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[00:32:42] good afternoon everyone thank you for the cadets if you want to have a seat you're more than welcome to find a seat and sit down it is two o'clock on tuesday february 6 2024 please join me for a moment

[00:32:54] of silence thank you all rise if you're able for the pledge of allegiance please be seated we are

[00:33:35] now on agenda item three the approval of the meeting minutes from january 9th january 16th january 29th and january 30th um i will entertain a motion to improve agenda items 3a 3b and 3c so moved madam chair second any discussion you have all right hearing none please vote vote

[00:34:12] unanimous all right thank you so very much we are now on to the proclamations and commendations um first up we have a commendation um for first sergeant garrett peterson candace reed sheets katie carroll and andrea watt for their work on the recent police department and department of public safety communications reaccreditation process um and then um we have a commendation

[00:34:46] on we're going to vote on these at one time um we are going to hold on we have a proclamation naming february 2024 black history month um so i would like to um do a do a motion i like to entertain a motion so move out and show 4a 4b second all right any discussion all right please

[00:35:13] vote vote unanimous all right thank you so i am now going to move down to the podium to present these resolutions um police chief peter newsham if you could join me at the podium um and if there are any other representatives if they can assemble at the front so when we take our photo thank you

[00:35:37] The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, CAILA, stands as an independent body formed in 1979 through the joint efforts of the International Associations of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Sheriff's Association, and the Police Executive Research Forum.

[00:36:18] Its mission centers on administering a distinctive accreditation process tailored for law enforcement agencies in the United States and abroad. This process aims to elevate professionalism, accountability, and transparency within these agencies, thereby fostering a strong bond between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

[00:36:37] Accreditation serves as a cornstone for both the agency and the community, ensuring a steadfast commitment to delivering top-tier professional services. By adhering to rigorous standards, agencies do not only bolster their own operations, but also cultivate vital community cooperation and understanding, crucial elements in contemporary law enforcement practices.

[00:36:59] Recognizing the memento effort required for accreditation, as well as the ongoing dedication necessary for its maintenance, The Prince William Board of County Supervisors extends commendation to 1st Sergeant Gert Peterson, Candace Reed Sheets, Katie Carroll, and Andrea Watt for their instrumental roles in navigating the recent reaccreditation processes for the police department and the Department of Public Communications.

[00:37:26] Their unwavering commitment ensures that these departments continue to uphold the highest standards of excellence, securing their designation as accredited agencies at a meritorious level. right now i have one i just want to let everyone know that we will my office will be sending out to all the people named you will all receive your own individual commendation so but with this i'm going to turn it over to police chief newsham if he has any remarks thank you chair jefferson members of the board i'm pete newsham i'm the chief of police here in prince william county

[00:38:05] A couple things I want to point out about the CALEA accreditation. First of all, it's a tri-ARC accreditation. When CALEA does the accreditation process, they can look at three particular parts of the agency.

[00:38:21] They will look at operations, they'll look at the training facility, and then they'll look at the public safety communications. And since 1987, the Prince William Police Department has been proud to hold those accreditations.

[00:38:38] What's also of significance is that the Prince William County Police Department was awarded the Award of Excellence by CALEA. And when they are awarding the Award of Excellence, they consider how the agency promotes progressive community engagement strategies, how the agency uses data as a structured tool for management decisions, how the agency repeatedly and progressively uses the accreditation model for outcomes and benchmarking, and how the agency fills a leadership role amongst peer agencies.

[00:39:16] And so I oftentimes speak about this department and the way this department is a leader amongst other agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia and what we do, we follow best practices, and I

think this accreditation is just a symbol of that. But the four folks that were mentioned, two of them are here today who are receiving this award, tirelessly work behind the scenes to ensure that we maintain our accreditation.

[00:39:43] So I want to thank the board and the chair for taking the time to recognize their efforts. It's extremely important in my mind for our community to know that a national organization has taken a look at this department and awarded it an award of excellence.

[00:40:01] So thank you very much.

[00:40:51] Now if Sergeant Byron Jenkins should join me at the podium and any representatives you would like to have come up with you. So this is a proclamation for Black History Month.

[00:41:16] Whereas the month of February is nationally recognized as Black History Month, and whereas during this month the nation is encouraged to celebrate the history, heritage, and accomplishments of black American people past and present, and whereas the celebration of Black History Month is a positive way of recognizing the culture and history of African Americans is vital to the core beliefs and values of this country and nation.

[00:41:41] And whereas Prince William County has been enriched by the many black residents who have lived and worked to make our community what it is today, and whereas the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need for education regarding the black experience in our county and the Commonwealth at large, now therefore be it resolved by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby proclaims February 2024 its Black History Month.

[00:42:08] Be it further resolved that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby encourages citizen participation in the activities recognizing the past and present accomplishments, history, and heritage of African Americans. Sergeant Jenkins, would you like to say a few words?

[00:42:27] Thank you, Madam Chair. First, I want to say that this is probably my last one I will be attending as an employee of Prince William County because I retire come April 1st.

[00:42:43] After 28 years of total law enforcement, thank you, thank you, and 20 years and six months here at the county. I don't want to do an acceptance speech, sort of speak, right now.

[00:42:58] I'll do that at the event that we have on February 22nd at 11 o'clock at the Hilton Performing Arts Center out in Manassas. Plug. So I hope to see everybody here. Firstly, before I get further into me saying what I need to see, because I know we have limited time here, because I can talk forever if I can do that.

[00:43:20] I first want to recognize the members of the Black History Committee. Some are here. Not everybody is represented today, but again, as I've said before, these folks put in the hard work to make sure that we have a program that's educational as well as entertaining each year. So if we could give them a round of applause.

[00:43:39] They are pretty much my left leg, right leg, right arm, right eye, left eye. They are everything that I need to survive. They put this to help get this theme forward. I know I take all the credit for it, but they are the ones that really get this thing moving. Secondly, this year's theme is about African-Americans in the arts.

[00:44:01] And we first heard this theme as we do most of the themes that we get from ASALA, which is the American Association for Study of African-American Life and History. They give out the theme every year that they kind of focus on. And we take that theme and we kind of tailor it down to Prince William County.

[00:44:17] Unfortunately, African-Americans in the arts is something that is too long for a program we can put together because we know that our history, our American history, is enriched with contributions from African-Americans throughout history, and particularly in the arts. Whether you debate, some people debate whether or not blacks invented rock and roll.

[00:44:36] I personally believe that research I've done, or you can think about any other thing that we've done throughout history. It has contributed very much so to American history and what we have today. So if you think about all the things that have happened, if you take away black history, black history's contribution to American history, we wouldn't be where we are.

[00:44:56] So with that, we decided to take that, kind of pare it down to something that's more manageable, and that is the New Negro Movement. The New Negro Movement, just by the name itself, you have something new, that means you have to have something old, right?

[00:45:14] I mean, you have new, improved cars, you have new, improved cereal, new, improved hair conditioner, new, improved whatever. There's something new to replace something old. And the old thing was is that the mindset that this country had as it related to black people in this country, and it wasn't very positive, especially coming out of surgery, surgery, slavery, and especially after the Reconstruction years where black people in this country profited very much so in that short time span.

[00:45:42] Of course, after Reconstruction, there was a very big backlash, and blacks in this country were not treated as fair as we should, have been treated. We weren't even treated as people. After all, the one person, even Senator Jefferson Davis, who at one time in 1860 had proclaimed in front of the floor of the Senate that blacks had came from animals. And he used a fairy tale that was very prominent in the South that blacks came from his land called Nod, and they were animals. They meaning us were animals.

[00:46:20] And we were treated as such that we should be overseen and we should be taken over. And he said that all in response because they wanted, they were voting on a measure to provide black people in D.C. opportunity for education. That's just one small thing.

[00:46:38] If you look at the trope of Auntie Mama and Uncle Ben, who have been in the news within the last couple of years, and they changed the name of these products, those were racial tropes. Aunt and Uncle was used in terms of endearment for older slaves, elder slaves.

[00:46:55] So when you see a black woman on a pancake box and Aunt Jemima and an old black man on a box of rice, Uncle Ben, those are throwbacks to old tropes. And a lot of people couldn't understand why we changed those things, because those things were hurtful to people, particularly people of color, because it meant something other than what we knew who we were.

[00:47:16] But the people who put those on the box were just symbols and icons. So with the New Negro Movement, it was a movement to try to push us out of that, where we tried to reclaim some of the things that we have. And some of the things that we try to reclaim is the challenge of who we are as people.

[00:47:37] It was to bring all those things back to who we were. It promoted a new sense of racial pride, cultural, self-expression, economic independence, and progressive politics. All this is in the name of promoting who we are as human beings.

[00:47:54] Unfortunately, we still see a part of that going on right now. But instead of using the old N-word, we use words like thugs. We use words like people who are out of control. And we try to use other words to try to describe people of color. Same way we try to use immigrants to try to describe other people in this country, such as Hispanic people.

[00:48:14] And we talk about names like queer or gay. We try to make fun of those names when it actually pertains to a particular group of people in here. And we can't do that. So it is about reclaiming those things. Even though we're fighting those fights again these days, as we did back then, we would never understand what it means to those words that even Martin Luther King said, and he repeated, we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all, I would insert the word people instead of men, are created equal.

[00:48:45] Please, folks, these words are not just aspirational, but those words that we have to live by. Thank you. Madam Chair, I would be remiss if we didn't recognize our current chair as the first African American to serve as chair of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors.

[00:49:12] So I think that deserves some recognition as well.

[00:49:32] We are now on to the consent agenda, which today just consists of one item, and that is to authorize and direct the new police department training facility to be named the Mike Pennington Scenario-Based Training Center.

[00:50:31] I will entertain a motion to approve Agenda Item 5A. So moved. Second. Any discussion? All right, please vote. Vote unanimous.

[00:50:52] All right, thank you. We are now on to the public hearing portion of the agenda. We have two public hearings this afternoon. There are no presentations associated with these items. Madam Chair, I and Sarah Angry have statements, if you don't mind.

[00:51:13] Madam Chair, before the Board holds the public hearing and votes on Agenda Item 6A, to accept budget and appropriate funds to the schools, I need to declare a personal interest in this matter. My wife is a school employee. As a school employee, my wife and I are members of a group which is affected by this matter.

