



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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## Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting Notes

### REGULAR MEETING December 12, 2023, at 7:30 pm

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), Roger Hoskin (Mason), and Phylcia Woods (Hunter Mill)

**Others in Attendance:** FCDOT staff: Sara Allred, Malcolm Watson, and Calvin Lam (Staff Liaison to the TAC).

**Special Guests/Observers/Public:** N/A

#### Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Chair Champness at 7:31 p.m. The Chair had no remarks.

#### Approval of Remote Participation

Commissioner Rey emailed the Chair to request to join the meeting virtually via MS Teams because she had a personal issue. The TAC approved Commissioner Rey's request for remote participation with a unanimous vote. This was her first request. Each commissioner can request up to three times per calendar year.

#### Approval of the November meeting summary

The November Meeting Summary could not be approved because a quorum was absent.

#### Visualize 2050 Presentation

The Visualize 2050 is a regional long-range transportation plan, a Federal requirement. The update is based on a Zero-Based Budget approach. The new Plan will consider climate change mitigation. Active projects in the current Plan under construction or with dedicated funding are exempt from review against the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) priorities and goals. Non-

exempt projects are those in development or have not committed funding or new projects. These projects must be reviewed against the TPB planning priorities and goals for Visualize 2050.

Fairfax County has 38 exempt projects – 34 expansion projects and 4 transit projects. On the Non-Exempt list are 17 expansion projects, 6 new expansion, and 3 new transit projects. Visualize 2050 included public outreach events, both in person and virtual. A web page was established for residents to view and comment on all Fairfax County projects. The sentiment of the comments was favorable for projects that would connect the region and transit projects; there was less interest in road widening projects.

After public outreach, the Board of Supervisors approved a list of new projects. One of the criteria for inclusion is meeting air quality criteria. The projects are part of the constrained long-range plan, meaning they will likely be funded within the long-range time horizon. Plan adoption is expected by June 2025. Much of the subsequent discussion revolved around meeting air quality and climate mitigation goals.

### **TAC Award Selection Committee Update**

As of this meeting, one application for the award has been received. The discussion concerned the award criteria and whether the commission should wait for additional applications. It was decided to award the TAC Award to that applicant since the application was of such quality that it merited the award.

**Public Comment Period:** None.

### **Other Business and Announcements**

Agendas for upcoming TAC meetings were discussed. Fairfax County Department of Transportation Monthly Update included the release of the Metro Budget and the announcement of a Route One BRT public meeting.

### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Thiel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Morse seconded the motion, and the TAC unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm.