

Citizens Advisory Committee on Transportation

January 15, 2020 - 7:00 pm- 9:20 pm

300 Park Ave-Oak Room

Draft Meeting Minutes

Attendance

CACT Members

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

City Staff

Jeffrey Sikes
Zak Bradley

Liaisons

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

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Action Item: Approval of October 2019 Minutes
3. Committee Member Reports
4. Staff Reports
5. Information Item: CACT 2019 Priority Tracking Sheet
6. Action Item: Election of Officers
7. Action Item: Annual CACT Report to Council
8. Discussion Item: CACT Mission Statement

9. Information Item: Expedited NTC Project Update

1. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes for December 2019:

The minutes for the December 2019 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

3. Committee Member Reports:

Andrea reported she had met with the new chair of the ESC and there is interest in having a joint meeting, perhaps in March to talk about bike safety (see email attached from Andy Brown). She also mentioned a community meeting planned for April with FABB on community biking. On January 31 there will be a demonstration of an autonomous shuttle (where?).

Paul shared a flyer indicating there would be a Winter Bike to work day on February 14. There will be 4 pit stops in Arlington and one a Northside Social in the City of Falls Church. Paul also reported that the W&OD dual trails project was heard by the Planning commission on December 16. The Arlington county board approved approximately a two mile long dual W&OD trail project in Arlington between Roosevelt St and Wilson Blvd. Doug indicated he was to do a memo of support for the Letter on Biking and walking to the City manager and School Board from Susan Dimock.

4. Staff Reports:

Jeff reported that the Council Meeting on January 27th will be filled with transportation topics. There will be a presentation on the recently completed Phase 3 of the Envision Route 7 BRT project by NVTC staff. There will also be a presentation of the findings of the Bus transformation Project being conducted by a consultant for WMATA.

The City is applying for a grant from the I-66 Commuter Choice Program to bring back the 28X Metrobus service. The route would be rush hour only and begin at the Spring Hill Metrorail Station and end at Mark Center. Through the City of Falls Church, it would mimic the proposed route of the Route 7 BRT project and include the East Falls Church Metrorail station. If awarded, the service could begin at the end of 2020, the same time as when the 3T bus service ends. The new 28X service would follow the same route as the 3T.

Also scheduled for Council consideration is a presentation by WMATA on the Orange Line station platform reconstruction planned from Memorial Day to Labor Day this summer.

5. Information Item: CACT 2019 Priority Tracking Sheet:

The Priority tracking sheet was updated to reflect the January 15th discussion of the Walkability Recommendations.

6. Action Item: Election of Officers:

Andrea Caumont was re-elected Chair and Dave Gustafson was re-elected Vice-chair of the CACT for calendar year 2020.

7. Action Item: Annual CACT Report to Council:

Andrea and Paul had drafted the 2019 CACT Report to Council, and the draft was discussed and some minor additions made. It was decided to attach the Pedestrian Improvement Report as an addendum to the report. The Annual report to Council will be presented on February 10th.

8. Discussion Item: CACT Mission Statement:

A committee member asked if there was a mission statement for the CACT. There is no official mission statement for the committee, however the CACT website does offer some information as to the Committee's duties. Jeff was able to work with the Clerk's Office to find the Council Resolution which created the CACT back in 1976 which was discussed at the January meeting. Since adoption in 1976, the Resolution has only been amended 2 times.

9. Information Item: Expedited NTC Project Update:

Jeff provided an update of the progress being made on the expedited NTC projects. A team has been formed consisting of staff from Planning, DPW, City Manager's office and OCOM to guide the project. Staff has divided the project into 3 categories: active projects, projects in the "queue" and the Greenway Downs Streets. A budget amendment is proposed to fund the current projects and the streets in the queue, and will be considered by City council on February 10. The City Manager is recommending to Council to use \$400,000 in surplus funds for the NTC program. The BPSP grant will be used to fund the Greenway Downs Streets.

Construction will begin in the spring on the Annandale road/Gundry Drive Project and the summer for the Great Falls/Little Falls project. The CACT may be asked to become involved to help resolve differences of opinion on some measures to be recommended by staff.

