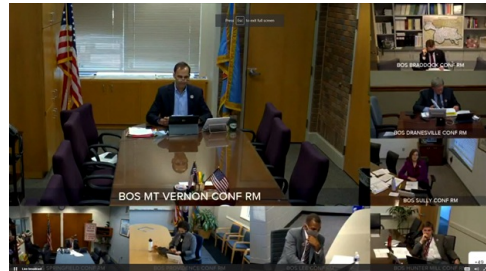


December 1, 2020



At yesterday's Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting we adopted the **2021 Legislative Program for the Virginia General Assembly** and **Human Services Issues Paper**, and approved the **County's 117th Congress Federal Legislative Strategy and Principles**. The Board will have a **virtual legislative work session** with the Northern Virginia General Assembly members **on December 8, 2020**.



The Board also **approved two plan amendments** for the **North Gateway Community Business Center (CBC)**. The amendments **increase the planned intensity** for Subunits A-1 and A-2 and incorporate a **new concept** for the CBC in terms of **site layout, urban design and placemaking**. They also remove a planned interchange at Richmond Highway and Huntington Avenue in favor of a plan for a **more pedestrian-friendly and bikeable alternative**.

These plan amendments are the culmination of a **truly community-driven process** that began back in 2009 when the **Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association (MVCCA)** spearheaded changing the Comprehensive Plan language to **eliminate the proposed I-495 "clover leaf interchange."** They have **continued to push over the years** and I am pleased to have brought this **long-time, strongly advocated community objective** to fruition and favorable plan amendment resolution. The approval of these two plan amendments is **transformative for not only the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts, but the whole County**. The proposed design of the North Gateway CBC presents a **real opportunity for economic development** and allows this area to develop to its full potential as a **gateway to the County**. The proximity to the Huntington Metro adds even more value and will certainly **entice developers to this prime site**.

Thank you to the **MVCCA, Katherine Ward, Jon Kandel**, the **Montebello community** and **so many others** for their advocacy on the HATS Interchange study and the North Gateway amendments. Special thanks also to former planning commissioner **Earl Flanagan**.

Additional Meeting Highlights:

1. Advertised a public hearing on a **New and Modernized Zoning Ordinance (zMOD)** to replace the current Zoning Ordinance.
2. Accepted grant funding for the **COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Campaign and immunization planning**.
3. **Commended Chief Ed Roessler** for his **more than 30 years of service** to the Fairfax County Police Department.

You can read more about COVID-19 updates, **upcoming community meetings** and information below.

Respectfully yours in public service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Storck'.

Dan Storck

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors December 1, 2020 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the [County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#). You may listen to highlights from the Board meeting on your computer or listen directly on iTunes. Subscribe to the podcast, or choose a program and listen in.

Para recibir la información de **nuestro boletín electrónico en español**, o **para hablar con un hispanohablante**, comuníquese con **Diego Rodriguez Cabrera** a su preferencia, por teléfono al (703) 619-4339 o por correo electrónico: diego.rodriquezcabrera@fairfaxcounty.gov.

To view the December 1, 2020 Board Package [click here](#).

Administrative Items

Item 3: Advertised a public hearing on a **New and Modernized Zoning Ordinance (zMOD)** to replace the current Zoning Ordinance. The proposed new Ordinance is presented in a **modernized format and structure with tables and illustrations**, uses plain language that is **easily understandable**, and **updates land uses** and their associated regulations. **Extensive public outreach and engagement** has been a hallmark of this project. **Multiple virtual meetings** were held with land use committees, HOA groups, civic associations, the Planning Commission and others, including the **MVCCA and South County Federation (SCF) Land Use Committees**, who gave overwhelmingly positive reviews. The **Planning Commission public hearing** will be held on **January 28, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.**, and the **BOS public hearing** on **March 9, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 36 - 42 of the Board Package.*

Item 9: Approved acceptance of **\$1.5 M in grant funding** from the Virginia Community College System for the **Re-Employing Virginian (REV) Educational Vouchers**. *The full item can be read on pages 89 - 99 of the Board Package.*

