

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2009

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: SANDRA MARKS, PRINCIPAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNER,
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SUBJECT: POTOMAC YARD/METRORAIL FEASIBILITY UPDATE

This memorandum is to brief the Transportation Commission on the issues and status of the Potomac Yard Landbay F planning process and the Metrorail Feasibility workgroup.

The Potomac Yard Planning Advisory Group (PYPAG) hosted a community meeting to present the key elements of the plan. The proposed development plan envisions a comprehensive transportation element to support the increase in density including a Metrorail station, dedicated transitway, walkable street grid and on and off-street bicycle network. The plan will be released to the public for review and comment in November.

Major transportation issues that remain include the funding of the Metrorail station and major transportation infrastructure, protecting adjacent neighborhoods and connectivity between the proposed BRT/Streetcar and Metrorail stations. Additional information on plan can be found on the City website

The City and WMATA are in discussions with the National Park Service (NPS) regarding potential impacts of the proposed Metrorail Station on the NPS scenic easement and NPS property. The Master Plan will make a recommendation regarding a preferred station location as the City works through additional feasibility, design and funding issues.

Potomac Yard Plan: <http://alexandriava.gov/PotomacYardPlan>

Metrorail Feasibility: <http://alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=19982>.

Upcoming meetings:

Planning Commission Work Session	Thursday, November 5, 6:30 pm
Metrorail Feasibility Workgroup	Monday, November 9, 5:30 pm
PYPAG Meeting	Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 pm
City Council Work Session	Tuesday, November 24, 5:30 pm