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Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting Notes

REGULAR MEETING – June 21, 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: Secretary Roger Hoskin (Mason), Kevin Morse (Braddock), Pete Sitnik (Mount Vernon), Jeremy Hancock (Providence), Eric Thiel (Springfield), Alexis Glenn (Lee), and Christy Garton (Fairfax Area Disabilities Services Board).

TAC Members Absent: Chair Mike Champness (Dranesville), Linda Sperling (At-Large), and M. David Skiles (Sully).

Note: Before the meeting, Vice Chair MaryPauline Jones (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board) and Kelley Westenhoff (Hunter Mill) have submitted their resignation to their respective Supervisor's District offices.

Welcome to New Member: Christy Garton from the Fairfax Area Disabilities Services Board (FADSB) succeeding Vice-Chair MaryPauline Jones as the new TAC representative from the FADSB.

Others in Attendance: Tim Kutz, Transportation Planner; and Mike Garcia, Chief Transportation Planning Section, FCDOT. Calvin Lam, Staff Liaison to the TAC.

Special Guests/Observers/Public: N/A

Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by acting Chair/ Secretary Hoskin 7:50 pm due to some technical difficulties with the audio. Acting Chair Hoskin then proceeded with the protocol necessary to justify a virtual meeting.

To fulfill procedural obligations of virtual meetings, Acting Chair Hoskin 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.

- Kevin Morse (Braddock) - Burke
- Secretary Roger Hoskin (Mason) – Falls Church

- Alexis Glenn- (Lee) -Alexandria
- Pete Sitnik (Mount Vernon) – Mount Vernon
- Jeremy Hancock (Providence) – Clearwater, FL
- Eric Thiel (Springfield) – Fairfax Station
- Christie Garton (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board) - McLean

The member's location and voice were clearly heard. However, due to many technical difficulties and other things, Acting Chair Hoskin forgot to not make a first motion to *"determine that each member's voice can be adequately heard by each other member of this Commission."*

Acting Chair Hoskin 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: 826 552 913#. 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 Morse and unanimously approved by the Commission.

Acting Chair Hoskin 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 Sitnik and unanimously approved by the Commission.

Minutes

Acceptance of May minutes meeting as amended. A motion to accept the May meeting notes was made by Commissioner Morse and seconded by Commissioner Sitnik. The minutes of the May meeting, as amended by Commissioner Hancock, were accepted unanimously.

West Falls Church and Huntington Active Transportation Plans – Tim Kutz, Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning Division, FCDOT.

The impetus for the study was the West Falls Church planning amendment adopted by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in July 2020. The goal was to allow for increased land use density and mixed-use development at the West Falls Church Metro station. Virginia Tech obtained a Smart Cities grant to development.

Most of the redevelopment will occur within the one-mile radius of the Metro station, the walk shed, and a two-mile radius planned for cyclists. Input was sought from area residents by advisory panels. That input was used by technical groups made up of public agencies that would motivate specific plans to improve safety accessibility and comfort for all users, increase connectivity in surrounding neighborhoods and to inform the rezoning process for developments.

The innovation with this study is to evaluate pedestrian infrastructure with respect to pedestrian comfort goals. Developed for the Montgomery County Maryland Planning Department, it is a

point-based rating system based on factors that contribute or detract from perceived pedestrian comfort.

The Huntington Metrorail Active Transportation Study is similar to the West Falls Church Study but resulted from a Metropolitan Council of Governments grant. The goal was to assess the conditions for pedestrians and cyclists. Two different metrics were developed to assess pedestrian and bicycle quality. Ultimately, these studies will motivate zoning and uses in both areas.

Public Comment Period

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

Other business and announcements.

The Acting Chair recommended the video of the Transportation Planning Commission meeting featuring Donald Shoup and his study on the high cost of free parking

Commissioners' final comments.

Adjournment

Commissioner Thiel moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm. It was seconded by Commissioner Morse and unanimously approved by the Commission.