



City of Alexandria
Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

November 15, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Council Workroom

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chairman Stephen Klejst, Vice-Chair Melissa McMahon, Commissioner David Brown, Commissioner Alyia Gaskins, Commissioner Oscar Gonzalez, Commissioner Casey Kane, Commissioner Carolyn Schroeder.

Staff Present: Ramiro Alberto Rios - Transportation Planning

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Vice-Chair Melissa McMahon called the Transportation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Public Comment Period

No public Comment.

2. October Meeting Minutes

Commissioners accepted minutes as presented. Chairman Klejst abstained due to previous absence.

3. Updates to Receive (Consent Items)

The Commission received written updates about the following:

- Funding Update
- WMATA Funding Update
- Alexandria Transit Vision Plan
- Holmes Run Trail
- Seminary Road Transurban Project

4. Commissioner Updates

Chairman Klejst: A DASH Board meeting was held on November 14, 2018. DASH ridership has increased ~~by to~~ 6 %. The Student Ridership pilot program was expanded to include several schools within the City and recorded ridership of 1,400 riders in October 2018 with minimal negative operational impacts ~~to the public~~. The Governor's office shared that the Volkswagen and Environment Mitigation trust settlement is expected to ~~provide~~ \$2.9 billion ~~made and will be made~~ available to ~~target~~ transportation entities.

Commissioner Kane: The Traffic and Parking Board approved city recommendation to implementing design adjustments from Mount Vernon trail to Slater 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 November. The most recent updates to report: the work group provided several recommendations for design enhancements on the East Glebe Road intersection that include a longer ramp and safety lighting improvements. The public voiced concerns about the metro station design and requested a dedicated bike lane on Potomac Avenue ~~trail~~. PYMIG also recommended an integrated staircase at the south entrance of Potomac Greens and requested that the City Council use grant funding for the Wetlands disturbance locally. The final Environmental Assessment from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is still pending.

Commissioner Schroeder: The Environmental Policy Commission held a public meeting on November 14, 2018 regarding the Environmental Action Plan (Phase ~~1~~2). The public asked several questions about the public engagement schedule.

5. Environmental Action Plan Update Discussion

Ramiro Rios, Long Range ~~Principle~~ Planner, Transportation Planning presented updated target goals for the Transportation Chapter for the Environmental Action Plan Update and asked the Commission to provide their feedback. Commissioners reviewed the goals and targets and will submit any additional comments to staff by November 30, 2018.

- Goal 1 Target: Reduce VMT per capita by 1% per year (by 2030).
- Goal 2 Target – Increase share of ALL trips taken by public transit, walking and biking by 20% based on the 2018 Mobility Survey (by 2023).
- Goal 3 Target – Finalize design and put into operation the two high-capacity Corridors B & C (by 2030).
- Goal 4 Target – Increase number of non-SOV commuting trips to 50%.

6. Calendar Year 2019 Transportation Commission Work Program Discussion

City staff provided the Transportation Commission with a work plan for the year ahead. For CY 2019, staff will provide a list of planning studies, transportation programs, projects of regional significance and other funding considerations that the Commission will consider throughout the year. Staff will present a draft work plan with these considerations during the November meeting for discussion. A few of the key initiatives in the upcoming year include:

- Alexandria Mobility Plan
- Vision Zero implementation annual report
- Smart Mobility Plan
- Capital Bikeshare expansion

- Landmark Mall Re-planning Process
- Eisenhower East Small Area Plan Update

7. Other business

City Staff requested that a Commissioner attend the next Commonwealth Transportation Board on November 28, 2018, Vice-Chair McMahon volunteered to attend. Staff requested feedback from the Commission on a preferred date for the Transportation Commission Retreat. Commission agreed on February 9th or 23rd, 2019.

At 9:32 pm, The Transportation Commission adjourned.