



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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## Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting Notes

### REGULAR MEETING

**January 17, 2023, at 7:30 pm**

Location: Virtual Meeting

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

Note-Taker: Roger Hoskin

**TAC Members in Attendance:** Chair Mike Champness (Dranesville), Secretary Roger Hoskin (Mason), Linda Sperling (At-Large), Kevin Morse (Braddock), Matt Bechak (Franconia), Phylicia Woods (Hunter Mill), Matt Bechak (Lee), Jeremy Hancock (Providence), Eric Thiel (Springfield), and Christy Garton (Fairfax Area Disabilities Services Board – FADSB)

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

The Mount Vernon District's position remains vacant.

**Others in Attendance:** FCDOT staff members included Brent Riddle and Calvin Lam.

**Special Guests/Observers/Public:** Mike Perel (Braddock District), Aging Commission, and Amanda Brain, citizen, Dranesville District.

### Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Chair Champness at 7:37 pm. The Chair then proceeded with the protocol necessary to justify a virtual meeting.

To fulfill procedural obligations of virtual meetings, Chair Champness and Commissioner Morse performed the opening procedures for a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams. Meeting recordings and materials will be posted online at:

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/tac/meetings](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/tac/meetings)

The location of each member was announced by voice since they are participating remotely.

- At-Large: Linda Sperling – Clifton
- Braddock District: Kevin Morse – Burke
- Dranesville District: Mike Champness – Detroit, Michigan
- Mason District: Roger Hoskin (Secretary) – Falls Church
- Franconia District: Matt Bechak - Alexandria

- Hunter Mill District: Phylicia Woods – Herndon
- Mount Vernon District: VACANT
- Providence District: Jeremy Hancock – Orange County, California
- Springfield District: Eric Thiel – Fairfax Station
- Sully District: M. David Skiles – Not present
- Fairfax Area Disabilities Services Board: Christie Garton – McLean

The Chair made a first motion to *"determine that each member's voice can be adequately heard by each other member of this Commission."* It was seconded by Commissioner Thiel and unanimously approved.

The Chair made a second motion that *"the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for this Commission to physically assemble and unsafe for the public to physically attend any such meeting. I further move that this Commission may conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated audio-conferencing line, and that the public may access this meeting by Microsoft Teams online platform or by calling: 1-571-429-5982, phone conference ID: 361 246 634#. The phone number for ADA is 711. Access information is also available at the TAC website at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/tac/meetings](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/tac/meetings)".* It was seconded by Commissioner Thiel and unanimously approved by the Commission.

The Chair made a third motion that *"all of the matters on the agenda previously furnished and posted on the TAC website are necessary for continuity in Fairfax County government, and/or are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of this Commission's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities."* It was seconded by Commissioner Thiel and unanimously approved by the Commission.

## **Minutes**

Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the Minutes from the November 2022 meeting. It was seconded by Commissioner Hancock, with an abstention from Chair Champness. The Commission unanimously approved the November Minutes.

Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 2022 meeting with minor edits, and Commissioner Hancock seconded it. The Commission unanimously approved the December Minutes.

## **Preparation for The Joint Meeting with The Board of Supervisors (BOS)**

The planned joint meeting with the BOS is to be rescheduled. The TAC got a briefing on AMOE last month. That product is still under development; AMOE is not yet a ripe topic for the TAC/BOS meeting. Discussion on AMOE ranged from unnecessary to it could illuminate planning by incorporating other measures of effectiveness than simple level of service, meaning vehicle throughput.

This discussion was a segue into a discussion of the 2023 Work Plan. The discussion developed along the lines of focus areas ranging from land use and zoning, post-pandemic work situations, alternative transportation modes, equity, and more. Policies that are derived from these are

things like "Active Fairfax," Vision Zero, and Complete Streets. Topics that come to the TAC come out of the focus areas. The TAC should continue to develop Commissioner's interest in focus areas. The output of this study would be items we could use to offer advice to the BOS.

A suggestion was made that we should have a year-end report highlighting accomplishments in light of the Work Plan. It is noted that there were some accomplishments last year, especially regarding Route 1 and safe routes to school.

### **Public Comment Period**

Commissioner Mike Perel of the Aging Commission attended the meeting to learn about the TAC. He shared a link to the survey of older adults from 2019. The link is available at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/50-plus-community-survey>

### **Selection of 2022 TAC Transportation Achievement Award Recipient(s)**

The Selection Subcommittee did not have a consensus on the award winner; therefore, the Subcommittee decided to open the process up to the entire TAC. Commissioner Hancock, Chair of the Selection Subcommittee, made a motion for the TAC to go into a Closed Session. It was unanimously approved by the Commission.

*It is "pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(11) for the purpose of discussion and consideration of a special award. The subject matter to be discussed and considered is the annual Transportation Achievement Award. The Award recognizes the outstanding performance by a Fairfax County employee who, through exceptional performance, has made contributions which advance or support the objectives of the County Transportation Plan. The Award also recognizes the original contribution made by an employee toward enhancing the quality of transportation in Fairfax County."*

After discussion, Commissioner Hancock made a motion to come out of the Closed Session, which the Commission unanimously approved. The TAC unanimously voted for the Burke VRE Connector Trails Phase IV Project Team as the 2022 TAC Transportation Achievement Award recipient.

### **Other Business and Announcements**

Possible 2023 agenda topics were briefly highlighted. The topic for **February 2023** will be the general update of the I-66 Express Toll Lanes.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Hoskin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Morse seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 pm.