

Citizens Advisory Committee on Transportation

July 10, 2019 - 7:00 pm- 10:10 pm

300 Park Ave-Dogwood Room

Draft Meeting Minutes

Attendance

CACT Members

Member	Present
Andrea Caumont, Chair	Yes
Paul Baldino, Vice-Chair	Yes
Bill Ackerman	No
Doug Devereaux	Yes
Addison Heard	No
Shaun Dakin	No
Dave Gustafson	No

City Staff

1. Jeffery Sikes
 2. Tara Puzin
- Others present:
3. Phil Duncan

Liaisons

Liaison	Present
David Snyder (City Council)	Yes
Melissa Teates (Planning Commission)	No
Sarah Fong (Youth Representative)	Yes

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes June 14, 2019.
3. Committee Member Reports
4. Staff Reports
5. Information Item: CACT 2019 Priority Tracking Sheet
6. Information Item: Envision Route 7 Bus Rapid Transit Project-Phase III, Guests: Dan Goldfarb, NVTC and Jamie Henson, Kittleson Associates
7. Discussion Item: W&OD Trail and Trail Crossings Project

8. Discussion Item: Top Five CACT Walkability Improvement Projects
9. Other Items not on the Agenda
10. Attachments and Correspondence:
 - a. "Where the Sidewalk Ends: County slow on sidewalk building process", Arlnow.com.
 - b. Protected Bike Lanes Make Roads safer-Even if You are a Car", Popular Science
 - c. "Self-driving shuttle set to hit Northern Virginia Streets:, WTOP.

1. Public Comment:

A resident from W Marshall St asked the CACT for guidance in securing another speed hump for his street. The street was repaved last summer and there was some interest at that time to add a third speed hump to the street. Staff at that time recommended that a petition be circulated on the street with at least 67% of households supporting a third speed hump. However, no petition has been received by staff. The resident also wanted guidance about a "neighborhood" approach to traffic calming that would include several streets which are parallel and connect to S. Washington Street in this part of the city. Staff reminded the committee that the NTC process was a street by street approach rather than a systems approach to traffic calming,

Another resident from nearby W George Mason Road was also interested in traffic calming for her street and was attending the meeting to find out how it worked. Staff will follow up with her and to provide guidance if she wants to pursue the NTC process for her street.

2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes, June 2019:

Approval of minutes was postponed because there were not enough committee members present from the last meeting to make a quorum.

3. Committee Member Reports:

Doug commented on the poor condition of the pavement on Railroad Ave adjacent the Railroad Cottages.

4. Staff Reports:

- Jeff reported that a change to the permit parking on E Jefferson St will happen in the next 3 weeks. The change will prohibit non-residents from parking over night on the street. He also indicated that Parking Day this year is on Friday September 21. Staff will be participating as they did last year. Jeff also let the committee know that the City did not receive the BPSP grant for traffic calming that the City had applied for last year. Finally, staff has begun to develop the policy on scooters. The City Council will hold a work session on September 3, and consider the first reading of the ordinance on September 23 where it will be referred to boards and commissions for comments
- Tara Puzin reported on the Hillwood Ave/Annandale Road traffic signal that was damaged over a year ago and is finally being replaced. She also reported on the

condition of bridges that sustained damage due to the storm, including the condition of the S Oak St bridge which remains closed. She also reported that on traffic signal timing and paving projects slated for this year. These projects include paving of the City Hall parking lot, the downtown plaza parking lot and the repaving of Railroad Ave near the Railroad Cottages.

- David Snyder reminded the Committee that funds are not likely to be available for local projects as a result of the Commonwealth now providing dedicated funding for WMATA. Funds were transferred from other sources to fund WMATA, and no new funding to replace transferred funds was raised. Mr Snyder also shared the Proposed Work Plan for the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC), a committee of NVTa that advises the executive director of multi-modal transportation technologies, make recommendations related to TransAction, and to develop a body of knowledge that will educate and inform regional policy makes on multi-modal transportation technologies and related transportation trends.

5. Information Item: CACT 2019 Priority Tracking Sheet:

The Committee discussed updating the status of 2019 CACT Action Items.

For the item on “Permit Parking”, Paul Baldino had conducted extensive research to determine what other localities handle this issue and shared his research with the committee. This information and the results of a recent customer survey of Arlington County’s Residential permit parking program will be sent to CACT Members as part of the September Meeting materials.

For the item on “Electric Scooters”, the City is required by the State to adopt a policy on scooters by the end of the year or else lose the ability to regulate these devices. The City Council will hold a work session on Scooter Policy on September 3, and on September 23 will hold a first reading and forward the draft policy to boards and commissions for comments.

6. Information Item: Envision Route 7- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project - Phase III. Guests: Dan Goldfarb, NVTC and Jamie Henson, Kittleson Associates:

The Committee was provided a presentation by Dan Goldfarb of NVTC and Jamie Henson from Kittleson Associates on the status of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project along Route 7. The project will provide enhanced bus service along Route 7 from Tysons to the Mark Center in Alexandria. In the City the alignment will follow W Broad St to N Washington St to the EFC Metrorail station and follow N Sycamore St/Roosevelt Blvd to Seven Corners.

The purpose of the Phase III Study is to determine preliminary station locations and right of way needs for the BRT. Because of limited right of way in the City, the BRT is proposed in a BAT lane,

which allows the BRT vehicle and right turning vehicles in the curb lane. Stations locations in the city are proposed at Haycock Rd, Pennsylvania Ave, Maple Ave, Jefferson St and the EFC Metrorail station. The Phase III study is expected to conclude later this summer. The project is not funded and the construction is not anticipated until 2025 at the earliest.

7. Discussion Item: W&OD Dual Trail and Trail Crossings Project:

- There are two projects currently under design on the W&OD trail. The first is a project to expand the trail in the City to provide separate Bike and pedestrian trails. The second is a project to enhance the roadway crossings on the trail at 4 locations in the City.
- Paul Baldino described the W&OD Dual trail Project being developed by NOVA Parks. The dual trail project is being funded by a grant from NVTA and will provide separate trail from Little Falls St to N West St. The bike path will be 11 feet wide and pedestrian path will be 8 feet wide with a 2 foot separation. The schedule call for design to be completed by the end of this year and construction to be completed by the end of 2020.
- Jeff described the W&OD trails crossing project under design by Toole Design Group, the City's consultant. The 4 crossing locations are N Spring St, N Oak St, Great Falls St and Little Falls St. Each of the crossings will have the following common elements: Narrowed roadway width of 25 feet, raised crossing where possible, special paving treatments and the project will utilize the entire 100 foot right of way width. The existing design of crossings downplays the prominence of the W&OD Park and causes confusion about the expected behavior of trail and roadway users. Changes to the trail crossings should reinforce the importance of the W&OD Park. Design should be complete by the end of the year with construction in late 2020.

8. Discussion Item: Top Five Walkability Improvement Projects:

Earlier this year, Council Member Hardi asked the CACT for a list of recommendations to improve walkability and safety. Paul Baldino shared a list of recommendations that had been discussed at a previous meeting and offered to turn it into a memo for staff to forward to the Mayor and City Council.

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