

**Alexandria Transportation Commission
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314**

Mayor William D. Euille and Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

August 19, 2014

Re: Transportation Commission Structure

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

At its July 23, 2014 meeting, the Transportation Commission (Commission) discussed the overall structure of the Commission and the desire to add additional at-large members.

The Transportation Commission presently includes the following membership:

- 2 Planning Commission representatives
- 1 Traffic and Parking Board representative
- 1 Alexandria Transit Company (ATC) representative
- 1 Environmental Policy Commission representative
- 2 at large citizens with transportation experience (one east, one west of Quaker Lane)
- 2 Council representatives (ex-officio)

Many Commission members are called to represent the Commission on additional advisory groups and committees for various city projects with transportation elements such as Small Area Plans and Transit Corridor groups. Since the majority of members currently serve as representatives of other Boards or Commissions, most are already serving in two capacities before commitments to additional advisory groups and committees. The Commission agrees that it is important that the perspective of the Transportation Commission be represented in these citywide initiatives and projects. In order to minimize the number secondary appointments required of Commissioners, the Commission discussed expanding the number of at-large representatives to the Commission. This will expand the pool of Commissioners without additional duties available to represent the Commission to these groups.

The Commission discussed whether additional at-large members should have transportation experience, as is currently required of the Commission's existing two at-large seats. In order to maximize the number of citizens eligible to serve as Commission members, and to diversify the

Commission's membership, the Transportation Commission recommends that any additional seats be at-large without additional qualifications. However, to ensure representation from across the City, the Commission recommends that any new seats include geographic requirements.

Therefore the Commission requests that the Council consider an ordinance to amend the City Code to broaden the Transportation Commission membership to include two additional At-large representatives (one residing east of Quaker Lane and one residing west of Quaker Lane).

We appreciate your consideration of the Commission's request for a change to its structure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan M. Macek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Nathan M. Macek

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria City Council
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