

**FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2006**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

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

OTHER COMMISSIONER PRESENT:

Peter F. Murphy, Jr., Chairman, Springfield District

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Barker, Chairman, At-Large
Janyce Hedetniemi, Vice Chairman, Braddock 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
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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 BE APPROVED.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner de la Fe and 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 to reconcile language in the four Area Plans. (A draft of the proposed changes are in the date file.)

Leonard Wolfenstein, Planning Division, Fairfax County Department of Transportation, explained that staff had briefed civic associations and land use committees in the Braddock, Dranesville, Hunter Mill, Mason, Mount Vernon, Providence, and Sully Districts as shown in his handout, a copy of which is in the date file. He said that staff would visit the Lee District Land Use Committee on November 13, 2006 and the Springfield District/Fairfax Center Land Use Committee on November 14, 2006.

Mr. Wolfenstein said maps of the district and adjacent districts had been distributed at these meetings. He said staff had explained that it was a draft document and said comments could be sent to Dan Stevens, FCDOT. Mr. Stevens said to date he had not received any feedback and would send out reminder emails asking for questions and comments. Mr. Wolfenstein noted that general transportation questions had been asked at the meetings and no major issues had been raised.

Responding to a question from Chairman de la Fe, Mr. Wolfenstein said for the most part the update had been reviewed by staff knowledgeable with each of the Area Plans.

Commissioner Koch said the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) had proposed changes to Route 28, Braddock Road, and Walney Road and asked if it would be coordinated with the County. Chairman de la Fe noted that this had been one of the interchanges discussed during the review of the Plan map. Commissioner Hart said the map indicated there would be future interchange improvements and it would no longer be possible to cross Route 28 from Braddock or Walney Roads. George Barker, Chairman, Transportation Advisory Committee, said that the State had the authority to go forward with the changes without County approval. However, he said it would be in their best interests to work with the County to achieve a mutually satisfactory solution.

Commissioner Murphy said it was very important that County-wide civic groups such as the South County Federation and the Citizens Group for Land Use and Transportation, be given an opportunity to comment on the update. Mr. Wolfenstein said he had relied on TAC and the Supervisors' offices to identify which groups should be contacted. He noted that staff had met with the Mount Vernon Council's Transportation Committee and the South County Federation. Mr. Barker said two members of TAC, Jeff Parnes, Sully District, and Roger Hoskin, Mason District, were active with the Federation. Chairman de la Fe requested that staff contact the associations noted above and the Providence District Council as well.

Mr. Wolfenstein said the revised schedule would be as follows:

- November – meet with remaining groups and finalize proposed Phase 2 changes.
- December 1 – publish the final proposed Phase 2 changes.
- January 11 – Planning Commission public hearing.
- February – Board of Supervisors public hearing.

Commissioner Murphy said that the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) plan for the Fort Belvoir area, including the Engineering and Proving Ground, was very controversial and one of the main concerns was transportation and asked how that would fit into this process. Chairman de la Fe replied that the BRAC area, like the Tysons area, had not been included in this update because it would require a special study. Mr. Wolfenstein added that when the Transportation Plan had been adopted earlier this year, staff had been aware that the BRAC relocation transportation plan needed a closer look but it had not been possible to consider it as part of this process.

Commissioner Hart expressed concern that speakers at the Planning Commission public hearing in January would complain that the process was taking place during the holiday season. He said if possible, the dates should be moved forward. Chairman de la Fe said January could be optimistic but that this process should be completed as soon as possible.

Chairman de la Fe said that a reference to a parking lot on Sunset Hills Road west of Hunter Mill Road was still shown in the Area Plan and should be deleted, since the expanded lot at Wiehle and Sunset Hills had been constructed and would be further expanded as part of the Metrorail extension project. Mr. Wolfenstein noted that the underpass west of Reston Parkway and the Wiehle Avenue overpass had not been removed from the plan.

Barbara Lippa, Executive Director of the Planning Commission Office, requested that the schedule and draft plan be posted on the FCDOT website as soon as possible.

Chairman de la Fe said the Transportation Committee would meet again on November 29, 2006 to discuss the Dulles Metrorail Extension, 2232-MD06-10, and invited members of TAC to attend. He noted that this application was scheduled for a Planning Commission public hearing on December 7, 2006.

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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: November 29, 2006

Linda B. Rodeffer, Clerk
Fairfax County Planning Commission