[00:51:28] I will be participating in it because I am able to do so fairly, objectively, and in the public interest. Thank you, Madam Chair. Ditto. I wish I could just say that. So, Madam Chair, before the board holds public hearings and votes on agenda item 6A to accept budget and appropriate funding to the schools, I need to declare a personal interest in this matter.

[00:51:52] My wife is a special education instructional aide with the schools. As a school employee, my wife and I are members of a group which is affected by this matter. will be participating in it because i am able to do so fairly objectively and in the public interest thank you madam chair all right did anyone else have anything all right again there are no presentations associated with these items and i will open up to the public hearing item 6a and 6b miss bannon do we have anyone sign up to speak all right thank you hearing that we have

[00:52:27] hold on supervisor franklin i see no all right all right um since we do not have anyone signed up to speak I would like to entertain a motion on six madam chair public hearing all right I'm sorry supervisor I was going to recommend you close the public hearing yes so we are going to close the public hearing since we have no one signed up to speak in person or online I am gonna go on to item 6a I would like

[00:53:05] to entertain a motion so move madam chair second all right any discussion 6a all right separately all right so um hearing no discussion on 6a i'd like to take a vote vote unanimous all right we're going to move on to resolution 6b i'd like to entertain a motion

[00:53:37] second any discussion all right hold on we have supervisor franklin good to see this resolution um it's been working with the pickleball community for a few years now uh and they have been very uh

[00:54:14] I'll use the word dedicated to getting additional pickleball courts and making sure that I am well aware of how active this community is. I've been out to play with them a couple of times. They've beat me each time, but I will continue to show up. And so thank you for the community for this effort. Thank you. All right. Thank you so very much. I would now like to entertain a motion.

[00:54:39] I'm sorry, because we were going to do, I was going to do both of them separately. so for all right um no worries so we had discussions all right and so then we are ready

[00:55:01] to take a vote vote unanimous all right i i will one day actually be out there to to try this you know with supervisor vega all right we will now move on to public comments time the board will

[00:55:37] hear in-person and remote public comments we will begin with the in-person public comment time this afternoon we have one person signed up to speak I normally call speakers up five at a time but looks like we have a grand old one person you will have three minutes to share your views and opinions on regarding matters before the board please state your name in magisterial district or where you reside at the beginning of your remarks we will close the in-person sign up list after the first 15 minutes of public comments so if I can have I believe it is Donna Brandt

[00:56:12] Dennis. Dennis Brandt, I'm so sorry, sir. Thank you so very much. Good afternoon, and my name is Dennis Brandt. I'm the CEO of the National Museum of Americans in Wartime, better known for Americans in Wartime Experience. On behalf of myself and Pierce Homer, our chairman of our board, who formerly served eight years as the Secretary of Transportation under two governors, as well as served as assistant county executive and was responsible for bringing the Marine Corps to Quantico.

[00:56:49] That I can go into a little bit later, but I want to thank county executive chairwoman Jefferson board members for having us here. I've met with most of you, and I've shared with most of you that Delegate Torian and Senator McPike have presented a $5 million amendment to the Appropriations Committee in Richmond, Virginia.

[00:57:14] I've also presented to everybody an update on our project, as well as a request of $835,000 per year for three years, which totals 2.5.

[00:57:29] So just to be clear, there seemed to be some confusion. The only ask that we're asking of the county is $835,000 each of three years for a total of $2.5 million. What that will do for us, it will help us provide the infrastructure for the project we have at Dale City.

[00:57:51] Presently, we're five feet to grade right now on 55 acres of land. We have retaining walls that will be constructed in approximately four or five months and probably take about 11 to 12 months.

[00:58:07] We have a military bridge that will be put in over the course of, I don't know, the next year. But I want to move on and tell you about this project. Allen Coors has the largest collection of tanks in the United States, one of the largest in the world.

[00:58:25] One of your own, John Jenkins, former supervisor for 37 years, also founded the Americans in Wartime. We're trying to build out one of the most unique, creative, and exciting educational experiences, not only for Prince William County, but for the United States and the world to see.

[00:58:47] We're talking about indoors and outdoors, a leadership center, but also living landscapes of war for every war in the 21st and 20th century. Trenches for World War I, and kids will be able to come out, school kids, they'll be able to learn, smile, take it in, put their finger in the bullet hole, smell the diesel, and walk away with a smile.

[00:59:11] So please consider, and we thank you ahead of time, please consider the approval of a resolution as well as the request of $835,000 a year for three years, each of three years. And with that, thank you.

[00:59:33] Thank you. I don't believe we don't have anyone else. No one else has signed up. All right. Well, I appreciate that. Thank you for your time, sir. We are now going to move on to remote. I've also provided a book for everybody. Thank you so very much, and we received. Appreciate your time. We will now move on to remote public comment time.

[00:59:51] We have two people signed up to speak today for remote public comment time this afternoon. I will now turn it over to Vice Chair Kenny Bode. Thank you, Madam Chair. Ms. Vann, shall we begin? There's no one logged in at this time. All right. Well, thank you so much for that long and extended remote public comment time.

[01:00:07] Back to you, Madam Chair. All right. We are now on to the county executive time. Mr. Shorter, the floor is now yours. All right. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. A quick few announcements. I just wanted to, and this is a few days old now, this is really a recognition for our Parks and Recreation team.

