

**BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (OLD AND HISTORIC DISTRICT)  
ACTION, APRIL 29, 2015\*:**

Ms. Roberts made a motion to support Alternative B as the preferred station alternative, based on its consistency with the relevant Standards listed in Section 10-105 of the zoning ordinance, with the following conditions:

1. If Alternative B is selected, the BAR recommends that any potential impacts of the station design include, at a minimum, the following mitigation:
  - a. Construction access shall not occur from the GWMP.
  - b. The overall station design should use materials that are appropriate to the local Alexandria building traditions and the original GWMP infrastructure construction.
  - c. Particular attention must be paid to the following elements to insure that they are harmonious with the old and historic aspect of the GWMP:
    - i. Landscape berms and retaining wall materials that minimize the apparent height of the overall structure and blend with the natural landscape, using materials already found on the GWMP, such as stone;
    - ii. The roof design and materials of the station;
    - iii. The form and materials of the platform roof and the pedestrian bridges must be as visually light as possible;
    - iv. Lighting must be minimal, directed away from the Parkway, and should complement the station design; and
    - v. The height of the structures should be minimized to the maximum extent possible.
2. The BAR will be actively involved in the schematic design of the station, through the BAR Concept Review process, and at each appropriate step in the station design review process until a Certificate of Appropriateness is approved.

Ms. Roberts further moved that, although Alternative B is the only location within the Old and Historic Alexandria District, the BAR is concerned that the viewshed from the GWMP and that the memorial character of the GWMP be protected, including aspects of the cultural landscape such as historic grading, historic trees and historic wetlands, regardless of which station alternative is selected.

\* The minutes from the April 29, 2015 Board of Architectural Review meeting are still in draft form. Formal approval will take place on May 20, 2015.

**PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION, MAY 5, 2015:** On a motion by Vice Chairman Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Wasowski, the Planning Commission voted to recommend Alternative B, with construction access Option 2, for the Potomac Yard Metro Station and determined that it is consistent with the City's Master Plan. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0 with Commissioner Lyle absent and Commissioner Macek recusing himself.

Reason: The Planning Commission agreed with the staff analysis that the provision of a Metrorail station, specifically in the location of Alternative B, is most consistent with and represented in the preceding planning processes and documents. Further commentary discussed that the impacts to the George Washington Memorial Parkway can be mitigated through collaboration already outlined through the draft net benefits agreement with the National Park Service, and that the Alternative B location minimizes impacts to the linear park [Potomac Yard Park] in Potomac Yard.