

Fairfax Connector Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC)

Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) May 5, 2014 Paul Mounier







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



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- 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



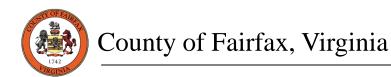




- Typical Composition: Varies
 - Depends on governance
 - One member for each district/jurisdiction that is on the transit board
 - Members are typically transit riders of their local system







- <u>Name</u>: Transit Rider's Advisory Committee (TRAC)
- <u>Mission</u>: Provide input on a broad range of issues that affect the Fairfax Connector Bus Service

• <u>Purpose:</u> 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





 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?