[01:00:31] All of you know about the Holiday Walk of Lights at the Neabsco Boardwalk. Wanted to report out that we had over 22,000 guests to attend the Boardwalk. Absolutely. over the holiday season. Just really want to acknowledge all the work that went into making that possible over the holiday season. Just express real appreciation for our team at Parks and Recreation. Thank you for the phenomenal, phenomenal work. Last month, I had an opportunity

[01:01:04] with the chair to sit with the Economic Development and Tourism team, Travels with Darley, which is a show that travels around the globe, PBS show, spent a week in Prince William County, touring the county and really highlighting so much of what makes Prince William County so great.

[01:01:27] And we had an opportunity to attend the screening ceremony with the tourism team. Just wanted to, again, acknowledge the team for bringing Travels with Darley to Prince William County. That kind of work, that kind of attention is exactly what we need here in the county.

[01:01:44] The show will premiere, I believe, in May, and look forward to hearing the feedback. Thank you to the tourism team again and to the economic development team. I wanted to really recognize also

Chief LaBelle.

[01:02:02] Chief LaBelle recently graduated from the Naval Post Graduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security with a master's of arts degree. So just wanted to acknowledge our chief. We want to celebrate you and recognize you for graduation and just appreciate you for continuing to do all that you do for our county. I also want to recognize Jamal Hines. Jamal is an employee with our parks team. He recently received a 30 under 30 recognition from the National Recreation and Parks

[01:02:36] Association. Jamal, great work. He currently works for as a program manager for children's programs at Chin Aquatics and Fitness Center. Jamal, fantastic job. Great, great, great honor and recognition for him. And then finally, I wanted to just acknowledge Deborah Wright. Director Wright will be retiring, I think, effective March 1. Deborah has served this county and led in

[01:03:12] phenomenal ways, and I just wanted to use this as an opportunity to recognize Director Wright for her phenomenal work. I also wanted to just direct the public to the library's website. They just launched and finalized their strategic plan, and so for those who are interested and who might want to learn more about the library's work feel free to go to their website um deborah thank you for your service to the county and madam chair that is all for me thank you so very much mr shorter we are now going to move on to the county attorney uh miss roble the floor is now yours thank you

[01:03:50] madam chair we have no items for closed session this afternoon i heard a sigh of relief matthias all righty um we are now on to the agency section of our agenda where we have one resolution and one staff presentation first we have item 10a which is a resolution on the dismissal of an active rezoning and special use special use permit applications comprehensive plan amendments and zoning text amendments uh mr venega the floor is now yours and madam chair if i can

[01:04:27] Just wanted to make note, before we get started, there was a slight change. We had one applicant associated with the Parkway Church, who is on the list, who called this morning to our team to let us know that they wanted to have their case remain active.

[01:04:45] Thank you. Good afternoon, Chair Jefferson, board members. First of all, I would like to introduce our new cleaning director. Good afternoon, Madam Chair, Supervisors. My name is Tanya Washington.

[01:05:01] I'm the new director of the planning office. This is my second day with the county, and I just wanted to say that I'm very excited to join the county executive's team in the planning office and to work with you all to make Prince William County a fantastic place, an even better place to live.

[01:05:20] I spoke with, some of you may have heard me speak before when my hire was announced in December. I am currently living in Fairfax County, but I will be moving back to Prince William County. I used to live in this county for several years and I'm very excited to bring my expertise in doing innovative planning throughout the Washington D.C. region to Prince William County.

[01:05:43] So with that, just wanted to say hello and thank you for having me. - Okay, in addition, I have David McGettigan here for support on this discussion that we're gonna have.

[01:06:01] As Executive Chris Shorter had mentioned, we did receive a last-minute request to remove the Parkway Church. They want to remain active, so in the resolution we're going to strike that from the list.

[01:06:16] In addition, the reason that we're doing this, in 2018 was the last time that we looked through all of our cases and search for cases that have been inactive for the rezoning and special use permits.

[01:06:34] And then we also looked at the comprehensive plan amendments and zoning text amendments that needed to be dismissed. And so we're under the Section 32, 700.80 of the Zoning Ordinance of Prince William County. We're utilizing that to remove or dismiss several cases that have been inactive for several years.

[01:06:58] In addition, we sent out several notifications. We did a notification in late September as well as an official notification on October 3rd. And this was followed by several email outreaches.

[01:07:14] And then finally, we sent in early January or mid-January, we sent final notices to all applicants that were listed on this scheduled to be dismissed. We also had a conversation with Supervisor Bode on the transfer of development rights with his suggestion that we remove that from the list as well so that we could further explore that.

[01:07:42] So that's all I really have to report out is that we would like to remove Parkway Church from that list as well as the transfer of development rights, and we're here to answer any questions you may have. Supervisor Bob Weir and then Supervisor Bodie.

