



County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County

Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting Notes

REGULAR MEETING – October 20, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

Held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Web Site: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/tac/meetings>

Note-Taker: Linda Sperling

TAC Members in Attendance: Chair Mike Champness (Dranesville), Vice Chair MaryPauline Jones (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board), Secretary Roger Hoskin (Mason), Linda Sperling (At-Large), Kevin Morse (Braddock), Alexis Glenn (Lee), Pete Sitnik (Mount Vernon), Jeremy Hancock (Providence) and Eric Thiel (Springfield).

TAC Members Absent: M. David Skiles (Sully).

Others in Attendance: Dale Castellow and Eta Nahapetian, Department of Economic Initiatives; FCDOT staff: Nicole Wynands, John Zarbo, Brent Riddle, Tonya McCreary, Anna Nissinen, Chris Wells, Sara Husain and Calvin Lam.

Special Guests/Observers: Rachel Flynn, Deputy County Executive, Tom Biesiadny, Director, FCDOT, John Andrews, Regional Sales Manager, New Flyer Industries Inc., and Doug Povich.

Opening Remarks of Chair, Roll Call, and Electronic Meeting and FOIA Procedures

The meeting was called to order by Chair Champness at 7:34 p.m. To fulfill procedural obligations of virtual meetings, Chair Champness and Vice Chair Jones performed the opening procedures for a virtual meeting via WebEx. The meeting notes from the September 15th meeting were presented and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Update on Public Outreach Strategy for the ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan

Nicole Wynands with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation provided an update on the ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan. This plan was designed to bring together the myriad of different trails—for pedestrians and bikes—throughout the County.

The ActiveFairfax Transportation plan will accomplish a number of tasks, beyond the much-needed reconciliation of the reconcile the Bicycle Master Plan, Countywide Trails Plan and regional connectivity in Area Plans. It will coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions, identify and address missing links in the network and improve access to activity centers, schools, parks and transit, bring the planned regional bicycle and trails network recommendations up to current standards, reinforce Active Transportation as a key element to Placemaking and provide guidance for context sensitive street design

A tremendous amount of progress has been made on this project. A public website is launching in October, as is a working group on the systematic safety action plan. In November, a number of public engagement strategies will be launched, including community meetings, an interactive map, and targeted outreach to low-income and minority communities.

Implementation of Connected Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) Mosaic District Demonstration

Dale Castellow and Eta Nahapetian with the Fairfax County Department of Economic Initiatives reviewed the Relay project, which is a connected autonomous vehicle (CAV) that launched in the Mosaic District in October (a few days after the meeting).

Relay connects the Mosaic District to the Dunn Loring metro stop and is the outcome of a many-years long project designed to improve transportation options in our community, and ultimately support the Fairfax County Strategic Plan.

This project began with a series of meetings in 2016, 2017 and 2018—including the Smart Cities Readiness Workshop that was attended by a number of members of the TAC.

There are a number of partners responsible for making the Ready CAV project come to fruition, including not only Fairfax County but also Dominion Energy, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Virginia Transportation Research Council (VTRC) and Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI), the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), EDENS (the developer of the Mosaic District), Easily Mile (the shuttle manufacturer), Transdev and the George Mason School of Business.

This is not only an incredibly exciting project, and an opportunity to learn a lot that can help us moving forward, but really a truly groundbreaking exercise.

Public Comment Period

There were no members of the public attending the meeting who wished to speak.

Other Business and Announcements

Commissioners discussed the agenda for the next meeting, as well as plans for the annual TAC holiday dinner and agenda for the December TAC meeting. The 2020 TAC award was discussed, with potential award winners nominated. Also discussed was creation of an award for the previous TAC Chair, for all of the work that he did during his long tenure on the TAC.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 p.m.



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Proposed Topics for Future Meetings

- Update on curbside management study – Henri Stein McCartney (FCDOT)
- Follow-on TDM discussions
- Facilitated TAC Work Plan Priorities Development Working Session
- Presentation on Implementation Results of Fairfax Connector Routes 697, 698 and 699
- General Assembly Special Session Update
- Review results of EDA Richmond Highway Corridor market assessment (end of 2020)
- Tour of the VDOT Operations Center at the McConnell Public Safety & Transportation Operations Center (Contingent upon COVID-19 situation)
- Visit and Review Mosaic District Autonomous Shuttle Service (Contingent upon COVID-19 situation)
- Shared Mobility Devices (SMDs) (November 19, 2019 – Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance governing the use of SMDs, effective January 1, 2020)
- Conversation with Uber, Lyft, and Via
- Joint meeting with Planning Commission's Transportation Committee to discuss future development and any changes that might be needed in planning and zoning guidelines to account for ways in which technology advances impact the future work environment.

Upcoming Events/Other Meetings:

Board Transportation Committee Meetings

- **November 10, 2020 at 1:30 pm**
- **December 8, 2020 at 9:30 am**

Upcoming TAC Meetings:

October 6, 2020	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
October 20, 2020	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
November 3, 2020	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
November 17, 2020	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
December 1, 2020	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
December 15, 2020	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
January 5, 2021	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
January 19, 2021	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
February 2, 2021	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
February 16, 2021	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)