

**FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

PRESENT: Mary D. Cortina, Braddock District, Chairman
Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner, Providence District
Candice Bennett, Commissioner At-Large
Timothy J. Sargeant, Commissioner At-Large

ABSENT: Daniel G. Lagana, Franconia District
Walter C. Clarke, Mount Vernon District

OTHERS: John C. Ulfelder, Dranesville District
John A. Carter, Hunter Mill District
Daren Shumate, Mason District
Peter Murphy, Springfield District
Evelyn S. Spain, Sully District
Thomas Burke, Site Analysis and Transportation Planning Division (SATPD),
Department of Transportation (FCDOT)
Michael Garcia, SATPD, FCDOT
Jeffrey Hermann, SATPD, FCDOT
Kevin Jackson, Senior Deputy Clerk, Planning Commission

ATTACHMENTS:

A. PA 2021-CW-T2 & PA 2019-III-T1 POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

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Chairman Cortina called the meeting to order at 8:49 p.m. in Conference Room 11 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

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Chairman Cortina announced that tonight's meeting would feature a presentation from Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) staff regarding the upcoming plan amendments, PA 2021-CW-T2 and PA 2019-III-T1, Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield Parkways/Fairfax County Parkway at Burke Centre Parkway.

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Chairman Cortina announced that the minutes for the December 9, 2021 Transportation Committee meeting was before the committee for approval and entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Sargeant **MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 9, 2021.**

Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0. Commissioners Clarke and Lagana were absent from the meeting.

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Thomas Burke, Department of Transportation (FCDOT); Michael Garcia, FCDOT; and Jeffrey Hermann, FCDOT gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Plan Amendment for Fairfax County Parkways at Franconia-Springfield Parkway and at Burke Centre Parkway, a copy of which is included in Attachment A, which covered the following topics:

- A general overview of this effort, including the purpose, timeline, and processes followed;
- Overview of key takeaways from the public engagement process and operational analyses;
- Considerations for multimodal forms of transportation including both bicycle/pedestrian and transit;
- Review staff's findings and final recommendations for Fairfax County Parkway, which was organized into the following five segments:
 - Route 7 to Franklin Farm Road;
 - Franklin Farm Road to Route 123;
 - Route 123 to Franconia-Springfield Parkway;
 - Franconia-Springfield Parkway to Richmond Highway; and
 - Fairfax County Parkway to Beulah Street.
- Review of the timeline for implementation and associated costs;
- Review of the next steps including consideration of the proposed plan amendments by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

There was a discussion between Mr. Burke, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Hermann, and multiple Committee members on the following issues:

- Clarification on whether staff studied cost saving measures regarding the reduction of intersections in the proposed plan amendment;
- Discussion on whether the Burke Center Conservancy was satisfied with the solution staff provided to their concerns;
- Clarification on the plan for the Route 123/West Ox Road interchange on Segment 3, which was intended to move traffic more efficiently;
- Discussion on the timeline for implementation on the plan amendment proposals for Segment 4, which included the Franconia/Springfield Parkway to Richmond Highway interchange;
- Concern regarding potential safety concerns regarding the traffic flow from industrial development along the Fairfax County Parkway in the event of an emergency;
- Concerns regarding the current structure of the single lane underpass on Segment 4 near the Embassy Hotel and the train tracks;
- Concerns regarding signage on parts of Segment 5, particularly at the intersections of Rolling Road and the Fairfax County Parkway;
- Concerns regarding pedestrian/bicycle access on the Cross County Trail (CCT) and there being no way for passage without crossing 10 lanes of traffic;

- Discussion on whether the speed limit for parts of Fairfax County Parkways managed by VDOT was still 55 MPH and if that would be a concern for future implementation of this proposal;
- The extent to which modifications along the Fairfax County Parkway supported and complemented existing development;
- Discussion on the community-based planning process that resulted in this proposal, how staff addressed community feedback/concerns, and how they intended to work with the various resource limitations;
- Confirmation that there would be additional opportunities for public comment before the plan amendments go before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for consideration;
- Clarification on whether the County was able to access additional federal infrastructure funding;
- Discussion on how the Comprehensive Plan could be amended to include electric vehicles (EV) and charging stations technology as a priority;
- Discussion on the funding opportunities available for the County to invest in EV infrastructure;
- Discussion on the gaps between applicant/development approval and the County's transportation priorities;
- The possibility for further coordination between staff, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the community to evaluate issues related to speed limits and transportation improvement priorities; and
- Request from the Commission for more frequent briefings between the Committee and FCDOT staff on the County's transportation infrastructure priorities and long-term vision.

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Chairman Cortina thanked staff and adjourned the meeting.

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CLOSING

February 16, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.
Mary D. Cortina, Chairman

An audio recording of this meeting is available in the Planning Commission Office,
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Minutes by: Kevin Jackson
Approved: 5/11/2023

Jacob Caporaletti
Jacob Caporaletti, Clerk
Fairfax County Planning Commission

County of Fairfax
Commonwealth of Virginia
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16 day of May 2023 by

Jessica N. Fuentes-Martinez
Signature of Notary

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Notary registration number: 8050379
Commission expiration: 03/31/2027



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