

TAC Report & 2025/26 Work Plan

Board Transportation Committee Meeting

September 16, 2025

Mike Champness, Chair
Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

TAC Roster

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TAC Participation in Developing Comprehensive Policy Plan Transportation Element

Collaboration Highlights:

- Partnered with Planning Commission (PC)
- Participated in planning and review meetings with County staff

Key Milestones:

- Jan 16, 2024: FCDOT Transportation Policy Element Draft
- Jun 13, 2024: **Joint Meeting** – PC Transportation Committee
- Jun 20–21, 2024: Urban Development & Placemaking Workshop
- Sep 17, 2024: FCDOT Policy Plan Update
- Oct 10, 2024: **Joint Meeting** – PC Transportation Committee
- Nov–Dec 2024: Review of Policy Plan Spreadsheet
- Jan 21, 2025: Initial Comments from Commissioners
- Mar 18, 2025: TAC Approves Comment Letter
- ***Mar 31, 2025: Chair Sends Comment Letter to Robert Pikora***

Follow-Up Actions:

- Joint Meetings with PC Policy Plan Committee: May 8 & June 5, 2025
- BOS Staff Aides Meeting: May 20, 2025
- Transportation Element Status & TAC Next Steps: June 17, 2025
- TAC Elections: July 15, 2025

TAC Comments on Transportation Element of the CPP

General Observations:

- Need for **context-sensitive implementation**: “Every Place to Make its Own Someplace”
- Tools now available, especially the **Comprehensive Transportation Analysis (CTA)**

Key Recommendations:

- Transit-Oriented Development / 15-Minute Neighborhoods
- Inclusive, robust public outreach
- All transportation modes addressed
- Support for both telework & transportation demand management
- Climate action & carbon reduction
- Identify & remove policy barriers
- Bus Rapid Transit & enhanced transit
- Use of research white papers to guide policy

Balancing Priorities:

- Local mobility vs. regional throughput
- New infrastructure vs. maintenance of existing assets
- Present-day needs vs. long-term future trends

Future TAC Focus – Implementing the Transportation Element via Outreach

Work Plan Principles:

- Holistic, multi-perspective approach
- Integration with economic development, land use, equity, and environment
- Re-examine pre-COVID assumptions
- Community input is essential
- Fairfax as a "test bed" for innovation
- TAC's Role: **Propose solutions, not take positions**

Bridging the Gap:

- CPP was revised for "less specificity" per BOS request
- Natural bridge to efforts of County Boards & Commissions
- TAC to continue where CPP leaves off

Work Plan Focus Areas & Outreach Partners:

- Transit Oriented Development
- Vehicle Congestion Mitigation
- Trails, Sidewalks, and Bikeways
- Strategies and Policies
- Major Infrastructure Investments
- New Transportation Technologies
- Partnerships/Outreach/Communications

Outreach is Key:

- Collaboration with FCDOT, Planning & Development, Department of Economic Initiatives, others
- Communications example: Fairfax Connector Marketing Team (2024 TAC Award Winner)
- Engage public and stakeholder groups to explore trade-offs and co-create solutions

Recent & Planned Key Meeting Highlights



Upcoming Meeting Topics:

- **Transit Network Planning and Connectivity:** Mapping issue areas and framing discussion
- **Microtransit, Micromobility & Autonomous Vehicles:** Introduction & issues assessment
- **Department of Economic Initiatives:** Blueprint for the Future
- **TAC Focus Areas Team Meetings:**
  - Transit-Oriented Development – Urban Design Standards (Potential joint PC meeting)
  - Trails, Sidewalks & Bikeways – TBD

Next Steps

Planned Activities:

- Continue with scheduled upcoming meetings
- Continue with collaborative reviews of important FCDOT initiatives
- Refine priorities and strategies to advise BOS with CPP transportation element implementation
- Continue joint meetings with Planning Commission: next meeting October 9
- Build partnerships across County departments, stakeholder issue groups, members of the public

Topics for Discussion:

- Board of Supervisors thoughts on the 2025/26 Work Plan
- Priorities from the Board of Supervisors & individual Supervisors