycles and electric scooters (e-scooters) owned by private companies available to the public for rent via a smartphone app. These SMDs are intended for short trips and stored in the public space without a docking station.
- These devices are operating with permits in at least 17 cities as of June 2018 (NACTO). Washington, DC and Montgomery County, MD began pilot programs in September 2017 with extensions planned in both locations. The Arlington County Board will consider a pilot program on September 22, 2018.
- The city cannot ban companies from operating within the City. However, the City can provide oversight and regulations through permits and agreements with companies and prevent and remove unlawful obstructions to the right of way.
- City staff will update City Council on the community engagement process and a framework

for the pilot program in September 2018, including a public hearing in October 2018. The City plans to launch the pilot program in November 2018.

**6. Highway Safety Program Funding**

Alex Carroll, T&ES Complete Streets Planner, presented an overview of the Highway Safety Program (HSIP) grant application for the Commission's endorsement.

- The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)'s purpose is to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on all public roadways. It consists of four grant programs, one of which is the Highway Safety Program (HSP).
- The City is requesting approximately \$2.5 million for FY 2020-FY 2021 under the HSP grant to implement a mid-term recommendation from the South Patrick Street Housing Affordability Strategy: a 10-12'-wide landscaped median refuge island on South Patrick Street (Route 1) from Wolfe Street to Jefferson Street (replacing the current 4'-wide, concrete median) and narrowing the travel lanes to calm vehicular traffic.
- Commissioner Jakubek made a motion to endorse the FY 2020-FY 2021 HSP funding request and recommend City Councils consideration and approval at the September 25, 2018 Legislative session as presented, the motion carried.

**7. Other business**

The Commissioners confirmed their attendance at the Joint Transportation Commission/Alexandria Transit Company Board meeting to discuss the Alexandria Transit Vision Plan on September 27, 2018.

The commission also confirmed that Vice Chair McMahon and Commissioner Brown will attend the Alexandria Transit Visioning Plan Stakeholder Meeting on Sept 29, 2018.

This commission proposed moving the November 21, 2018 scheduled meeting to November 14, 2018 due to the proximity of the Thanksgiving holiday.

At 8:46 pm, The Transportation Commission adjourned.