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Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting Notes

VIRTUAL MEETING
January 16, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Web Site: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/tac/meetings>

Note-Taker: Roger Hoskin

TAC Members in Attendance: Chair Mike Champness (Dranesville), Adwoa Rey (At Large), Kevin Morse (Braddock), Peter Weyland (Mount Vernon), Sonya Breehey (Providence), Eric Thiel (Springfield), Karen Campblin (Sully), and Christie Garton (Fairfax Area Disabilities Service Board).

TAC Members Absent: Matt Bechak (Franconia). Commissioner Phylcia Woods (Hunter Mill) informed the Chair that she had resigned from her position before the meeting. The Hunter Mill position remains vacant.

Others in Attendance: Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) staff: Bob Pikora, Senior Transportation Planner; Taylor Weymer, Transportation Planner; Mike Garcia, Chief of Transportation Planning Section; Nicole Wynands, Active Transportation Program Manager; Sara Allred, Senior Transportation Planner, and Calvin Lam (Staff Liaison to the TAC).

Special Guests/Observers/Public: N/A

Opening Remarks

The virtual meeting was called to order by Chair Champness at 7:37 p.m. The Chair read the virtual meeting script and did the roll call. The Commissioner's voice and location were clearly announced and heard by everyone. A copy of the roll call is attached at the end of this meeting notes.

Approval of the November meeting summary

The November Meeting Summary was approved with minor edits.

Transportation Policy Plan Updates

The Board of Supervisors authorized the update in December 2022. The Plan provides guidelines for Staff. Policy Plan Elements include land use, environment, and transportation. New elements are equity and community health. Recent additions are Parks and Recreation and

Human Services. Ongoing elements are public facilities and housing and being updated. The Policy Plan update will take most of 2024.

TAC input would be welcome in formulating what trends in transportation should be considered for the update. What near and long-term goals could be recommended for the County's transportation system? The TAC could contribute a critique of particular elements.

The Commission raised service issues to more rural parts of the County, such as connector service substituting for WMATA service and bus rapid transit substituting for fixed rail. Active Fairfax Program will be rolled into the Policy update. Additional EV charging stations and para-transit are expected to be added to the update. The TAC could be extensively involved in the Policy Plan update process.

Active Transportation Updates and Review of Bicycle Parking Guidelines

Fairfax County already has a bicycle and trails Master Plan, but they are outdated. Active transportation adopted in 2020 means self-propelled or human-powered travel for transport and recreation. The objective is to update the bicycles and trails plan in light of Active Fairfax. The project goal is to develop a connected network of sidewalks, bikeways, and trails to serve residents of all ages and abilities and aid planners and engineers in designing such facilities. Recommend policy changes that support the project goals. Finally, recommend initiatives to encourage people to use alternative transportation means. The project schedule is in two phases. The first is already complete. The second will span 2022 to 2024. Presently, progress is ongoing in developing the network and associated maps. Then, the program will be rolled out to the Community.

Fairfax County first endorsed bicycle Parking Guidelines in 2014. More recently, in 2020, the Bicycle Parking Guidelines were included in the Public Facilities Manual. As a result of the "Parking Reimagined" Zoning code changes in 2023, bike parking rates and basic requirements were approved. The latest step is to align Parking Guidelines with Zoning Code requirements. The updated guidelines will provide additional guidance since the Zoning Code doesn't cover everything. Commissioners' questions delved into details regarding the number of bicycle parking spaces, location, and how this would be determined. Another question concerned whether these Guidelines were guidelines or requirements. Another issue raised is accommodations required to provide charging for electric bicycles. Any of these requirements can be waived in some circumstances.

Public Comment Period: None.

Other business and Announcements

Agenda for future TAC meetings. A major one is a planned future meeting with the Planning Commission. Another possible topic would be the Tysons Community Alliance. A future planned topic is progress and obstacles to self-driving vehicles, probably later in spring.

FCDOT monthly update: A BRT Public meeting and a Route 28 public meeting.

Adjourn

Commissioner Garton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Morse seconded the motion, and the TAC unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

ELECTRONIC MEETING SCRIPT

Transportation Advisory Commission January 16, 2024

Chairman: Good Evening, Welcome to the January 16, 2024 meeting of the Transportation Advisory Commission. As we begin, **this virtual meeting of the Transportation Advisory Commission** is in compliance with the TAC's virtual meeting policy.

To conduct this meeting wholly electronically, the Transportation Advisory Commission needs to make certain findings for the record to evidence our compliance with all applicable laws. These motions address this compliance.

First, I am going to conduct a roll call and ask each board member participating in this meeting to state your name and your location. I ask that each of you pay close attention to ensure that you can hear each of your colleagues.

Adwoa Rey	At-Large
Roger Hoskin	Mason District
Kevin Morse	Braddock District
<i>(Vacant)</i>	Hunter Mill District
<i>Matt Bechak</i>	Franconia District <i>(Not Present)</i>
Sonya Breehey	Providence District
Eric Thiel	Springfield District
Karen Campblin	Sully District
Peter Weyland	Mount Vernon District
Christie Garton	Fairfax Area Disability Services Board

At this point, I will pass the virtual gavel to [the Vice-Chair or another member], so that I may make the appropriate motions.

- I move that the Transportation Advisory Commission certify for the record that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of this Board.

[Then proceed with the meeting.]