

Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission

Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting – 7:30 PM, November 28, 2017

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: Kevin Morse

TAC Members in Attendance: Jeff Parnes, Chair (Sully), Roger Hoskin - Secretary (Mason), Kevin Morse (Braddock), Mike Champness (Dranesville), Harry Zimmerman (Lee), and Eric Thiel (Springfield).

TAC Members Absent: Jennifer Joy Madden - Vice Chair (Hunter Mill), Michael Shor (Mt. Vernon), and Micah Himmel (Providence).

Others in Attendance: FCDOT staff: Tom Biesiadny and Calvin Lam.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:40 pm. The meeting notes from October 17, 2017, were unanimously approved.

Agenda and Discussion Topics

Update on the Transportation Project Priorities (TPP) Outreach Efforts – Tom Biesiadny (FCDOT)

Tom Biesiadny, FCDOT Director, briefed the TAC on the outreach efforts on the Transportation Project Priorities (TPP). On January 2014, the Board approved over \$1.4 billion in TPP. The TPP sets priorities for transportation over a six-year period (FY 2015 – FY 2020) for approximately 220 projects. Several large projects were partially funded in the TPP at that time, because all funding was not needed during the six-year period. In Fall 2016, FCDOT initiated the process to update the TPP. Staff met with individual Board members in June 2017. The Board Transportation Committee and the TAC were briefed in July 2017. The outreach was conducted from September to November 2017. The objectives of the TPP are to continue implementation of the County's transportation priorities, evaluate potential new projects based on several selection criteria (including a benefit cost analysis, schedule, funding, public input, and input from the TAC and other County agencies), utilizes all revenue sources to meet the needs of these projects and to assist the Board in selecting transportation priorities from FY 2018 through FY 2023.

The financial analysis incorporates most revenue sources from federal, state, regional, local and private funds. The financial analysis includes the Tysons Transportation Funding Plan and the Reston Transportation Funding Plan. It does not include the \$500 million concession payment from the I-66 Express Lane Outside the Beltway Project, or the Atlantic Gateway Project on I-95 Corridor, or the toll and transit funding associated with the I-66 Inside and Outside the Beltway and the I-395 Express Lanes projects. Over \$600 million in new revenue (FY 2021 to FY 2023) are needed to ensure that projects partially funded between FY 2015 and FY 2020 receive the remainder of necessary funding, and that all TPP projects included in FY 2015 to FY 2020 are fully funded. About \$70 million will be set aside for reserves and unanticipated needs. Funding level available for new projects in the TPP update is \$100

million. These projects were created based on input received from the Board, citizens, schools, etc. New projects will be analyzed with the benefit cost analysis (BCA) process (includes congestion reduction, travel time savings, and air quality measures).

After FCDOT review, the “short list” of 146 projects was further analyzed from a technical perspective. These projects were selected based on several criteria which include the benefit cost analysis. The BCA process is a systematic process that calculates and compares benefits and costs of a project. The BCA process for highway and transit projects are different from the process for bicycle and pedestrian projects. BCA ratio of 1.0 means that benefit equals cost in 20 years. BCA ratio that is greater than 1.0 means that benefit equals cost in less than 20 years. BCA ratio that less than 1.0 means that benefit equals cost greater than 20 years. The higher the BCA score, the more cost effective the project; however, BCA is just one of the many factors of the project selection process.

FCDOT conducted four public outreach meetings in October 2017, used traditional and multicultural media outreach, geo-targeted social media advertising, online survey, live social media events, traditional advertising, and partner agency outreach. The survey received over 7,000 responses with over 2,000 comments and suggestions. Citizens associations, homeowner associations and citizens sent many letters and petitions to FCDOT. Staff is reviewing the comments and analyzing the results of the survey. Input from other County departments and the TAC are needed. Staff will meet with individual supervisors on the list of projects. On December 12, 2017, staff will update the Board at the Board Transportation Committee meeting on the progress of the TPP. Input from TAC members and other County agencies are due on December 21, 2017. The Board will review the final draft plan recommendations at the BTC meeting in early 2018 with later Board adoption.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked about growth in Fairfax County. Mr. Biesiadny replied that Fairfax County has not been built out, and growth will continue in specific region of the County.

Other Business

Planning for the Future

Commissioner Champness summarized the progress on the “Planning for the Future” paper. He spoke about the goals and objectives for this forward-thinking paper concept, the application for the Smart City Challenge, and a report from the working group is expected by March 2018. The Work Session group will meet on December 5, 2017.

Mr. Biesiadny spoke about the Hackathon event in response to a question from Commissioner Madden.

Comment & Feedback on Last Meeting’s Presentation: A field trip to visit the VRE facilities will be scheduled in Spring 2018.

Planned Agenda for next meeting

- **December 19, 2017:** Transportation Demand Management’s (TDM) Metrics for Key Performance Indicators
- **January 16, 2018:** Potomac River Crossings Data Development Study – VDOT
- **February 20, 2018:** 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

- **TBD:** Long-Range Plans/Future Transportation Plans – FCDOT
- **Spring 2018:** Field trip to visit VRE facilities

Closing and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM