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## Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting Notes

### REGULAR MEETING – August 16, 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), Pete Sitnik (Mount Vernon), Eric Thiel (Springfield), and Christy Garton (Fairfax Area Disabilities Services Board – FADSB).

**TAC Members Absent:** Linda Sperling (At-Large), Jeremy Hancock (Providence), and M. David Skiles (Sully).

The Hunter Mill District and Lee District positions remained vacant.

**Others in Attendance:** FCDOT staff: Lauren Delmare, P.E., Active Transportation Engineer Brent Riddle 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 7:43 pm. The Chair then proceeded with the protocol necessary to justify a virtual meeting.

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

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

- Kevin Morse (Braddock) – Burke
- Mike Champness (Dranesville) – McLean
- Secretary Roger Hoskin (Mason) – Falls Church
- Pete Sitnik (Mount Vernon) – Mount Vernon
- Eric Thiel (Springfield) – Springfield
- Christie Garton (FADSB) – McLean

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 Morse 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: 646 658 164#. 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.

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 Morse and unanimously approved by the Commission.

## **Minutes**

A motion to accept the July meeting notes was made by Commissioner Morse and seconded by Commissioner Sitnik, and unanimously approved by the Commission.

## **Safe Streets for All Program Recommendations**

The Safe Streets for All Program stemmed from a Board of Supervisors (BOS) motion on Pedestrian Safety in January 2020. The elements of the Program are Street Design and Traffic Engineering, Equity concerns, Education, Implementation, funding, and monitoring outcomes. The goal is to improve access for all modes of transportation, including pedestrian and bicycle traffic, such that all can safely coexist. These criteria will guide future transportation design.

The outcome will be a Countywide Complete Streets Policy and Design Guide. The improved road and street design standard will accommodate different travel modes, and reduce vehicle speeds (this will require VDOT cooperation). The Program will establish an interdisciplinary Safe Streets for All Task Force. Small, easily implemented safety improvements will be expedited.

A Safe Streets for All Program Recommendations draft report has already been published. Board action in May 2022 has already implemented immediate key strategies and staff positions and program funding have been requested for FY 2024.

## **Public Comment Period**

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

## **Officers Election**

The incumbent Chair, Mike Champness, was nominated in last month's meeting and was elected at this meeting in accordance with TAC bylaws. As the Vice-Chair position was vacant, Commissioner Pete Sitnik accepted a nomination for Vice-Chair and was duly elected. The incumbent Secretary, Roger Hoskin, agreed to serve another term and was elected.

## **Other Business and Announcements**

Future TAC meeting topics were discussed. A sub-committee was selected to review and select the TAC Achievement Award for 2022.

Topics and a strategy were discussed for the TAC meeting with the BOS on September 30.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm.