



County of Fairfax, Virginia

Fairfax Connector Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC)

Transportation Advisory
Commission (TAC)

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At the June 4, 2013, Board Meeting, during the approval for Fairfax Connector's Silver Line bus service plan, the Board referred the issue of establishment of a Transit Riders Advisory Group to provide input on transit issues to its Transportation Committee for discussion





- Staff researched various Transit Riders Advisory Groups
 - WMATA: Riders Advisory Council (RAC)
 - Arlington County (ART): Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - Charlotte, NC (CATS): Transit Services Advisory Committee (TSAC)
- Reviewed by-laws, guidelines, resolutions, procedures, roles, and responsibilities
- Reviewed overall role, membership composition, recruitment process, and meeting frequency



- Reviewed Other Fairfax County Advisory Committees
 - Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)
 - Disability Services Board (DSB)
- Attended meetings
 - WMATA RAC
 - Met with WMATA RAC coordinator to seek insights on the operation of the committee
- Legal review of potential bylaws





- Typical Purpose: A committee that can advise the Board on transit issues from a riders perspective
 - Service planning
 - Communications and outreach
 - Transit policies and procedures
 - Performance standards
 - Emerging issues in public transportation
 - Feedback on Connector Service





- Typical Composition:
Varies
 - Depends on governance
 - One member for each district/jurisdiction that is on the transit board
 - Members are typically transit riders of their local system





- Name: Transit Rider's Advisory Committee (TRAC)
- Mission: Provide input on a broad range of issues that affect the Fairfax Connector Bus Service
- Purpose: Represent riders' perspectives



- 14 members
 - Ten, one from each magisterial district plus
 - One Disabilities Service Board
 - One Transportation Advisory Commission
 - Three At-large, nominated by Chairman
- Recruitment coordinated by staff
 - Applications vetted by staff sent to supervisors for approval
 - Membership should be representative of the demographics of Fairfax County
 - Minority representation must be encouraged (Title VI)
 - Non-transit users can be included to provide differing perspectives



Next Steps

- Return to the Board Transportation Committee for further discussion





- Is there a role for the TRAC? How would you define that role?
- How would the TRAC's purpose differ from the TAC's purpose? Where would the roles overlap?
- How would the TRAC and TAC interact? Would they present joint recommendations to the Board?