

**FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2007**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank A. de la Fe, Chairman, Hunter Mill District
Earl L. Flanagan, Mount Vernon District
James R. Hart, At-Large
Nancy Hopkins, Dranesville District
Ronald W. Koch, Sully District
Kenneth A. Lawrence, Providence District
Timothy J. Sargeant, At-Large

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

Rodney L. Lusk, Lee District

OTHER COMMISSIONER PRESENT:

Walter L. Alcorn, Commissioner At-Large

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Janyce Hedetniemi, Vice-Chair, Braddock District
Jeff Parnes, Sully District

STAFF PRESENT:

Leonard Wolfenstein, Chief, Planning Division, Fairfax County Department of
Transportation (FCDOT)
Dan Stevens, Planning Division, FCDOT
Robert Owolabi, Coordination and Funding Division, FCDOT
Barbara J. Lipa, Executive Director, Planning Commission Office
Sara Robin Hardy, Assistant Director, Planning Commission Office
Linda B. Rodeffer, Clerk, Planning Commission Office

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Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Walter L. Alcorn constituted the meeting at 7:32 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia, pursuant to Section 4-102 of the Commission's *Bylaws & Procedures* and indicated that the first order of business was to elect a committee chairman.

Commissioner Flanagan MOVED TO NOMINATE FRANK A. DE LA FE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE 2007 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

Commissioner Hart seconded the motion which carried unanimously with Commissioner Lusk absent from the meeting.

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Commissioner Hart MOVED THAT THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 2006 AND DECEMBER 7, 2006 BE APPROVED.

Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion which carried unanimously with Commissioner Lusk absent from the meeting.

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Chairman de la Fe noted that over the past year, the Committee had reviewed various iterations of technical changes to the text and transportation-related figures in the four Area Plan volumes of the Comprehensive Plan to bring them into conformance with the revisions made to the Countywide Transportation Plan Map, as adopted by the Board of Supervisors on July 31, 2006. He said other changes had included updates to street names and completed transportation projects. Chairman de la Fe requested that Committee members inform Leonard Wolfenstein, Chief of the Planning Division, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), of any editorial and technical changes that should be made to the proposed Plan Amendment prior to the Planning Commission public hearing to be held on May 30, 2007.

Mr. Wolfenstein stated that staff had reviewed the text in the Area Plans to identify any discrepancies with the newly-adopted Countywide Transportation Plan Map and recommended revised Area Plan text as well as any other technical or editorial changes required. He explained that staff had compiled a table outlining the map and text changes and presented a draft document to the Committee and various community land use and transportation groups in each magisterial district for review and comment during the fall of 2006.

Mr. Wolfenstein addressed the technological challenges staff had faced in changing the text in the Area Plan transportation figures to correspond with the Countywide Map. He said the proposed transportation figures were posted as color PDF files on the Transportation Plan Update Web page so they were available to the public to review.

In response to a question from Commissioner Flanagan, Mr. Wolfenstein said staff would coordinate with the Planning Commission Office in the distribution of printed copies of the proposed Plan Amendment staff reports to appropriate locations.

Chairman de la Fe recommended that staff distribute to the Commission CDs that had the updated transportation figures. Mr. Wolfenstein agreed with this recommendation.

Chairman de la Fe also requested that groups previously briefed by staff be provided with the essential documentation so they could submit corrections.

Commissioner Hart pointed out that Figures F3 - Mosby Woods Community Planning Sector Interchange Recommendations and V1 - Lee Community Planning Sector Interchange Recommendations had identical maps. He also noted that those two figures in addition to F7 - George Mason Community Planning Sector Interchange Recommendations had misspelled "separated" and "warranted." He suggested that staff check the spelling throughout the figures.

Commissioner Lawrence indicated that Figures F4 - Fox Lake Community Planning Sector Interchange Recommendations and F3 - Mosby Woods Community Planning Sector Interchange Recommendations also had identical maps.

Chairman de la Fe requested that staff verify these figures. Mr. Wolfenstein commented that the planning sectors were not defined in the same way and did not reflect their exact boundaries. He explained that each figure showed an overall planning sector map and certain figures had more details regarding interchanges and access points.

Chairman de la Fe said each figure category referred to the planning sector and not the Countywide Transportation Plan Map itself. Mr. Wolfenstein replied that this had posed a challenge in converting the technology because the more detailed figures exceeded what was shown on the Transportation Plan Map.

Chairman de la Fe stated that the purpose of the Committee and public review and input process was to discover errors and ask questions.

Janyce Hedetniemi, Vice-Chair and Braddock District representative, Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC), announced that the TAC would meet on May 1, 2007 to review the proposed Plan Amendment and submit feedback in collaboration with staff.

Commissioner Flanagan suggested that the transportation figures have a scale and a notation that north was at the top. Chairman de la Fe replied that a scale was unnecessary since the figures would not be used to measure the lengths of the roads but to capture the changes to the roads and interchanges. Ms. Hedetniemi agreed and said she was concerned that the timeline would be further delayed if this suggestion was implemented.

Sara Robin Hardy, Assistant Director, Planning Commission Office, recommended that the figures have a number to correlate to the Transportation Plan Map and assist staff with answering questions. Chairman de la Fe concurred with this recommendation, noting that the Comprehensive Plan and table contained figure numbers.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Flanagan, Dan Stevens, Planning Division, FCDOT, indicated that FCDOT would coordinate with the Department of Planning and Zoning to format the Laurel Hill Plan map. Chairman de la Fe said the proposed Plan Amendment should reflect all approved transportation improvements and projects and changes to the Countywide Transportation Plan Map.

Commissioner Lawrence suggested that scales be featured on transportation figures as appropriate. Mr. Wolfenstein replied that the objective was to optimize the figures for readability and the figures were not intended to be measured to a particular scale.

Mr. Wolfenstein noted that staff would provide the Committee with the Area IV transportation figures.

Commissioner Lawrence commended the staff members who tackled the large volume of work and meticulous detail involved in this Transportation Plan update. Chairman de la Fe congratulated staff on this achievement and said a formal acknowledgement would be made at the public hearing. He reported that this was the first section of the Comprehensive Plan where the policy, maps, and figures all matched. Mr. Wolfenstein said Mr. Stevens deserved most of the credit since he completed the majority of the work with support from others.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.
Frank A. de la Fe, Chairman

For a verbatim record of this meeting, reference may be made to the audio recording which can be found in the Fairfax County, Virginia Planning Commission Office.

Meeting attended by: Linda B. Rodeffer
Minutes by: Kara A. DeArrastia

Approved: June 25, 2008

Linda B. Rodeffer, Clerk
Fairfax County Planning Commission