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Meeting Minutes Transportation Safety Commission

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

8:00 PM

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1 Call to Order

The Vienna Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) met in regular session on May 27, 2025 in the Vienna Town Hall Council Chambers, 127 Center Street S. Chairman Beth Eachus opened the meeting at 8:04 pm with the following members present: Vice Chairman Donna Smith and Commissioners Loginn Kapitan, Bets Tomas, Charlie Strunk, Sally Jean Penna and Kate French and Leonard Ignatowski. Also present were Sergeant Megan Gucwa, VPD, Andrew Jinks, DPW Administration and Jennifer Sigler, Clerk.

2 Approval of the April 29, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Penna made a motion to approve the April 29, 2025, meeting minutes. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously 9 - 0

3 DPW Report

At this time, DPW has no updates from NOVA Parks. DPW does anticipate Town and NOVA Parks coordination in the coming months on a variety of items. DPW will provide the TSC any updates that comes from that coordination.

Answering Questions from the last TSC Meeting (April 29th)

Question: Can DPW provide additional information regarding NVRTA's Bus Rapid Transit Action Plan?

Answer: Yes, details can be found on NVRTA webpage at: <https://thenovaauthority.org/brt/>

In summary: The Action Plan is a "blueprint for a regional BRT system" that includes up to 28 potential routes to expand connectivity across the Washington-Metropolitan Area. Several routes have been identified to complement and extend existing transit service, including Metro, VRE and local commuter bus systems. Routes were also identified to improve connections to the places where people live, work and shop.

Commissioner Nahigian asked if there would be another traffic study done at Church Street and East Street NE now that the 3-way stop has been in place for a while.

Chairman Eachus mentioned the proposed W&OD Trail Visitor Center, which may be located on Church Street NE in Vienna.

4 Receipt of Petitions and Communications from the Public

Thomas Aly, 1820 Prelude Drive, shared information about the BRT, mentioned above. He also asked if the bus route does go through Vienna, would there be dedicated bus lanes and/or signal priority for the busses.

These are non-action items for initial presentation only; three-minute time limit enforced.

5 BAC Report

The BAC discussed Bike to Work Day and the Community Ride, both of which were very successful. They expressed concern that they were not consulted regarding the bicycle detour and associated signage for Viva!Vienna! which needs improvement before next year's event. They would like to incorporate valet bicycle parking next year for Viva!Vienna! They plan to work with MPO Vasquez to create an article for the Vienna Voice newsletter on the subject of bicycle safety.

6 PAC Report

The PAC discussed the proposed sidewalk snow removal plan and intend to issue articles for the Voice and social media about clearing sidewalks in the fall. They hope to compile a list of volunteers who can assist with snow removal.

7 Reports of the Commissioners

Commissioner Ignatowski shared he recently visited New York City where his wife nearly got hit by a cyclist. The doorman at their hotel said it's a common problem.

Commissioner Nahigian asked if the Police would have a "speeding campaign" like their "stop sign campaign." Sergeant Gucwa said she would investigate that possibility.

Commissioner Kapitan asked how the committees get a line item in the budget. He also congratulated the BAC on their favorable bicycle rides.

Commissioner French asked if DPW will be purchasing any more electronic speed indicator signs. Mr. Jinks said he will inquire about it.

Commissioner Penna mentioned the growing number of children riding e-bikes and e-scooters on the roads and on the W&OD Trail.

8 Report of the Chairman

Chairman Eachus asked about the missing crosswalk on Hillcrest Drive at Kingsley Road SW. Mr. Jinks said he will have it added to the pavement marking list.

9 Meeting Adjourn

8:50 PM

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