



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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## Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting Notes

**REGULAR MEETING – May 17, 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), Eric Thiel (Springfield), Alexis Glenn (Lee), Kelley Westenhoff (Hunter Mill), and M. David Skiles (Sully).

**TAC Members Absent:** All present

**Others in Attendance:** Noelle Dominguez, Coordination Section Chief, FCDOT. Calvin Lam FCDOT and Staff Liaison to the TAC.

**Special Guests/Observers/Public:** N/A

### Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Chair Champness at 7:34 pm. Chair Champness then proceeded with the protocol necessary to justify a virtual meeting.

To fulfill procedural obligations of virtual meetings, Chair Champness and Vice Chair Jones 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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/tac/meetings)

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

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

- M. David Skiles (Sully) – Chantilly
- Mary Pauline Jones (Fairfax Area Disabilities Service 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: 417 730 082#. 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 Sitnik 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.

## **Agenda**

Acceptance of April minutes meeting as amended.

## **Transportation Funding Overview – Legislative Update**

The Legislative update covered regional and State actions. Funds were diverted from the Regional Authority to fund the Region's obligations to Metro. Recovering those funds was an objective in this session and was partially successful. The funds are being recovered from other revenues. On the State level, a five cent-a-gallon gas tax recess for the year is proposed but not in the final budget. New Federal revenues are unlikely to address all fund reductions. The proposed reduction in grocery sales tax may come out of transportation revenues.

There were several transportation safety proposals in this session. The Board would have liked to have gotten the authority to reduce speed limits in business and residential districts. Given VDOT's interpretation, VDOT still retains control of speed limits on Fairfax County roads and streets.

## **Transportation Funding in Fairfax County**

As a result of the Byrd Act in 1932, VDOT is responsible for construction and maintenance of all the State's secondary roads, except for certain localities. Since the 1980's, Fairfax County has supplemented construction funding available from VDOT for transportation infrastructure projects including pedestrian and bicycle projects. Large projects are usually funded by a mix of local, state, regional, Federal and private sources. The County has a set of criteria for evaluating

Transportation projects for funding. The transportation plan is compiled from project needs and funding sources.

### **Public Comment Period**

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

### **Other Business and Announcements**

Possible future meeting topics were discussed in light of the TAC Workplan. Agendas were not finalized. Scheduling the TAC award was discussed. Planning the next TAC award was raised and putting it on calendar year basis. TAC officer elections for July-August was added to the agenda.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 pm. It was seconded by Commissioner Sitnik and unanimously approved by the Commission.