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Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission

Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting – 7:30 PM, October 16, 2018

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: Mike Champness

TAC Members in Attendance: Chairman Jeff Parnes (Sully), Kevin Morse (Braddock), Mike Champness (Dranesville), and Lewis Brodsky (Lee).

TAC Members Absent: Vice Chairman Jenifer Joy Madden (Hunter Mill), Secretary Roger Hoskin (Mason), Linda Sperling (At-Large), Vincent Fusaro (Mt. Vernon), Eric Thiel (Springfield) and MaryPauline Jones (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board). The Providence District representative remains vacant.

Others in Attendance: Calvin Lam (FCDOT), Sitaram Kodali (VDOT), Regina Herr (Whitman, Reardon & Associates, WRA), and Maggie Qi (FCDOT Capital Projects)

Agenda and Discussion Topics

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parnes at 7:42 p.m. The minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting were not acted upon due to the lack of a quorum. As a result, the TAC was also not able to act upon the minutes from the meetings of June 19, July 17, and August 21, 2018.

Fairfax County Parkway Widening and Popes Head Road Interchange Project

Copies of a modified version of the briefing that was presented to the TAC, and upon which these notes are based, is attached. It includes additional slides that were not part of the presentation given at the meeting. The title of the briefing is “Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286) Widening Project, October 16, 2018”.

The purpose of the briefing was to inform the TAC of the status of the project and follow up plans from recent community meetings. The focus of the briefing was on the Popes Head interchange, but the TAC also discussed other aspects of the project as described below.

The objectives of the project are to reduce recurring congestion along the corridor, provide access to future Patriot Park development and the future extension of Shirley Gate Road, improve safety at crash “hot spots”, and provide multimodal accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists.



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The first public information meeting took place in December 2017, followed by a series of public outreach meetings from January to April 2018. Three options for the Popes Head intersection were presented at the April meeting, which were subsequently modified based on public comments and presented at another public information meeting last week.

The options presented at last week's meeting were Option 1A (Triple Roundabouts with Additional Ramps), Option 2 (Split Diamond), and Option 2D (Quadruple Roundabouts with Additional Ramps). The options were graded on the following criteria: direct access, intersection level, ease of construction, safety improvements, bike and pedestrian accommodations, Patriot Park impacts, traffic noise, right of way, and estimated construction cost. While no single option is preferred based on traffic operations, none of the options were within the budgeted cost for the project. As a result, the project team will scrub the options so that options that are within the budgeted cost can be presented at a later public meeting (likely to be held before the end of the year).

The TAC also discussed the Shirley Gate Road extension. While the connection to the Fairfax County Parkway is included in the Popes Head Road project, the rest of the Shirley Gate Road project is currently funded through the design phase only. If funds can be secured, the full road project could be completed in approximately 3-5 years. The project team plans to meet with the Park Authority next week to discuss the impacts to the Patriot Park long range plan.

The TAC extensively discussed the Burke Centre Parkway intersection and the Shared Use Path Crossing for pedestrian and bicycle access. In addition, the TAC also discussed the Ladues End Lane and Nomes Court intersection, the Route 123 (Ox Road) intersection, and access to the Burke Center VRE station. The project team informed the TAC that it expects to have a number of additional public meetings regarding Burke Centre before convening a public hearing.

Comment & Feedback on Previous Meetings' Presentations

Commissioners did not have any comments or feedback on last month's presentation, "VDOT Traffic Data Collection and Analysis."

TAC Transportation Achievement Award

Due once again to the lack of a quorum, the TAC was unable to act on the recommendation of the Awards Subcommittee to give the award to Mark Canale, Chief Special Project Manager, FCDOT. Chairman Parnes informed the TAC that this award must be approved by the TAC in November and so it is essential that the TAC have a quorum at its next meeting.

TAC Subcommittee on Planning for the Future Working Meeting

Commissioner Champness informed the TAC that the next meeting will take place October 23.



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Planned Agenda for next meeting

The planned topic for the next meeting is to discuss the state of Dulles International and Reagan National Airports with Michael Cooper of MWAA. Because the planned November 20 meeting falls two days before Thanksgiving, Chairman Parnes will look to reschedule the meeting for either November 13 or 27. A doodle poll will be used to ask Commissioners for their preference.

Topics for Future Meetings

- **December 18:** Annual TAC Holiday Dinner with Discussion on Futures Work Group. The TAC agreed to hold the dinner at Duangrat's Thai Restaurant in Falls Church for the third consecutive year.
- **January 15, 2019:** Fairfax Connector and Metrobus Plans for Alternative Service during WMATA's Reconstruction of Blue/Yellow Lines South of Reagan National Airport Station
- **TBD:** Joint meeting date with the Planning Commission's Transportation Committee on what their vision is for future development and any changes in planning and zoning guidelines that may be needed to account for future work environment given the pace and impacts of technology advances

Other Business

None.

Announcements and Adjournment

Chairman Parnes informed the TAC that the BOS discussed Visualize 2045 and possible needed Potomac River Crossings at the most recent BOS Transportation Committee meeting. None of the projected river crossings are in Fairfax County.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Upcoming Events/Other Meetings:

October 23, 2018	6:30 p.m.	Route 7 Westbound over Sugarland Run Bridge Rehabilitation and Widening
October 29, 2018	6:30 p.m.	Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements
December 11, 2018	11:00 am	Board Transportation Committee Meeting



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Upcoming TAC Meetings:

November 6, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
November 20, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)
December 4, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
December 18, 2018	7:30 pm	Annual TAC Holiday Dinner
January 8, 2019	7:30 pm	TAC Work Session (FCDOT)
January 15, 2018	7:30 pm	TAC Regular Meeting (FCDOT)