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Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting Notes

REGULAR MEETING

December 20, 2022, 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), Kevin Morse (Braddock), Phylcia Woods (Hunter Mill), Matt Bechak (Lee), Jeremy Hancock (Providence), Eric Thiel (Springfield).

TAC Members Absent: Linda Sperling (At-Large), M. David Skiles (Sully), and Christy Garton (Fairfax Area Disabilities Services Board – FADSB)

Chair Champness announced that Vice Chair Sitnik had resigned from his position. Therefore, the Mount Vernon District representative was vacant.

Others in Attendance: FCDOT staff members included Tom Biesiadny, Director; Gregg Steverson, Deputy Director; Brent Riddle; and Calvin Lam.

Special Guests/Observers/Public: Rachel Flynn, Deputy County Executive; Shyamali Hauth, Hunter Mill District Office. Mr. Pete Siknik joined at the beginning of the meeting to say goodbyes to the Commissioners.

Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Chair Champness at 7:38 pm. The Chair then proceeded with the protocol necessary to justify a virtual meeting.

To fulfill procedural obligations of virtual meetings, Vice Chair Sitnik and Secretary Mason performed the opening procedures for a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams. Meeting recording and materials will be posted online at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/tac/meetings

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

- At-Large: Linda Sperling – Not present
- Braddock District: Kevin Morse – Burke
- Mason District: Roger Hoskin (Secretary) – Falls Church

- Dranesville District: Michael Champness - McLean
- Franconia District: Matt Bechak - Franconia
- Hunter Mill District: Phylicia Woods – Fairfax
- Mount Vernon District: VACANT
- Providence District: Jeremy Hancock – South Carolina
- Springfield District: Eric Thiel – Fairfax Station
- Sully District: M. David Skiles – Not present
- Fairfax Area Disabilities Services Board: Christie Garton – Not present

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 Hancock 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: 632 688 679#. 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 Hancock 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 Hancock and unanimously approved by the Commission.

Minutes

The Minutes from the November meeting will be available for consideration next month.

Introduction to Additional Measures of Effectiveness (AMOE)

Gregg Stevenson, Deputy Director, FCDOT, introduced the general concepts of the Additional Measures of Effectiveness (AMOE). AMOE represents a change in procedures and analysis to evaluate transportation projects. Historically, the main measure of effectiveness was Level of Service (LOS), a quantitative measure primarily referring to vehicle delay and queuing. The new strategy aims to make transportation analysis more multi-modal, with a balance of specific analysis related to pedestrians, bicycles, and transit. The new approach would show the impacts of improving one mode of transportation or other often competing modes. Such an approach would necessitate a measure of effectiveness for alternative modes and allow more comprehensive decisions among sometimes competing modes as well as identifying possible complementarities.

AMOE becomes an input to the overall process, changes how the County will evaluate impacts, and provides a way to trade-offs among transportation mode types. AMOE should be adaptable based on the area of the County and assess new measures of effectiveness.

The working group consisted of multiple Agencies, including the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, the Department of Planning and Development, the Fairfax Health Department, and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The task force considered over 35 measures of Effectiveness(MOE). A threshold measure was determined for each MOE. Once completed, the implementation phase begins with meetings with the Board of Supervisors, and new measures will be revised based on BOS input. The output will include a users guide to aid the implementation of the methods of analysis.

Commissioners' discussions questioned whether this approach simply added another layer of paperwork to the process; the era of simply widening roads has been over for some time. This newer approach to analysis would permit, in some areas, a formal emphasis on alternative measures, not just LOS. Areas like Tyson's Corner emphasizing pedestrian or transit access have already altered planning away from auto use. The AMOE would formalize the process and make the process more objective. Another issue was the receptiveness of VDOT to the change. VDOT has traditionally been driven by LOS. Getting to change in outlook will require outreach effort.

Status of 2022 TAC Transportation Achievement Award

The TAC has received two nominations for the 2022 TAC Transportation Achievement Award. The subcommittee considering the nominations could have a recommendation by the January meeting.

Other Business and Announcements

Possible topics for future meetings were discussed. I-66 Express Toll Lanes was a possible topic for January 2023. The TAC considered a possible joint meeting with the Board in January or February 2023.

Adjournment

Commissioner Morse made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Commissioner Hoskin. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm.