



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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## Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting Notes

### REGULAR MEETING June 20, 2023, at 7:30 pm

Location: Fairfax County Department of Transportation  
4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Conf. Rooms: 400.06 & 400.08,  
Fairfax, VA 22033

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), Jeremy Hancock (Providence), Karen Campblin (Sully District), and Christie Garton (Fairfax Area Disabilities Services Board – FADSB).

**TAC Members Absent:** Matt Bechak (Franconia), Phylicia Woods (Hunter Mill), Peter Weyland (Mount Vernon), and Eric Thiel (Springfield). The At-Large TAC position remains vacant.

**Others in Attendance:** Noelle Dominguez, Chief Coordination & Funding, FCDOT; and Calvin Lam (Staff Liaison to the TAC).

**Special Guests/Observers/Public:** Two guests from the public: Mike Sandler (candidate for the At-Large position) and Elsa Cuencarubio.

#### Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Chair Champness at 7:35 pm. The Chair welcomed Commissioner Peter Weyland (Mount Vernon District) and Karen Campblin (Sully District) to their first TAC meeting.

#### 2023 Virginia General Assembly Update

Noelle Dominguez, Chief, Coordination & Funding Division, FCDOT, provided the updates to the Commission. Three major pieces of legislation were sponsored by the County, and two of three passed. The first concerned illegal signs in the right-of-way, The County was authorized to

remove them, but the code had to be changed to allow the County to employ contractors; the Bill passed. The second County initiative clarified that yielding to pedestrians means stopping. There was some ambiguity in the Code, and the County sought authority to post “Stop for Pedestrians,” not just yield. This Bill, too passed. The initiative that did not pass was one that would have permitted localities to set speed limits on commercial and residential streets to below 25 miles per hour.

Regional transportation funding did not restore the 102 million dollars taken from regional revenues that were taken to provide for Metro funding to maintain Metro's state of good repair. Northern Virginia has recovered some 65 million dollars but remains 37.5 million dollars short of conditions before the reallocation of State funds to Metro.

The transit ride incentive program is designed to allow for reduced fares for low-income patrons. Because of post-pandemic changes in transit use, there are unused funds available. Those funds are to be allocated to improve accessibility and passenger safety. These funds cannot be used to aid the adoption of electric vehicles.

The slow-down and/or move-over rule for first responders and police now will apply to civilians as well. Another initiative to clarify rules for cyclists at intersections; cyclists should be treated like pedestrians or motorists. No progress was made this year on the issue. A new rule permits someone whose car has been towed to have access to their vehicle to recover personal property.

Comments from Commissioners concerned TAC input into the legislative initiatives. Could TAC input be of value, and if so at what time in the process should it be provided? The TAC will invite Noelle back later this summer or in the early fall to discuss the emerging 2024 County legislative priorities.

## **Minutes**

The May Meeting Summary was approved with conforming changes.

## **Nominations for 2023-2024 TAC Chair**

Commissioner Hancock nominated Commissioner Champness for re-election to the Chair position. Commissioner Hoskin motioned to close the nomination process, and Commissioner Garton seconded. The Commission unanimously voted to nominate Commissioner Champness for the Chair position. The election will be at the July meeting.

## **Public Comment Period:**

None.

## **Other Business and Announcements**

The TAC Work Plan will be the primary agenda topic for the July meeting.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Hoskin motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner Morse seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.