

Lydia Durand

From: Jennifer Slesinger
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:46 PM
To: Lydia Durand
Subject: FW: Potomac Yard Metro Station SW Entrance: Support for Modified Option 1

From: Jake J <jjakubek@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:38 PM
To: Jennifer Slesinger <Jennifer.Slesinger@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: Re: Potomac Yard Metro Station SW Entrance: Support for Modified Option 1

Jennifer,

Here are my remarks. I hope you're doing OK.

Jake

Dear Mayor Wilson. Vice-Mayor Bennett Parker, and Members of City Council,

My name is Jake Jakubek and I live at 5270 Duke St Apt 415 in the West End of the city.

I am the Vice Chair of the Alexandria Transportation Commission and I am writing to support "Modified Option 1."

Ensuring this entrance to the station is built will help make the entire project of redeveloping Potomac Yard into an urban area more successful. Allowing more people to access the station by giving options for entrances will greatly enhance the city's goals for the neighborhood by providing easier access to transit to residents and visitors. We will be able to grow the population of the city without significantly increasing traffic congestion on our streets.

Being that the Transportation Commission is unable to meet during the Covid-19 emergency, we could not debate the outcome or take action. As such, my remarks do not represent the Commission and are strictly my own.

Thank you for listening about this important city project. Stay safe out there.

Jake Jakubek



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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:46 PM
To: Lydia Durand
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: Transportation Commission: Potomac Yard SW Entrance Update
Attachments: Memo to PYMIG - Outcome of Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Southwest Access Pricing Discussions - FINAL.pdf

This one may have already made it in..

From: Melissa McMahon <mmcmahonpc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Jennifer Slesinger <Jennifer.Slesinger@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: Transportation Commission: Potomac Yard SW Entrance Update

Forwarding this email I sent to Daphne last night. Please distribute appropriately. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Melissa McMahon <mmcmahonpc@gmail.com>
Date: March 29, 2020 at 9:41:15 PM EDT
To: daphne.kott@alexandriava.gov
Subject: Fwd: Transportation Commission: Potomac Yard SW Entrance Update

Dear Daphne,

Per the email below notifying the Transportation Commission of the recommendation of the City Manager, I would like to offer staff a letter of my personal support for pursuing Modified Option 1. It is unfortunate that Transportation Commission will not be meeting in time to discuss this news and make a determination as a group. Nonetheless, I am glad to hear that WMATA and PYC were able to negotiate a reasonable price for this work that meets our \$50 million budget from state support, and I'm even more glad to hear that this work is expected to be completed on the same timeline as the rest of the station, to open in Spring 2022.

I do hope that City Council supports this way forward.

Sincerely,
Melissa McMahon
Chair, Transportation Commission

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From: Melissa McMahon <mmcmahonpc@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Mar 29, 2020 at 9:53 AM
Subject: Transportation Commission: Potomac Yard SW Entrance Update
To: Jennifer Slesinger <Jennifer.Slesinger@alexandriava.gov>, Christopher Ziemann <christopher.ziemann@alexandriava.gov>

Dear Transportation Commission,

Courtesy of Commissioner Bruce Marsh, attached please find a memo from the City regarding plans to move forward with the southern entrance to the Potomac Yard Metro. WMATA (in coordination with the City) and Potomac Yard Contractors (PYC) were able to reach agreement on a "modified option 1," which is basically a scaled down pavilion (with elevators and stairs but no escalators) at the south entrance which connects with a bridge to the North pavilion. After some very intense negotiations, the parties were able to reach agreement with an estimated price tag under the \$50 million allocated by the State (original estimates were over \$70m) for the project. While the proposal does not include a second bridge and separate entrance to the station platform (which would have cost over \$100m), it is a significant improvement over the other option which was basically an extended ramp (to allow for a more gradual grade for handicapped access, etc.).

Given the Transportation Commission's current inability to meet in person due to the COVID-19 virus, I wanted to make sure you were aware of the decision and encourage you to weigh in if you have interest, given that the Commission cannot submit formal comments. Bruce Marsh, our representative on the Potomac Yard Metro Implementation Group (PYMIG), will be submitting personal comments to the City, which are due by this Monday, March 30th. You can also submit via an email to daphne.kott@alexandriava.gov. You can also submit comments directly to City Council, who will vote on the plan at their meeting on April 14th.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or you can also reach out to Bruce directly for more background at brucermarsh73@gmail.com or call him at 703.618.8880.

Sincerely,
Melissa

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From: Jennifer Slesinger
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:46 PM
To: Lydia Durand
Subject: FW: Transportation Commission: Potomac Yard SW Entrance Update
Attachments: PY Metro Entrance - LOS.docx

Sorry – not sure the best way to send these. I have two more..

From: Casey Kane <caseykane50@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Jennifer Slesinger <Jennifer.Slesinger@alexandriava.gov>
Cc: Christopher Ziemann <christopher.ziemann@alexandriava.gov>; Hillary Orr <Hillary.Orr@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: RE: Transportation Commission: Potomac Yard SW Entrance Update

Hi Jen,

Below and attached is my letter.

April 6, 2020

Subject: Potomac Yard Metro Station Southwest Entrance

Dear Mayor Wilson, Vice-Mayor Bennett-Parker and members of the City Council,

Currently, I am the Traffic and Parking Board's representative to the Transportation Commission, but my comments below are mine and do not represent any other members of the Transportation Commission nor the Traffic and Parking Board.

I would like to add my personal support for the new Modified Option 1 entrance to the Potomac Yard Metro Station. This design will allow the city to provide the necessary second entrance from the west side of the station and achieve the goal of staying within the budgeted amount for this entrance.

The efforts of city staff to successfully negotiate a viable solution for this entrance are to be applauded.

Thank you for considering my letter.

Sincerely,

Casey Kane
5500 Holmes Run Parkway #1510
Alexandria VA 22304

From: Jennifer Slesinger [<mailto:Jennifer.Slesinger@alexandriava.gov>]
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:54 PM
To: Christopher Ziemann <christopher.ziemann@alexandriava.gov>; Hillary Orr <Hillary.Orr@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: FW: Transportation Commission: Potomac Yard SW Entrance Update

Just a reminder to send me any emails or letters by Monday if you want to write one to get included in the docket. Thank you all and have a good weekend!

From: Jennifer Slesinger
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Christopher Ziemann <christopher.ziemann@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: Transportation Commission: Potomac Yard SW Entrance Update

Dear Transportation Commission,

If you haven't yet submitted a letter, below is template language that you can use if you support modified option 1. Please feel free to edit as you wish and do not feel obligated to use this template. If you send me letters by Monday, I can compile them and try to get them in the Council docket. It is also fine to send to Council directly.

Best,
Jen

Re: Potomac Yard Metro Station SW Entrance: Support for Modified Option 1

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

As a City resident and member of the Transportation Commission, I am writing to support "Modified Option 1." I believe the enhancements to the southern entrance of the Potomac Yard Metro Station will support the station's role as an important link to the region's multi-modal transportation system, allowing thousands of residents and workers to access metro rail, bus and other mobility options in a part of city undergoing major transformation.

Given the Transportation Commission's inability to meet given the ongoing Covid-19 emergency, the Transportation Commission could not discuss the outcome or vote on an action, so these comments represent my individual position. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my input on this important project for the City.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Jennifer Slesinger <Jennifer.Slesinger@alexandriava.gov>; Christopher Ziemann <christopher.ziemann@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Transportation Commission: Potomac Yard SW Entrance Update

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