Item 10: Approved acceptance of **\$125,000 in grant funding** to participate in a newly created **Upward Mobility Cohort**, with an overall objective to develop a **Mobility Action Plan** including the development of a **set of evidence-based metrics** in areas such as education, health, housing, safety and work. These metrics will **help inform priorities**, set targets, catalyze action, change policies and practices, and will allow the County to monitor our progress in **advancing upward mobility over time**. *The full item can be read on pages 100 - 103 of the Board Package.*

Item 11: Approved acceptance of **\$500,000 in grant funding** for the **COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Campaign** to purchase **equipment and supplies to support storage and transport** of vaccines at required temperatures, other equipment and supplies needed to **hold mass vaccination events**, and **messaging in support of vaccination**. *The full item can be read on pages 104 - 119 of the Board Package.*

Item 12: Approved acceptance of **\$230,000 in grant funding** for the **COVID-19 Immunization Planning** to engage **community-based providers** in the federal vaccination program and to **identify and mitigate barriers to vaccination** within their clinics and practices, as well as to assist with **receipt, storage and allocation of vaccine** for use in the Health Department's **mass vaccination clinics**. *The full item can be read on pages 120 - 133 of the Board Package.*

Item 13: Approved acceptance of **\$1,431,950 in grant funding** in support of the safe administration of the **November 2020 presidential election**. *The full item can be read on pages 134 - 140 of the Board Package.*

Action Items

Item 2: Approved the sale of **General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds** that will generate **\$290 million to fund construction of capital facilities and infrastructure** as previously approved by the Board. *The full item can be read on pages 147 - 318 of the Board Package.*

Item 3: Approved personnel regulation revisions **regarding bullying, removing Columbus Day and adding Juneteenth Day (June 19) and Election Day as holidays.** *The full item can be read on pages 295 - 334 of the Board Package.*

Item 5: Approved a **project agreement and future agreements** with the **Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation** to receive FY 2021 funding for the **I-95 Transit and Travel Demand Management Plan** operating assistance and **FY 2021 transit operating assistance grant funds.** *The full item can be read on pages 339 - 345 of the Board Package.*

Item 9: Approved an addition to Action Item #17 that established the **Police Civilian Review Panel.** The addition gives the Panel the authority to **receive public comment about any law enforcement related policy, practice, or procedure,** as long as all Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) requirements are followed. *The full item can be read on pages 485 - 503 of the Board Package.*

Information Items

Item 2: Received a presentation of the **Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)** and **Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR).** *The full item can be read on pages 505 - 593 of the Board Package.*

Board Matters

Adoption of Auditor of the Board's November 2020 Quarterly Report and Approval of the Audit Committee Work Plan for the Upcoming Quarter

The Board of Supervisors has received the **Auditor of the Board's Quarterly Report for November 2020.** The report included the following study area, recommendations, and managements' concurrence.

November 2020 Quarterly Report:
Unallocated/Unassigned Sales Tax Study:
Observation:

- OFPA liaised with DTA to construct a process to identify if graphical declines in Fairfax County Local Sales and Use Tax Revenue was attributed to misallocation of revenue.

Auditor Recommends:

- Staff review the sample of revenue decline to assess if the declines are associated with the misallocation of revenue.
- We further recommend DTA staff complete the requisite paperwork to affect the transfer of these funds, if necessary.

- **Management agreed with the recommendations.**

Action

Adopted the [Auditor of the Board's November 2020 Quarterly Report](#) and approve the attached Audit Committee Work Plan for the upcoming quarter.

CARES ACT Funding Assistance to Utility Customers - Joint with Supervisor Penny Gross

Through its amended budget, the Commonwealth has **appropriated \$100 million** of its Coronavirus Relief Funds to provide **financial assistance to utility customers.** A portion of this appropriation is allocated to the **COVID-19 Municipal Utility Relief Fund Program.** Under this Program, the Commonwealth will make funds available to **qualifying municipal utilities** so that the municipal utilities can provide **financial assistance to**

customers who cannot pay their utility bills due to economic hardships **caused by the COVID-19 pandemic**. Under the Program, each municipal utility must submit a separate application in order to receive funding, and will need to **partner with the County** to act as the **utility's fiscal agent** to receive funds.

To comply with the November 30 application deadline, **all municipal utilities within the County's jurisdiction have submitted applications**. [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

Action

Supported the municipal utilities applications and directed staff to continue to develop a program to administer the Program funds in accordance with state and federal law.

