



Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Committee

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TAC Mission

- The TAC is charged with advising the Board on transportation related policies and issues, in accordance with an adopted work plan approved by the Board, and/or as directed by the Board.
- The Commission, under the direction of the Board of Supervisors, advises the Board and provides information and comments on major transportation issues faced by the County; and, provides to the Board recommendations regarding the overall planning and programming of transportation improvements in the County.



TAC Activities

- TAC members participate in Board Transportation committee meeting as speaking members
- District commissioners work with their individual supervisors relating to transportation issues within their districts
- Meet with the Planning Commission's Transportation Committee
- Review the County's Transportation Policy documents as they are developed or revised



Study to Review Alternatives for Improving Roadway Services in Fairfax County

- Board of Supervisors initiated study in 2010-2011
 - The study explored the feasibility of Fairfax County assuming VDOT's responsibilities for road construction, maintenance and operation
 - The TAC was empowered to review staff and consultants premise, progress and conclusions as the study progressed
 - TAC observations:
 - The county and residents of Fairfax desire more timely response times and accountability on their roads
 - One way of achieving this is by having local control of transportation functions
 - No jurisdiction that took control of their roads regretted the decision
 - However, jurisdictions exercising local control contributed additional funds above state reimbursement levels



Study to Review Alternatives for Improving Roadway Services in Fairfax County - II

The TAC recommended:

- **Identification of highest priority items**
- **A phased approach**
- **Resolution of funding concerns**
- **Complete control of functions**



TAC Commonsense Initiative

- TAC developed a plan and process to implement bus stop improvements to help riders with disabilities
 - TAC worked with county staff to determine if bus stops with high concentration of disabled users could be identified
 - Once identified, TAC worked with county staff to prioritize repairs of identified stops based on limited funding and program plans
 - Encouraged County DOT staff to coordinate with VDOT so improvements could be expedited
 - Continuing to explore options to improve service to the disabled population



TAC Ongoing Actions

- TAC monthly meetings include briefings from FDOT, VDOT, WMATA, COG, MWAA, etc.
- Topics include Rail to Dulles, HOT Lanes (495/95), road standards, Tysons Corner road and transit plans, spot improvements, multi-modal plans including bicycle and pedestrian issues (as they relate to trails, transit and schools), etc.
- TAC members ask questions, provide feedback, suggest different approaches, and usually make the presenters happy that their time is over.



TAC Authority

- The TAC, as its name implies, has no decision authority, unlike, say, the Planning Commission
- It can only advise, not consent.
- It is happy to give its opinions on transportation matters that come across its plate.
- County transportation staff and others make it a practice to vet their plans and programs with the TAC.
- We hope we've added value as we've critiqued that which was presented to us.



Any questions?

- We thank the Federation for the opportunity to address its members
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