[01:08:05] Good afternoon, Alex. Good afternoon. Just out of curiosity, we've gone back and forth on this. I think Wade will be happy that this is over for several months now. parkway church wasn't on my list but i'm still i'm now curious looks like it's been in here four years where do we stand so with parkway church the last time we had correspondence with them we did a second submission on october 14th i'm sorry november 20th 2020 and then our final

[01:08:42] Overall correspondence with them was on October 14, 2022, where they said they wanted to amend their request, and then they just stopped all communication. And now they informed us this morning that they would like to continue. That was kind of the purpose of this exercise, but I mean, like I say, they weren't on my original list, so I'm not going to squawk too much about it.

[01:09:08] But, you know, four years of, we've got to hold these development applications to a higher standard rather than the one who sit here for a decade and then coming back potentially years later when everybody's kind of forgotten what the what the issues were but I'll take that for the moment and then secondly I noticed that we've got a bunch of withdrawn cases I'm assuming that even though they're not here on the draft resolution that those will disappear from the DAPS as well Supervisor Weir that's correct they requested to withdraw their application so

[01:09:47] therefore there was no need to bring it forward to the board for dismissal so that will have the same effect in terms of that if they choose to resurrect they will have to refile that is correct I'm good madam chair all right now we're going to go to supervisor Bodie then supervisor Bailey thank you madam chair Alex thank you miss Washington welcome I know we welcomed you last month but welcome to you officially appreciate you Alex mentioned that the conversation we had last week um i flagged this for my colleagues last week when the agenda was dispatched uh for

[01:10:21] the the public's benefit the transfer development rights the tdr program was presented as a tool to two boards ago frankly as a tool in order to help preserve uh certain parts of the county and also help uh filter and divert for development to places that it should go in the county uh it was presented, like I said, two boards ago than the previous board in 2022. We remanded it alongside cluster development and a

whole host of other things when those were brought to four. Frankly, when it was remanded back, to my knowledge, no work was additionally done to it, even though

[01:10:58] the board remanded it. And so I wanted to give this board a chance to at least talk about it before we dismiss it. I think there may still be a place for it. You know, we adopted a new comprehensive plan between that dismiss that uh reprimand that remanding and now and and i think that there may be some parts of the county that we we may want to uh preserve through a tdr program alongside the pdr program we adopted a couple years ago and just frankly continue a conversation about how we can continue to build tools in our toolbox to preserve areas we need to while also diverting development to where it needs to go um you know we adopted the occoquan reservoir

[01:11:35] protection area with the comp plan and that to me is a place that could be rife as well as the uh the the rural area for areas we for us to look at to do something like that so i want to just bring up that conversation now have give this board a chance to talk about it before we we take a uh an action on it thank you madam chair all right and then we're going to move on to supervisor bailey thank you madam chair um uh alex and to the team thank you so much for um uh taking this the plunge and doing the long-awaited cleanup i agree with my colleague supervisor weir with some old stuff there so we appreciate that

[01:12:13] and helping us to understand so we weren't getting rid of rid of something that was good so we appreciate that and then the other thing i want to thank you for the discussions that you've had with the east gate apartments to make sure that that is a vibrant uh and active project as we go forward but satisfying the needs that we have for affordable slash accessible housing That was key as we went through this cleanup.

[01:12:39] And then to my colleague, Supervisor Bode, thank you for, I know this was a discussion that we talked about with the TDRs early on last term, and so we do need to start afresh with that as it relates to the new codes that we have.

[01:12:56] So just wanted to surmise that, and thank you for keeping us current. I think it's important as we go through with a new project director. Thank you. Yeah, thank you so much. All right, thank you so very much. I'm going to entertain a motion to approve.

[01:13:13] Madam Chair, I would move DPA 2024 stroke 00007 as amended, striking SUP 2020 stroke 00030 Parkway Church, and DPA 2017 stroke 00008 TDRs.

[01:13:33] Second. All right, any other discussion? If not, we'll take a vote. Vote unanimous. thank you thank you so very much all right and thank you for the clarification supervisor we're now we are going to move on to item 10b which is a presentation from the prince william

[01:14:04] county department of transportation for their mobility update good afternoon madam chair members of the board rick can is all this your director of transportation uh thank you for the giving us the time today to go through this presentation with you we've gone down from 70 some slides to only 50 some slides for you on this presentation but if you know apollo and i who are going to be giving it we'll be going uh quickly for you here uh we just wanted to update you on some of the stuff some of the grants that we're going through and some of the recently completed projects and then we'll kind of go through the county projects here to date with the bicycle improvements and we'll take any questions today what we're skipping is the vita

[01:14:44] projects vre projects and p and omni ride projects as we have to move forward and get updates on on on those projects and we'll get those updates to you at our next quarterly report. With that said, I introduce Paulo Bellita, our Assistant Director here of Transportation in charge of planning.

[01:14:59] Here we go. - Thank you, Rick. Madam Chair, members of the board. Again, my name is Paulo Bellita with the Department of Transportation. Moving into our presentation, I have a couple of slides on our grants. Just a quick updates on our grants program.

[01:15:14] The first table you have is the list of funded applications. We did want to highlight a few. We have the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program. We're very excited. That's the first USDOT grant we received. That is to look at a county-wide safety action plan. Looking at the list, we have a couple other studies.

[01:15:31] We have the Yorkshire Multimodal Corridor Planning Study. We have the Green Infrastructure Planning Study. We also have a list of funding applications that were not successful. And what we'll continue to do is work with our funding applications to funding entities to improve our applications and improve our future projects.

