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Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting Notes

REGULAR MEETING – March 15, 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), Vice Chair MaryPauline Jones (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board), Secretary Roger Hoskin (Mason), Linda Sperling (At-Large), Kevin Morse (Braddock), Pete Sitnik (Mount Vernon), Jeremy Hancock (Providence), M. David Skiles (Sully), and Eric Thiel (Springfield).

TAC Members Absent: Alexis Glenn (Lee) and Kelley Westenhoff (Hunter Mill)

Others in Attendance: FCDOT staff: Martha Coello, Marcus Moore, and Calvin Lam (Staff Liaison to the TAC).

Special Guests/Observers/Public: N/A

Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Chair Champness at 7:33 pm. Chair Champness then proceeded with the protocol necessary to justify a virtual meeting.

To fulfill the 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.

- Linda Sperling (At-Large) – Clifton
- Kevin Morse (Braddock) – Burke
- Chair Michael Champness – McLean
- 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) – present (wasn't present at the time but joined late)
- 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 Sitnik 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 Microsoft Teams online platform or by calling: 1-571-429-5982, phone conference ID: 692 790 810. 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 Hoskin 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.

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the February Minutes. It was seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved unanimously.

Silver Line Phase 2 Update

Martha Elena Coello of the FCDOT Special Projects Division presented an update of the Metro Dulles Corridor Phase 2 project. Phase 2 of the project is substantially complete, on time, and on budget. All stations and tracks and the rail yard are substantially complete. Substantially completed means that MWAA and the major contractors agree the contract has been fulfilled. The next phase is operational readiness testing. At this point, WMATA has access to the system, conducts operational testing and simulated service, MWAA and the contractors conclude any details. Once operational readiness is achieved, the project is turned over to WMATA. A parallel process is ongoing; this is the safety and security commission, an independent commission which certifies that the project meets all safety standards.

Fairfax County has obligations in this project to construct two parking garages and other ancillary facilities, and these are complete. The maintenance and operations agreement outlines in detail which agency or governmental unit is responsible for different parts of the system. These procedures are a prelude to system opening, which could be mid-year.

Commissioner questions centered on budget; the project appears to be within budget. However, the budget has been adjusted for various contingencies. Further questions were raised regarding the new bus routing associated with opening Phase 2 of the Silver Line.

Feedback from 2022 Work Plan Presentation to Board Transportation Committee (BTC)

The TAC presented the 2022 Workplan to the Board of Supervisors. The Plan was favorably received by the Board. A central comment was that the TAC was indeed expected to be independent of FCDOT in order to provide an honest and transparent analysis of issues.

Public Comment Period

Since there were no members of the public present, there were no comments.

Other Business and Announcements

Agenda items for April 2022 meeting

- Streetlight outages and repair remedies

Possible Future meeting topics

- Richmond Legislative update
- Bus Service to underserved areas

Adjournment

Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 pm. It was seconded by Commissioner Morse and unanimously approved by the Commission.