

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TRANSPORTATION and LAND USE COMMITTEE**

MEETING SUMMARY

May 18, 2011

Board Room

Committee Members Present:

Kelly Burk, Chair
Eugene Delgaudio
Sally Kurtz
Andrea McGimsey
Scott York

1. DEFERRED Fee Waiver Request/Audubon Naturalist Society

Prior to the Committee meeting, the applicant requested that this item be deferred.

2. Proposed Countywide Plan to Prioritize and Design for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Election District: Countywide

Staff Contacts: Arkopal Goswami, Andrew Beacher - Office of Transportation Services

At its December 7, 2010 meeting, the Board of Supervisors voted 8-0-1 (York absent for the vote) to direct staff to prepare a list of recommended bicycle and pedestrian projects eligible for design in order to make them “shovel ready” and present this list at the May 18, 2011 Transportation and Land Use Committee for its review. In addition, staff was directed to prepare a proposal for the funding of these projects, using a combination of federal, state and local funds based on funding criteria and fund availability. At the TLUC meeting on May 18, staff discussed its methodology to identify connections and develop recommendations for a Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations Priority List. An outline of potential funding sources is provided in the staff report. Staff stated that funding options will be pursued after the bike and pedestrian improvement projects have been identified. The Committee voted 3-0-1-1 (York abstaining; Delgaudio absent for the vote) to forward this item to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation that the identified planned, but not programmed, connections be presented to the public for input and consideration as a Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations Priority List; and further, that the public input be documented and presented to the Transportation and Land Use Committee for further consideration.

3. Government Support Center Amended Master Plan

Election District: Leesburg and Catoclin

Staff Contact: Paul Brown and Lewis Rauch, Department of Construction

At its May 3, 2011 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the Government Support Center Master Plan Steering Committee’s recommendations for locating the buildings on the Government Support Center site. The action relocates the Juvenile Detention Center, Juvenile Probation Residence and the Government Warehouse and Shops Building on the Master Plan (Attachment 2). The Board further moved to send the Steering Committee’s recommendations regarding the road plan for the site to the Transportation and Land Use Committee meeting for further review and final recommendation (8-1. Delgaudio, no). The Steering Committee’s Report included the following recommendations regarding the road plan for the Government Support Center site:

1. Complete the full connection of Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road to Route 7
2. Calm traffic on both Kincaid Boulevard and Tavistock Drive
3. Eliminate Miller Drive from the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP)

At the Transportation and Land Use Committee on May 18, staff provided an overview of the Steering Committee's recommendations and discussed issues identified by staff, as summarized in the May 18 staff report, for the TLUC's further consideration of the Steering Committee's findings. Following discussion, the Committee voted 5-0 to authorize staff to develop a work plan for the proposed changes to the 2010 Revised Countywide Transportation Plan and the ongoing design work with respect to Crosstrail and Kincaid Boulevards, and to provide information regarding the implications at the Committee's June 15, 2011 meeting.

Information Only

- **Riparian Buffer Incentives**

Election District: Countywide

Staff Contacts: Glen Rubis and Terrance Wharton, Dept. of Building and Development

At the Committee's meeting on February 2, 2011, staff discussed incentives including tax-based relief; results of staff discussions with other jurisdictions on potential suburban cost-share program and rural practices not currently eligible for cost-share programs; and County cost-share support through non-profit organizations. The Committee voted 5-0 to direct staff to update the Transportation and Land Use Committee with the status of developing a draft grant proposal for a suburban riparian buffer cost-share project and advise of the status of the Loudon Soil and Water Conservation District as a non-profit entity; and further voted 5-0 to direct staff to bring forward an item on the administration and implementation of a tax exemption ordinance to the full Board of Supervisors. The Committee also directed staff to continue maintaining a list of flexible zoning options as potential tools to incentivize riparian buffers and bring the list back to the Committee.

Information was collected and reviewed on Virginia legal opinions regarding Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) as non-profit 501(c)(3) entities that can use cost-share funds from the County to promote forested riparian buffer planting projects, on both agricultural and non-agricultural lands. Staff from Loudoun County, Prince William County, Fairfax County, and all three County Soil and Water Conservation Districts have met on three occasions to discuss a proposed regional riparian buffer planting pilot project. A set of draft criteria have been developed for a pilot project that would provide cost-share for riparian plantings adjacent to perennial streams on non-agricultural land in all three counties. The pilot project is intended to be funded through a regional grant application with the goal of evaluating the potential for a similar program that could be established by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. If established, the new program would complement the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practice Cost-Share Program, which funds riparian plantings on agricultural lands. Staff anticipates that a draft grant proposal will be completed within the next several months.

There was no discussion on this information item at the May 18 Committee meeting. As directed at the Board of Supervisors May 17, 2011 meeting, the item will be forwarded to the Board's June 7, 2011 business meeting for consideration.