[01:15:50] We also have a list of funding applications under review. To highlight a few, we have the Transportation Alternatives Program. We have seven projects. We requested for a total of $14 million. We should find out sometime this spring and early summer which projects will get selected. We also have MBTA's six-year program.

[01:16:06] We requested a total of $262 million for numerous regional projects. We should have an idea sometime this spring which projects will get selected. A couple slides on recently completed projects. We have the Baltimore Road Interchange Project, Route 234.

[01:16:24] This was officially completed late last year. You can see the aerial photography we have there of our Divergent Diamond Interchange. This will be the last report for this project. We also have the Fuller Fuller Heights Road Project. We're very excited to complete this project.

[01:16:39] It's located adjacent to the Marine Corps Base Quantico entrance. We do have ribbon-cutting scheduled for February 26th. You all are invited. It's at 1 p.m. We're going to resend the invitations out shortly. Route 1, Featherstone and Mary's Way.

[01:16:55] It's been a long project over eight years to widen this section of Route 1. We've undergrounded all the utilities. We're very excited to move forward and remove this project from our report. You can see we have a picture from our ribbon cutting this past October. Next set of slides I have is our small but important safety operational improvements projects.

[01:17:16] Starting with our traffic safety studies, over the past six months, our traffic safety team has conducted over 77 speed studies. That includes seven turning movement counts. The team also completed a total of 344 field reviews. This is based on constituent inquiries and inquiries from our board offices.

[01:17:35] We also installed 28 new streetlights, as well as upgraded 15 streetlights to LEDs. A couple other safety studies. We have the Aiden Road and Fleetwood Improvement Study. We are wrapping up the study. We held an information meeting late last year. We hope to have a final report earlier this year.

[01:17:53] We also have the Braided Stream Rollins Ford Road Vehicle Activated Flashing Warning Sign Project. We're getting ready to go to construction, and that will be in early this spring. A couple other

important projects are two traffic signals on Route 234, Stockbridge Road and Talon Signal.

[01:18:09] The intent is to have these in by end of the year. So Supervisor Bailey, we're going to move forward and push to get these completed as soon as possible. We also have the 234 Holy Road CCTV project that's going to be underway here in the next couple months.

[01:18:25] This is a VDOT project, Queen Chapel Road at Holy Road Signal. This will be completed this summer, and we'll check in with VDOT continuously on this project. A couple other projects, Tallinn, Median Island, this sets up the future signal at Tallinn. We have the Carroll Race Pedestrian Crosswalk, which will be completed by mid-2024.

[01:18:46] The theme you're going to see with a lot of these small projects is completion mid-2024. They're smaller in nature, but these projects are typically completed in one construction cycle. So we have the Springwoods Crestridge pedestrian crosswalk. You can see on screen we have a refuge and a crosswalk.

[01:19:02] This will be in by middle of this year. We also have the Westridge crosswalk ADA upgrades also to be completed by middle of this year. Other parking-related projects, we have the Galveston Road re-striping. This was very successful. This was completed not long ago. We're also wrapping up public comments as part of our Taylor Drive parking project.

[01:19:23] Our intent is to go to public hearing this spring. Other improvements, we have the Route 1 Corridor Public Transportation Improvement Project. Hold on, please, one second. Supervisor Vega? You didn't hear me, Paula, sorry. Sorry about that. I just want to make an emphasis on Talo Drive. I know, Rick, you're here. We've been working closely on this.

[01:19:42] Can we please get it done by March, if I could make that request? Yes, you can. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Vega. A couple other projects, a couple more slides. We have the Route 1 Corridor Public Transportation Improvement Project.

[01:19:59] We looked at installing and upgrading 12 bus shelters and bus pads along the Rattwaan Corridor. Other safety improvements, we have a couple sidewalk projects, Red Wing Sidewalk, Lindendale Sidewalk, and Blue Pole Sidewalk. These projects will be completed by the end of the year.

[01:20:17] Other safety-related projects, we have the Port Potomac Neighborhood Traffic Study. We've selected a consultant and hope to have this completed by the end of the year. We also collected data as part of the Manassas Airport traffic counts. traffic counts we're going to share that data with our consultants and analyze that further to see what impacts of the parking of the airport expansion along the corridor I'm sorry we have one more comment I'm sure I should have asked you do you want us to ask questions as we go or do you want us to ask at the end of the presentation I was under the assumption that we'd ask at the end but I am fine if you were comfortable with us asking throughout all right then that's what can I also have access to this data please and pertaining to the

[01:20:54] monastas airport traffic we'll share that deal thank you add me to that list please yeah does everybody want it I hear others okay we'll send it to the board thank you madam chair members of the board just just a little I'm sorry just a little mention about that data and what we're collecting there we're obviously collecting this data and making sure that we have something that is based on on on past previous actions and and what's happened with airports before we are using it to look and I'll talk a little bit about it later the Clover Hill intersection and and and we'll talk about a little bit later but

[01:21:32] I wanted to bring it up now because that data may actually change the design of that intersection and what we're doing there because of it so we'll just wanted to bring that up while we were discussing it. Thank you for the clarification. Thank you Rick. A couple other initiatives we're looking at some of our signing as part of Ballsford Road interchange project that is underway we are finalizing a memo regarding a school pedestrian. Supervisor Gordy. Yes. On the balls ford road signs and monitor i uh thank you for doing this we eliminated left-hand turns but we haven't eliminated left-hand turners correct um people are blocking traffic and so i think

[01:22:11] signage is going to be a key uh challenge there to help i think people are confused about how they're supposed to get from one place to another like if you're at the trying to get to the sheets what road do i take to get to sheet so um i think that signage is going to be critical in helping us improve the safety.

