

West End Transitway Policy Advisory Group Reconfirmation of Support

Whereas, the West End Transitway Alternatives Analysis (AA) and Environmental Documentation planning effort was initiated as a result of the 2011 resolutions of support for high-capacity transit operating in dedicated lanes in Corridor C (as defined in the adopted *Transitway Corridors Feasibility Study, 2012*) by the High-Capacity Transit Working Group, Transportation Commission, and City Council;

Whereas, this planning effort has addressed, or deferred due to no action required at this time, each of the following key issues which were requested by City bodies to be brought to resolution during a subsequent planning effort:

Issues

- The alignment be optimized to better serve the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC)
- Transportation Commission identify decision criteria and monitor the transition from Alternative D (Bus Rapid Transit) to Alternative G (Rail/Streetcar) and report progress to Council

Resolution

- Alignment location maintained; however, pedestrian safety and accommodation improvements included in project to respond to access improvement needs expressed by NVCC
- No action required at this time

Whereas, the AA and Environmental Documentation effort has involved significant coordination with and incorporated guidance from local, regional, state, and federal officials;

Whereas, the AA and Environmental Documentation effort has substantively sought, vetted, and incorporated feedback from public and local stakeholders;

Whereas, the AA and Environmental Documentation effort has received and incorporated specific input from the City Council established Policy Advisory Group (PAG);

Whereas, the AA and Environmental Documentation effort has evaluated and provided acceptable concepts addressing specific areas of concern such as: bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safety, property impacts, parking impacts, stormwater impacts, operational feasibility, engineering feasibility, plan and policy compliance; and

Whereas, the defined Build Alternative will continue to be developed in subsequent engineering design and financial planning steps to manage project cost, impacts, benefits, and effectiveness, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the West End Transitway PAG:

- (1) Hereby reconfirms the 2011 resolution of support, confirms that follow-up items in that resolution have been addressed, and recommends the defined Build Alternative for the West End Transitway is the City's preferred approach for high-capacity transit for Corridor C;
- (2) Recommends that the City move the defined Build Alternative forward toward operation through project development which includes completion of the project Environmental Document, commitment of funding, and completion of work activity including design, engineering, phasing, permitting, financial planning, bidding, and construction leading to the initiation of service; and
- (3) Recommends that the Transportation Commission and City Council concur with the West End Transitway PAG's reconfirmations, confirmations, and recommendations as identified in items (1) and (2) above.