Citizen's Task Force Study of Financial, Legal & Legislative Issues Associated with Improving Roadway Service Delivery Board of Supervisors Transportation Committee Meeting

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Why We Are Here

- The proposed scope of work for the study of financial, legal, and legislative issues associated with improving roadway service delivery was discussed at the October 20, 2009 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.
- One of five tasks within the scope of work involved staff, Board, and citizen coordination and input.
- The Board, after a brief discussion, decided that the TAC should provide recommendations on how to address this task with respect to a citizens task force.

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- The TAC presented its recommendations to the BTC at its December 8, 2009 meeting.
- With regard to a citizens advisory body as envisioned in the draft scope of work, the TAC recommended that it could serve in this capacity as a first step, with the understanding that as the study progresses, the TAC would work with the BTC to develop a strategy for larger outreach efforts.
- After some discussion, the BTC requested for its next meeting that FCDOT staff present "milestones" and "timelines" for the study and asked that the TAC consider the types of expertise and representation for a citizens task force.

TAC Response

In response to the BTC request, the TAC has prepared a preliminary list that shows types of interests and expertise to consider when forming a full citizens task force.

Before we present the list, we would to propose the appropriate stage at which to constitute a full citizens task force.

Per Scope of Work proposed by FCDOT staff, TAC expects the study to develop in three stages:

- Stage 1 Data Collection (Tasks I, II, and III of the draft Scope of Work): This early stage of the study will require consultant research into the available legal, financial, legislative, and organizational issues associated with increasing transportation funding and improving roadway service delivery within the County;
- Stage 2 Development and Evaluation of Options: Once all legal, financial and legislative issues are identified, the study will require development of potential option sets as well as consideration of which, if any, of the available options are worth pursuing; and
- Stage 3 Recommendations: The study will result in recommendations to the Board and a proposed course of action.

TAC recommends that the Board use the TAC as an advisory body in Stage 1 of the study and that a full citizens task force be constituted to participate in Stages 2 and 3 of the study as envisioned in Task IV of the draft Scope of Work.

- TAC believes that the data collection nature of Stage 1 does not lend itself to consideration and reaction of a full citizens task force and recommends that the TAC itself has sufficient expertise to play the appropriate advisory role in Stage 1 of the study.
- This role will help ensure that the study receives appropriate citizen guidance without causing unnecessary delay, interruption or added expense.
- The TAC further proposes to invite appropriate expertise to join with us at this stage to augment our expertise and to illuminate issues as needed.

Stages 2 and 3 of the study require public outreach and participation by a full citizens task force. These stages will involve citizens to provide input on the available legal, financial, legislative and organizational issues and options identified by the study and to participate in the critical thinking that will result in recommendations to the Board.

For purposes of forming a full citizens task force at Stages 2 and 3, the TAC recommends that the **Board consider inclusion of** individuals and groups with appropriate expertise as well as stakeholders. The following list is representative and not intended to be inclusive or in order of priority:

- Schools
- Bus and other public transit service providers
- Representative Civic Associations or related interest groups
- Commercial and business groups
- Bicyclist / pedestrian interest groups
- Waste management service providers
- County area-specific groups
- Select County Boards, Authorities and Commissions
- Maintenance service providers (e.g. Public Works, Parks and Recreation)
- Any additional nominated representatives from Fairfax County Magisterial Districts in addition to the TAC members

Questions?