Amendments to Fairfax County Food Code - Joint with Supervisor Dalia Palchik

Following the most recent Health and Human Services Committee meeting, we **recommend replacement of the present County requirements** on the **regulation of food and food service establishments**, now set forth in Chapter 43.1 of the Fairfax County Code, with a new Chapter 43.2 containing requirements based on a **new federal model for the handling of food and food service establishments**.

Fairfax County **continues to be a leader** in implementing regulatory standards and practices that help to **protect the public's health and safety**. Although Chapter 43.1 continues to provide valuable protection for the public's health, it does not address **significant food safety concerns** related to, for example, **mobile food vending requirements** in approved right-of-way locations, **cottage food operations** provisions, and requirements for **pets in outdoor dining areas**.

The adoption of Chapter 43.2 has **established basic guidelines** for food establishments to conduct **outdoor cooking practices**, the inclusion of additional food items that **require time/temperature control for safety**, and added the current designations for **food safety violations based** on an association with foodborne illness. [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

Action

Authorized a public hearing for the adoption of Chapter 43.2 of the Fairfax County Code.

Public Hearings

Proposed Amendments to Chapter 61 (Building Provisions) of the County Code Regarding Penalties

Approved amendments to the County Code to **improve building provisions** by aligning them with enabling legislation and to **strengthen civil penalties for violations**.

Proposed Plan Amendments for North Gateway Community Business Center (CBC) and Plan Amendment for Planned Interchange at Richmond Highway and Huntington Avenue

Approved Plan Amendment #2018-IV-MV5 for **changes to the land use and transportation recommendations** for Sub-units A-1 and A-2, and potential options for parcel consolidation with Sub-unit A-3 of the **North Gateway Community Business Center (CBC)**, as well as the **urban design and area-wide recommendations** for the entire CBC. The area is planned for a **mix of land uses** and a redevelopment option up to 1.65 FAR on Sub-units A-1 and A-2. The amendment will consider revising the redevelopment option up to 2.0 FAR for Sub-units A-1 and A-2.

Approved Plan Amendment #2018- IV-T1 to **remove the a planned grade-separated interchange or "I-495 clover leaf interchange"** located at the intersection of Huntington Avenue and Richmond Highway in favor of a plan for a **more pedestrian-friendly and bikeable alternative**.

District Information & Upcoming Events

Virtual 50+ Employment Expos Retool, Recharge, and Reinvent Yourself

- **Attend** as many or as few workshops as you'd like!
- **Network** with local employers, training institutions and more!
- **Learn** new job-search skills!

Jobseekers **age 50 or better** and exhibitors can [learn more and register for free...](#)

We Want Your Input on the Richmond Highway BRT!

Next Meetings December 8 & 9

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will host two **virtual community meetings on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020, at 7 p.m. (English)** and **Thursday, Dec. 9, 2020, at 7 p.m. (Español)** to provide a **year-end update on land development and transportation activities** along the Richmond Highway corridor. [More information and to register...](#)

BRT Station Design Survey - Provide your feedback through December 18!

We encourage you to **review the two station design concepts and take a survey to tell us what you think!** At the link above, you can walk through the draft concepts and view slides from the virtual meetings on November 4 and 5.

Shredding Event

Saturday, December 5, 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Gerry Highland Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway

The County Solid Waste Management Program will be hosting a **secure document shredding event on Saturday, December 5 from 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.** at the Gerry Highland Government Center. **Masks are required and social distancing measures** will be **in place for the safety of residents** and event staff.

The event is for Fairfax County residents only. Shredding events **start promptly at 7 a.m. and conclude at 11 a.m. Only cars in line by 11 a.m. will be served.** [Learn more...](#)

COVID-19 Updates

[Guidance for Funerals, Memorials and Dealing with Grief During COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 Data Dashboard Now Includes Contact Tracing](#)

[Winter Holidays and COVID-19: Recommendations for Family Celebrations, Shopping and Entertainment](#)

[Out of Work Due To COVID-19? Apply for Job Training by Dec. 8](#)

[Five Things You Need to Know about COVID-19 Today](#)

[What to Know About Tenant-Landlord Rights During COVID-19](#)

Mask up, Virginia!

You may not know you're sick.

- Not everyone with COVID-19 feels or looks sick.
- We all need to wear cloth masks to stop the spread.
- You can help save lives.



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