

## Minutes of 14 June 2018 Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Use Committee Meeting

With a large turnout, members of the Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) covered a substantial range of important topics at the June meeting.

1. The Chair reaffirmed announcements made at the April Annual Meeting regarding Metrobus and DASH. Effective June 24<sup>th</sup> a Pentagon City loop will be added to all Metrobus 22A runs providing Parkfairfax residents direct access to a major shopping and dining destination as well as the Pentagon City Metrorail station (Blue and Yellow lines). And on July 1<sup>st</sup>, DASH will introduce senior/disabled fares for the first time in its 34 year history. Passengers using a senior/disabled Smartrip card will pay \$1.00 when traveling off-peak weekdays and all day weekends. Regular fares will increase from \$1.60 to \$1.75 and monthly DASH passes from \$40 to \$45. The 4 hour DASH transfer privilege will remain in effect.
2. Members discussed the 21 May and 13 June VDOT events related to the long-overdue Shirlington Interchange Improvements study. A substantial assortment of options to improve safety at this infamous roundabout, as well as the dangerous ramp from S. Glebe Road to southbound I-395 were discussed, with impressive Parkfairfax participation at both meetings. With further analysis, modeling and simulation planned for the summer and early fall, the TLUC will remain engaged with VDOT, and a subsequent public information meeting is anticipated later this year.
3. The I-395 sound wall voting results, presented as “unofficial” at the Annual Meeting, were finalized in a VDOT report earlier this month. The results call for construction of the F1 wall from Gunston Rd. north across Four Mile Run into Arlington County. A shorter F2 wall from Gunston Rd. south along the east side of Quaker Lane did not receive sufficient “yes” votes and is not currently planned for construction. There have been some recent questions raised as to the vote calculation for the F2 wall and VDOT has been requested to provide supporting data. Additionally the TLUC intends to convene a community meeting this summer to present the voting results as well as discuss design and construction details for the wall(s) that will be built.
4. Although the TLUC does not have primary responsibility, members lamented the loss of the iconic spruce tree at City-owned “Spruce Island” and offered ideas for future consideration. It is understood that a “town hall” is being planned for this summer for a more detailed review of future alternatives.
5. A short discussion ensued regarding electric vehicles and the evolution of affordable rapid-charge technology. While the TLUC is not aware of a current demand signal for charging stations in Parkfairfax, this topic may be revisited if and when the electric vehicle population increases.
6. The TLUC is pleased to report that a member has volunteered to champion a feasibility assessment for establishing bicycle rental stations in Parkfairfax. As

Capital Bikeshare bases rental station locations on projected demand, as a first step a forthcoming article in the Parkfairfax Forum will advise prospective users how to flag their interest to the company. Capital Bikeshare's current locations include the Fairlington Community Center, Quaker Lane at Radford St. and Shirlington.

The next TLUC meeting will be Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7PM sharp in the Party Room.

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Committee Chair

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