



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting Notes

REGULAR MEETING – November 16, 2021 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), Vice Chair MaryPauline Jones (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board), Secretary Roger Hoskin (Mason), Linda Sperling (At-Large), Kevin Morse (Braddock), Kelley Westenhoff (Hunter Mill), Alexis Glenn (Lee), Pete Sitnik (Mount Vernon), Jeremy Hancock (Providence), Eric Thiel (Springfield), and David Skiles (Sully).

TAC Members Absent: N/A

Others in Attendance: Rachel Flynn, Deputy County Executive; Tom Biesiadny, FCDOT Director; and Shyamali Hauth, Transportation Aide, Hunter Mill District. FCDOT staff: Jeff Hermann, Greg Fuller, Zachary Larnard, Marc Dreyfus, Nina Aamodt, Brent Riddle, and Calvin Lam.

Special Guests/Observers/Public: N/A

Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Chair Champness at 7:35 pm. To fulfill procedural obligations of virtual meetings, Chair Champness and Commissioner Jones performed the opening procedures for a virtual meeting via WebEx. Meeting recording and materials will be posted online at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/tac/meetings

The location of each member was announced by voice because they are participating remotely from their private residence.

- Chair Michael Champness – McLean
- Linda Sperling (At-Large) – Clifton
- Kevin Morse (Braddock) - Burke
- Kelley Westenhoff (Hunter Mill) – Reston
- Alexis Glenn (Lee) – Alexandria
- Secretary Roger Hoskin (Mason) – Falls Church
- Pete Sitnik (Mount Vernon) – Mount Vernon
- Jeremy Hancock (Providence) – Falls Church
- Eric Thiel (Springfield) – Fairfax Station

- David Skiles (Sully) - Chantilly
- Vice Chair MaryPauline Jones (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board) – Herndon

Chair Champness 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 Hoskin, and unanimously approved.

Chair Champness 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 WebEx online platform or by calling: 1-415-655-0001 or 1-844-621-3956 Toll Free and entering the Access Code: 2338 029 2429. The phone number for ADA is 711. Access information is also available at the TAC website at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/tac/meetings"*. It was seconded by Commissioner Westenhoff, and unanimously approved by the Commission.

Chair Champness 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 Morse, and unanimously approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Westenhoff made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting as modified by the Chairman via email. It was seconded by Commissioner Sitnik and were approved by the Commission with Commissioner Morse abstained.

Agenda and Discussion Topics:

Discussion on Complete Streets

Deputy County Executive Rachel Flynn led the discussion on the Complete Streets. Complete streets are streets for all people regardless of mode. The presentation began with a brief history of how we got here; from country roads in colonial times to the post World War II car-centric development. Transportation development was based on level-of-service for automobiles. Complete streets are designed for all users motorized, pedestrian, bicycles, and other modes. Level-of-service design leads to road expansion. Induced demand results in added congestion; that is, one cannot build one's way out of congestion, and the roads thus built, do not accommodate pedestrians and other traffic.

A complete streets policy would promote slower speeds for auto traffic, streetscape to create a sense of place, limiting arterials to six lanes, add on-street parking, well-designed sidewalks, and bike lanes to induce pedestrian and bike travel, and add crosswalks to reduce incidents of jay-walking.

FCDOT Presentation, Implementation of Complete Streets

Zachary Larnard, FCDOT, presented staff's presentation on the Complete Streets. Urban Street Standards are the basis of Complete Streets. Urban Street standards were outlined, and the County is already implementing these street standards. These standards have been approved for Tysons Corner, Reston, Herndon. The Innovation Center and Richmond Highway Corridor are next.

The supporting pillars are in place, and implementation requires integration into a complete policy for Complete streets countywide

Other Business

The remainder of the meeting concerned the 2021 TAC Transportation Achievement Award. The Awards committee should present a result on December 14. In addition, the TAC planned an outing to Mosaic to see the Autonomous Vehicle Project.

Public Comment Period: N/A

December TAC events planning

- December 7: Present 2020 TAC Award and Lifetime Achievement Award (if BOS schedule can accommodate)
- December 9: Visit Mosaic District Connected Autonomous Vehicle Project (daytime field trip), followed by a potential social event

Other Business and Announcements

- Agenda for December TAC Meeting
- Chair's Report
- Commissioners' Updates

Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 pm. It was seconded by Commissioner Sitnik and unanimously approved by the Commission.