Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting Notes

REGULAR MEETING – Virtual Meeting November 21, 2023, 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), Secretary Roger Hoskin (Mason), Adwoa Rey (At Large), Kevin Morse (Braddock), Peter Weyland (Mount Vernon), Eric Thiel (Springfield), Karen Campblin (Sully), and Christie Garton (Fairfax Area Disabilities Service Board).

TAC Members Absent: Matt Bechak (Franconia), Phylicia Woods (Hunter Mill), and Sonia Breehey (Providence)

Note: Commissioner Jeremy Hancock, Vice Chair (Providence) resigned. Sonya Breehey was appointed to fulfill the position but will attend next month's meeting.

Others in Attendance: Michael A. Davis and William Mayland, Land Development Services. FCDOT staff: Sara Allred, 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 October meeting summary

The October Meeting Summary was approved.

Parking Re-imagined and Adopted Ordinance Changes

The Board of Supervisors adopted changes to Article 6 of the Zoning Ordinance effective January 2024. These changes pertain to commercial and residential parking requirements. Major changes resulted in reduced regulation parking space requirements for the land development process. Most rates under the new Ordinance depend on the building use and location, i.e., parking requirements are different in Tysons Corners than in other locations and Revitalization Areas. The County is developing a Parking Calculator to allow Staff, developers,

and others to calculate parking requirements under the new Ordinance easily. A new feature of the Ordinance is the requirement for bicycle parking. The next steps are training and guidance for Staff and users.

Commissioners' questions regarded the sources for developing specific ratios and percentages written into the Ordinance. The question was raised whether the new Ordinance was adopted unanimously, with minor revisions. Another issue raised was the allocation of parking for onstreet parking in multi-family and townhome communities. Another issue raised concerns use conversions, particularly conversion from office to residential use. Curbside parking, loading and unloading issues were raised. This project focused on off-street parking. On-street parking would involve the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). The issue of Commercial Truck parking was raised. The County should specifically provide for and manage commercial truck parking, particularly large tractor-trailer parking.

Public Comment Period: None.

Filling a Commission Vacancy

Christie Garton was nominated and elected as the new Vice-Chair. The previous Vice-Chair resigned to accept a position on the Planning Commission. Sonya Breehey was appointed to fill the rest of Commissioner Hancock's term.

Joint meeting with the Planning Commission

A joint meeting between the TAC and the Planning Commission is still in the planning stages. It will probably be held in early 2024. The parameters of such a meeting and possible topics were discussed.

Discussion of TAC 2023-24 Work Plan Focus Areas

Commissioner engagement with FCDOT and specific work plan focus areas were discussed. Plans and dates for the December meeting. The TAC decided to meet in person on December 12th. Possible topics for future meetings were raised: Active Transportation, Grant Application and Visualize 2050, and a new bus transit plan.

2023 TAC Award Selection Committee Update

The TAC has received nominations for the 2023 TAC Transportation Award. The Selection Committee will report at the next meeting.

Other Business and Announcements:

There were comments from each Commissioner.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Garton motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner Hoskin seconded it. The motion to adjourn was then approved by voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

ELECTRONIC MEETING SCRIPT

Transportation Advisory Commission, November 21, 2023

Chairman: Good Evening, Welcome to the November 21 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

Phylicia Woods Hunter Mill District (Not Present)

Matt Bechak Franconia District (Not Present)

Sonya Breehey Providence District (Not Present)

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)