



City of Alexandria
Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

March 28, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Council Workroom

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chair Stephen Klejst, Vice-Chair Melissa McMahon, Commissioner Bruce Marsh, Commissioner David Brown, Commissioner Alyia Gaskins, Commissioner Oscar Gonzalez, Commissioner Jake Jakubek, Commissioner James Lewis.

Staff Present: Hillary Orr - T&ES, Mary Martin - Public Works Services, Ramiro Alberto Rios - Transportation Planning, Quance Lawson - Transportation Planning.

Chairman Stephen Klejst called the Transportation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Public Comment Period

Chairman Klejst opened the Public Comment Period. Alexandria resident Maureen Dugan expressed concerns for herself and her neighbors regarding the Route 1 South Affordable Housing project regarding traffic congestion in the Southwest end of Old Town and increasing density on several blocks along Route one in Old Town. Dugan requested that the city consider looking at the overall traffic in Old Town and potential solutions to mitigate it.

2. February 21 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Jakubek asked staff to add comments to page three regarding the bridge pier discussion on the Norfolk Southern Multi-Modal Bridge update. Vice-Chair McMahon made a motion to approve the minutes as modified. Commissioner Jake Jakubek seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously approved.

3. Updates to Receive (Consent Items)

Commissioner Marsh asked T&ES staff to elaborate on the Dockless Bikeshare update. Ramiro Rios, T&ES Principal Planner, stated that City Staff is currently researching how other cities have set up legal and management frameworks for dockless bikeshare systems. The District of Columbia is finalizing reports on their Dockless Bikeshare pilot program, once completed staff plans to analyze their findings and make a better-informed decision. Hillary Orr added that there is an upcoming National City forum to discuss Dockless

Bikeshare experiences. Chairman Klejst asked if there are more than one DC Dockless bike companies and when their pilot program will end. Vice-Chair McMahan stated that there are about six companies in DC and their initial study period will end in April or May.

Vice Chair McMahan provided a brief background and update on the Route 1 South Affordable Housing Strategy. There is a possibility that contracts for these affordable housing units may not be renewed in view of a 2019 expiration date. City staff initiated a strategy to potentially help property owners retain their affordable housing agreements. McMahan and Ms. Dugan participated in several community outreach activities. McMahan emphasized that the traffic in this area is quite severe and many community members suggest reconfiguring the plan to incorporate more traffic calming tools. Chair Klejst asked to clarify if the traffic concerns are based on regional or local traffic patterns. Orr stated that the traffic congestion seems to be primarily regional traffic through Alexandria. Commissioner Gaskins asked where we are in the process and what are some of the short-term solutions. McMahan stated that the timeline is to present to City Council in June 2018. However, staff is still looking at community input and alternatives and this process may delay the timeline. Orr added that some of the short-term actions may be done in the first few years of the project's implementation, but larger action items will require funding. Jose Ayala, Neighborhood Planning Staff clarified that this plan is not a small area plan but a strategic plan to address affordable housing and bicycle and pedestrian safety. Commissioner Gonzalez asked about the timeline to get some of the short-term action items completed. Orr reiterated that some of these projects could be completed in the first two years of the project's implementation. McMahan asked how feasible it would be to do street striping. Orr stated that Route 1 was recently repaved and may require more design plan and funding than expected. Commissioner Gaskins asked how Vision Zero priorities overlaps into this Route 1 area. Orr stated that there are several high crash intersections identified along this corridor and staff plans to prioritize improvements in those areas. The Commission asked about parking and pedestrian crossing along Route 1. Orr stated that staff is implementing high visibility crosswalks in several intersections and implementing Leading Pedestrian Interval signals in various intersections.

4. Commission Updates

Commissioner Jakubek reported that the Eisenhower West-Landmark Van Dorn Implementation Advisory Group will meet on May 24, 2018. Commissioner Jakubek will provide more updates as they become available.

Chairman Stephen Klejst reported that Alexandria Transit Company (DASH) will hold a public hearing on the FY 2019 Transit Development Program on April 11, 2018 at Alexandria City Hall, to discuss proposed changes. In addition, the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project will hold a community meeting on April 4, 2018 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.

5. Resurfacing and Complete Streets

Mary Martin, T&ES Public Works Services Division Chief, provided an update on the current paving program and its coordination efforts with Complete Streets. In 2014, City Council transferred a significant amount of funds from the operating budget to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to help pave more streets throughout the city. A pavement schedule is developed using a tri-annual rating system where each street is analyzed and given a Paving Condition Index (PCI). Commissioner Oscar Gonzalez asked if the PCI rating could be increased based on the number of additional multi-modal improvements.

Staff responded that the PCI is only based on the condition of the road. McMahon asked if there are resources to help repair potholes. Staff stated that there is currently a [pothole patrol initiative](#) in place to help mitigate potholes within in the city.

Hillary Orr, T&ES Deputy Director, added that staff will initiate a new community-based survey this spring that will allow residents to suggest improvements to upcoming repaving projects. Commissioner Gaskins asked if there has been a timeline developed for community outreach. Orr stated that staff will have a live website that will be updated regularly along with E-NEWS web blasts. Commissioner Brown asked how the residents will know what options are available to them. Orr stated that the website will include a checklist and pictures to illustrate what each improvement will look like. Chairman Klejst asked if the pavement survey will be connected to the Call-Click-Connect website. Orr stated that the Call-Click-Connect website is generally used for work order and maintenance requests where the repaving survey will primarily focus on repaving and re-striping suggestions. Commissioner Brown asked about the general timeline target is for repaving streets. Martin stated that the standard is every eight to ten years.

6. Transportation Long Range Plan Process

Ramiro Ríos, Principal Planner and Transportation Commission Liaison, provided an overview of the City's Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP) process. The LRP is a prioritized list of unfunded transportation projects, programs and studies created and prioritized by the Transportation Commission. Once developed, the project list will be proposed to City Council for CIP approval. Rios provided a proposed 2018 LRP Schedule and asked the commission for guidance on the approval process. Staff proposes to move the CIP approval to December 2018 instead of June 2019. Given the changes in the CIP approval, a Public Hearing to adopt the Transportation Long Range Plan would have to be held in June 2018.

McMahon asked if the projects must be in the LRP in order to be considered for CIP funding. Staff stated that they cannot speak to each project and each funding source. Orr stated that the Commonwealth Transportation Board will hold a public hearing on April 26, 2018 to get input for the FY2019 plan. The city plans to bring forth some larger unfunded projects. Commissioner Lewis asked if it will be helpful to breakdown the list by cost amount. Orr stated that the main objective is to have one list. Rios stated staff plans to provide deliverables as soon as they become available. Commissioner Gaskins asked if there was more opportunity for public feedback during the last LRP process. Commissioner Jakubek stated that the Transportation Commission Public Comment period allows for public feedback on any topic including the LRP. Commissioner Lewis described the previous LRP process. Chairman Klejst asked if staff could send out the criteria requirements for each project before next meeting.

7. Other Business

Chair Klejst asked commissioners to contact city staff in the event of an absence and asked staff to provide a brief presentation on Commission duties. At 8:36 pm, James Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously approved.