[01:22:30] You've done a lot of good work there. It's just getting people to follow the signs and not make the left-hand turns. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Richard Wynne, Traffic Safety Injuring Manager. We are doing that. One of the things that we noted in this is the design had a lot of route numbers, and people don't understand what those route numbers are, and we're going ahead and retrofitting that with, you know, this road is this way and how to get that.

[01:22:53] Once we've done that, we are then going to go ahead and review those turning movements a few months after that, and hopefully that will help have mitigated and improved the safety there, sir. Thank you. Thank you. And then as you're looking at traffic safety improvement projects on this list, I noticed you have something going on Glen Kirk, some counters that were out this week.

[01:23:18] I didn't see that necessarily on this list, but that's a critically important area as well. I'm not sure if we do have counters out on Glen Kirk this week. We pretty much have counters out every week. We do between two and five studies a week where they're permitting. So we're continually collecting data.

[01:23:36] I can look into that and get that to your office if we have them out there this week. Okay, thank you. Thank you, Sir President Cordy. A couple other items we can discuss. We have the school pedestrian analysis. This is based on a directive from Sir President Weir. We have finalized a memo, and that will be going out shortly.

[01:23:54] We conducted ped counts at Battlefield High School and several other schools in the county. We also have the Staples Mill Mobility Access Town Hall based on a directive from Suez Vega. We have this scheduled for February 27th at Hilton High School. A couple other street lighting projects, we're looking at installing street lights as part of the Rat One Winding Project, as well as the Marumsco Pedestrian Street Lighting Project at the Marumsco Plaza that is underway.

[01:24:20] We also have what we call our Orphan Roads Program, where we try to bring up some of these roads that the county maintains into VDOT's system for maintenance. Industrial Court has been accepted. We are now working on industry court, and we're looking at Bel Air Road in the near future. This is just a table from VDOT's Highway Safety Improvement Program.

[01:24:40] They're looking at countywide improvements. You can see some of the improvements they're doing. They're very small corridor-wide improvements, improving some of the signals to flashing yellow, markings to striping improvements, and other improvements such as rumble strips. So you can see their efforts here on this table.

[01:24:59] Finally, we have the Automated Photo Enforcement Pilot Program. This was rolled out starting this week. We're working at two schools this week that will go live. That is Battlefield High School as well as Woodbridge High School and Old Bridge Elementary School. The intent is to roll these out over the next couple of weeks, typically two schools at a time, with eight schools being fully implemented.

[01:25:19] So that is currently underway. Lastly, we have the Comprehensive Traffic Safety Action Plan. I mentioned earlier, we've begun this effort. It will be about a year process. will engage the board offices as well as the public in really creating a county-wide safety action plan. So that's just a quick summary of all our safety projects. I'll hand it over to Rick for our other mobility projects. Thank you, Paulo. All right, we'll start talking about some of the big projects here, and as I mentioned earlier, here with the bow tie design that we have at Clover Hill Road with some of that new information and some of the traffic data that we'll be getting

[01:25:57] here. We're hoping to see if this is still the efficient design for this intersection or maybe going back to the drawing board to see what is necessary to handle any traffic to the airport as we get that report. The Route 28 bypass, we're awaiting MBTA. We're awaiting their estimate and their run for the alignment that was approved by the board last. So once we get that data and we know that we can move forward, we will then try to move forward the project as needed.

[01:26:30] Long Park intersection improvements. We put this out to bid, Supervisor Weir, so it is out on the streets. We have had some major interest, so I don't think it's going to be hard to get a little bid on this one and get moving with this project this year and get it done by early next year fully and hopefully the intersections by this year. Page and lane, right turn lane. We have gone out to bid a couple times on this signal and have been unsuccessful in getting a bidder.

[01:26:59] We are looking at our options and kind of putting this signal together with the other two signals that Paulo discussed earlier to see if we get a better bid or to kind of put some signal projects together in order to get some better bids on some of these individualized projects. So we will try that again and see how it goes this third time. They tell me the third time's a charm so we're hoping for the best. Exciting project, Minerville Road in Prince William Parkway here I know that the developer is working on the design we're working on the environmental work we're working right now with finance and budget staff how to best approach this project as it is one

[01:27:37] of the county's 2019 bond program projects and how to best fund it moving forward so we'll be having those discussions as the budget in the CIP come up Route 123 and Old Bridge Road we continue to to work with VDOT in the community and making sure that we got the ultimate design here once we and now that we looked at at that and said that we're kind of comfortable with the design that we have going on here what we have tasked our consultants to do with the remaining other funds they have on their contract is to prepare the smart scale and and NVTA applications that we're going to be using to move forward with this project the realignment of the Prince William Parkway and Old Bridge we

