

Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission

Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting – 7:30 PM, July 18, 2017

Location: Fairfax County DOT, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Conf. Rooms 400.06 & 400.08
Fairfax, Virginia 22033

Web Site: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tac/>

Note Taker: Roger Hoskin

TAC Member in Attendance: Jeff Parnes, Chair (Sully), Jennifer Joy Madden, Vice Chair (Hunter Mill), Roger Hoskin, Secretary (Mason), Mike Champness (Dranesville), Kevin Morse (Braddock), Michael Shor (Mt. Vernon), and Harry Zimmerman (Lee).

TAC Members Absent: Micah Himmel (Providence), Eric Thiel (Springfield), and Alan Young (At-Large)

Others in Attendance: Tom Biesiadny, Director FCDOT, Calvin Lam, FCDOT and staff liaison to TAC.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Parnes at 7:35 pm. The meeting notes of the last meeting could not be approved as a quorum was not present. A motion to approve was tabled.

Agenda and Discussion Topics

The topic of this month's meeting was the Transportation Priorities Plan (TPP). The TPP covers FY 2015 through FY 2020 with \$4.4 billion in funding over six years. Included in the Plan are 220 projects and reserves for several project areas: Fairfax County Parkway, Transit including Metro, Richmond Hwy, Route 7, and Bicycle and Pedestrian and Roadway Spot Improvements. Several large projects were only partly funded in TPP. To date 22 projects are completed, 10 under construction, 13 in pre-construction, 95 in design, 8 studies completed 18 underway and 32 still in the queue.

Changes in the TPP since January 2014 include I-66 both inside and outside the Beltway. Other projects have been further defined: Bus Rapid Transit for both Richmond Highway and Route 7, Fairfax County Parkway with the first priority being Route 29 to Route 123, and bicycle, pedestrian and spot roadway improvements. Comprehensive Plan amendments for Reston, Seven Corners and Richmond Highway have been completed.

Over \$600 million in new revenue are necessary to ensure all project included in FY 2015 – FY 2020 are fully funded All projects included in FY 2015 – FY2020 TPP are fully funded. Projects partially funded between FY 2015 – FY 2020 will receive the remainder of necessary funding. The funding level for new projects in the TPP update is \$170 million with \$100 million for new projects and \$70 million for those projects in need of additional funding.

The criteria for project selection include congestion reduction, travel time savings, and air quality; these are all included in the required cost benefit analysis. Other criteria include safety school and park access, access to transit centers community input, mode balance, economic development (especially support for revitalization areas), disadvantaged population, and cultural diversity.

A list of projects considered for funding in FY 2019 – FY 2023 was circulated among TAC members. None of these had undergone cost benefit analysis but had been graded by other criteria and costs had been estimated. These projects were mostly spot improvements, bicycle and pedestrian access projects. They were tabulated by magisterial district.

TAC input was requested for the public outreach which is to commence in the fall of 2017. Noted was special effort to appeal to hard to reach populations.

Comment & Feedback on Last Meeting's Presentation: N/A

Other Business

A Planning for the Future Concept paper was circulated with a number of potential focus areas including transportation demand management, emerging technologies, long range project planning, financing and community outreach. It is suggested that at least one of these topics would be a basis of a TAC work session. One was proposed for August 1st assuming the TAC Commissioners could meet on that date.

The August first date was tentatively suggested with August 8th August 29th as possible alternatives.

The TAC has received three nominations for the annual transportation employee of the year service award. It is suggested that the award committee meet and have a nomination recommendation for the August 15th meeting.

A quorum was now present and the notes from the June meeting were approved.

Planned Agenda for next meeting

- **August 15, 2017:** Demonstration of Fairfax Connector Bus Information System – Dwayne Pelfrey (FCDOT)
- **September 19, 2017:** Dulles Metrorail Project Update – Mark Canale (FCDOT)
- **October 17, 2017:** Update on Virginia Railway Express (VRE) – Doug Allen (VRE) / Mike Lake (FCDOT) including plans for expansion in Fairfax County)
- **November 14 or 28, 2017:** Update on the TPP's Outreach Efforts – FCDOT Staff
- **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

Closing and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM