



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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## Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting Notes

### REGULAR MEETING – September 21, 2021 at 7:30 pm

Location: Fairfax County DOT, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Conf. Rooms 400.06 & 400.08  
Fairfax, Virginia 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), Linda Sperling (At-Large), Kevin Morse (Braddock), Kelley Westenhoff (Hunter Mill), Alexis Glenn (Lee), Pete Sitnik (Mount Vernon), and Eric Thiel (Springfield).

**TAC Members Absent:** Vice Chair MaryPauline Jones (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board), Jeremy Hancock (Providence), and M. David Skiles (Sully),

**Others in Attendance:** FCDOT staff Noelle Dominguez, Brent Riddle, and Calvin Lam.

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

### Opening Remarks

The meeting in person was called to order by Chair Champness at 7:35 p.m. To fulfill procedural obligations of virtual meetings, Chair Champness and Commissioner Sitnik 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 because they are participating remotely from their private residence.

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

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 Hoskin, 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 WebEx online platform or by calling: 1-415-655-0001 or 1-844-621-3956 Toll Free and entering the Access Code: 129 295 4185. 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 Morse, 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 Hoskin, and unanimously approved by the Commission.

The minutes of the September meeting were not available.

## **Agenda and Discussion Topics:**

### **TAC Work Plan**

Discussed was the role of the public outreach role for the TAC. Also discussed was the types and variety of groups the TAC could and/or should work with. The TAC is already aware of and is proactively supporting the Active Fairfax initiative.

TAC members expressed interest in particular subject areas with the intent of developing expertise in that area. The issue of “Complete Streets” was discussed along with parking policies and public safety. Two Commissioners have already taken leadership in cycling access and safety. It is clearly acknowledged that subject areas may and do overlap.

The County's Comprehensive Plan is a vessel in which other topics could be subsumed. Coordination with VDOT was raised as a subject area for the TAC; specifically, street standards and roadside maintenance e.g., mowing.

### **TAC Transportation Achievement Award.**

The TAC initiated the procedure and timeline for the 2021 TAC Transportation Achievement Award. An awards committee was impaneled. The solicitations for nominations will go out in October; nominations will be closed in November. December, and the TAC will reach a decision with an announcement by January.

### **Public Comment Period**

There were no members of the public attending the meeting.

## **Other Business and Announcements**

Topics for future meetings.

Individual Commissioners' announcements

Commissioner Thiel moved to adjourn at 9:54 pm. It was seconded by Commissioner Sitnik and unanimously approved by the Commission.