

**FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank A. de la Fe, Hunter Mill District, Chairman
James R. Hart, Commissioner At-Large
Ronald W. Koch, Sully District
Kenneth A. Lawrence, Providence District

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

John R. Byers, Mount Vernon District
Rodney L. Lusk, Lee District
Laurie Frost-Wilson, Commissioner At-Large

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shean Robinson, South County Federation

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Barker, Chairman, At-Large
Jeff Parnes, Sully District

STAFF PRESENT:

Leonard Wolfenstein, Chief, Planning Division, Fairfax County Department of
Transportation (FCDOT)
Dan Stevens, Planning Division, FCDOT
Barbara J. Lippa, Executive Director, Planning Commission Office
S. Robin Hardy, Assistant Director, Planning Commission Office
Linda B. Rodeffer, Clerk, Planning Commission Office

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Chairman Frank de la Fe convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Conference Room, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. He noted that the first order of business was approval of minutes.

Commissioner Hart MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF JULY 13, 2006 BE APPROVED.

Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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Chairman de la Fe announced that tonight the committee would continue discussion on Phase 2 of the Transportation Policy Plan Update.

Leonard Wolfenstein, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), explained that the Board of Supervisors had approved the Transportation Policy Plan on July 10, 2006 but had deferred action on the County-wide Transportation Plan map until July 31, 2006. He said on that date the Board had approved the map with two changes: reduce Hunter Mill Road from Vale Road to Mystic Meadow Way from four lanes to two lanes; and change Telegraph Road from Franconia Road to South Kings Highway to reflect the text in the Plan which indicated it was to be no wider than three lanes.

Mr. Wolfenstein further explained that Phase 2 entailed a review of the entire text of the Transportation Policy Plan and the four Area Plans to make sure they corresponded with the changes made to the transportation map. He said Dan Stevens, FCDOT, had completed this work as shown in the handout tonight, a copy of which is in the date file. Mr. Wolfenstein pointed out that changes for Areas 1 and 2 had been minimal and changes to Areas 3 and 4 had been substantial. He noted that the document was still being vetted by staff members who were familiar with the various areas and had not yet been finalized. Mr. Wolfenstein said the map and text changes would be presented to Land Use Committees or other appropriate committees in each magisterial district for review and comment.

In response to a question from Commissioner Lawrence, Chairman de la Fe said that the reason it had been decided to do it this way was to ensure that the map and text accurately reflected the approved Transportation Policy Plan in a timely manner which had not been done in the past. Responding to a question from Commissioner Koch, Mr. Wolfenstein said the Route 28 bypass in Centreville was the new name for the Tri-County Parkway. Mr. Wolfenstein said this was an example of part of a section that was not clear and should be left alone because it could not be changed without affecting the whole section. Commissioner Hart said the Route 28 Bypass would never be constructed because an alignment would not be approved in Fairfax or Loudoun County and also because it would never be funded.

Mr. Wolfenstein noted that presentations would be made to citizens associations prior to the next scheduled committee meeting on October 18, 2006 and that the formal process would hopefully begin in November.

Chairman de la Fe requested that the meeting schedule be posted on the Department of Transportation's website or at least be put on the public meetings calendar.

Mr. Wolfenstein explained that a presentation had been made to the McLean Citizens Association Transportation Committee on September 19 and a request had been made to add language about the Beltway HOT lanes between the Dulles Toll Road and the American Legion Bridge.

Robin Hardy, Assistant Director, Planning Commission Office, asked if the language requested by the MCA could be reflected on the map considering the fact that it was more of a policy textual change. Mr. Wolfenstein replied that he was just reporting concerns expressed at the meeting. Chairman de la Fe said undoubtedly such requests would be made at the community meetings and that citizens should be reminded of the purpose for this review.

Commissioner Hart asked if this process was not a forum for people to make suggestions when would they have an opportunity to do so? Chairman de la Fe said it could be done at the next APR cycle or the update of the Transportation Plan in five years.

In response to a question from Commissioner Hart, George Barker, Chairman, Transportation Advisory Commission, said that local changes should have been done at the time the map was adopted.

Chairman de la Fe noted that no changes had been made to the transportation map for the Tysons area, except for showing the location of the rail stations, pending the results of the Tysons Land Use Task Force study.

Commissioner Lawrence suggested that because this effort was only to make sure the map and the text were consistent, perhaps concerns raised could be saved until the next opportunity to consider them. Ms. Hardy said she would forward all such suggestions the Planning Commission received to FCDOT. Commissioner Hart suggested that an electronic suggestion box be established.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Frank A. de la Fe, Chairman

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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.

Minutes by: Linda B. Rodeffer

Approved on: October 18, 2006

Linda B. Rodeffer, Clerk
Fairfax County Planning Commission