[01:28:17] are hoping to bring that to you either later this month or early next month for approval and endorse the design we have submitted all the requests that we have to VDOT in order to mitigate what's going on out there and some of the businesses and the business owners out there some of the requests that they have asked us for we're getting that and finalizing that approval once we get that fully approved or once we get no more comments from VDOT we will bring that back to the board for approval Van Buren

Road environmental we are looking to go into a public hearing here next month, and then at the same time looking to get

[01:28:53] the design bid with the NVTA monies that are moving forward. So we're looking at completing this NEPA study and then quickly moving into the design phase of this project with the NVTA dollars appropriated. Ma'am, did you have a project? Yeah, Madam Chair. It may be here. I don't have my glasses on located here and just um Rick is the the NEPA study um is potentially is it going to be completed by March is that what this is saying the public hearing is going to be in March once we have that public hearing uh we will turn that NEPA in for consideration and approval uh so we have to go

[01:29:30] we we have to go through that public hearing for then that NEPA to be turned into the to VDOT in the federal government for them to take a look at it and give them their stamp of moving forward As we're moving forward with that, though, we are moving forward with the design of this project beyond the NEPA and using the NEPA document that we turned in as the fundamental location and design of the project.

[01:29:52] Okay. I just wanted to show that we have opportunity for the public hearing. Yes, ma'am. Next month. I think we have or we will be coordinating with your office to get that scheduled. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Marina Way Extension, we are in communications with both the property owners here and trying to make sure that the timing is right for everybody as we move forward in trying to construct this connection out in North Woodbridge. We look and anticipate that we will finish up this design this year and hopefully go into construction in 26. North Woodbridge, this is

[01:30:29] the second part of the North Woodbridge Mobility Plan. This is out in construction right now. Our crews are out there. Actually, they got the wall secured and we're going to start building that wall up as well as finishing up the improvements. We're due to finish this up in July by agreement with the property owners in the area. So Luke and his crew are working hard, the public works crew is working hard to get this done. Devlin Road widening, we continue to be in the right-of-way phase for this. We have finalized all the right-of-way necessary to move forward with the actual moving of utilities. So we'll be moving with that next in order to get to our

[01:31:07] our construction bid there by this fall. Old Bridge Road, Occoquan Road, we continue to move utilities here and continue to work with the church as you know. Oops, I'm sorry. Continue to work with the church in the area to see best relocation plans for them and the best way forward.

[01:31:24] We continue to work with development services and making sure they get their permits so they can construct their facility in a timely manner and we will continue to work with them as the project moves forward. Summit School Road and Telegraph Road, we're looking to re-bid this project In the next few months, we're going to be not only rebidding it with the entirety of its project, not just the first phase, but also the phase that goes out to the parkway included in that.

[01:31:51] And not only that, but we are also looking to bid it with the Horner Road parking improvements that we're doing. So it'll be one big package of improvements in one bid, and we're hoping that that gives us a good economy of scales and a good price for the improvements. Route 1, Fraley Boulevard, we continue, and I will say this for the next 10 quarters, that we will continue to be in right-of-way in utility relocation as we continue to work through 110 impacted properties and removing and moving utilities from the area.

[01:32:22] Finally, what we're in construction, you see that we're moving dirt out there on the parkway and University Boulevard. We're looking to have this road open in the spring, fully done by the summer of next year. Oh, no, I'm sorry, this is by the parkway. This is the jug handle, and we will be looking to get this project done in the spring.

[01:32:38] So we're hoping to get this done a little sooner, as you see a lot of dirt moving not only on our side, but on the opposite side as the Innovation Town Center is coming in as well at the same time. Madam Chair? Rick, when can we expect the southbound lanes to remain open so that I'm not getting passed by semis on the shoulder?

[01:32:58] On the parkway, sir? Yeah. We will probably anticipate that in the next couple months. Okay, so they're going to continue to have at least one southbound lane shut down, so you've got a pinch point at University in the parkway? Northbound or southbound, sir? Southbound. Southbound, they will continue to have one as they finish up the utility work they got there.

[01:33:17] Yes, sir. Any sort of idea on when that might end? I will find out for you and get back to your office. This is a project I was speaking of when I was speaking erroneously on the last slide, but University Boulevard Project, if you see the bridge, it's all set up.

[01:33:32] You see some of the traffic circles in the area are being constructed, And we're hoping to get this project opened up, like the connection actually opened up in the spring, so we can start moving traffic with the project ending in the summer as we get it accepted by VDOT, pedestrian facilities, and all the things.

[01:33:49] It's another project that we're looking to open up here shortly. And as you know, it's been going through some traffic shift changing there. Little by little, we're in phase three, and we basically opened up the interchange at this point in time. There's no more signals out there, but we continue to work on the signals as well as the pedestrian improvements, as well as the pedestrian bridge you see being built out there.

[01:34:09] Again, first pedestrian bridge being built in the county, and I think it makes a great connection between Liberia Extended, or what we know as the Parkway, into 234 going down south on 234. Madam Chair. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[01:34:26] rick uh appreciate and i i actually go through this entire three if not four times a week um i it's it's there's a learning curve there knowing which way to go especially we're going uh on uh 234 and you want to get back going on the parkway going north towards manassas um i i've heard and i've seen it a lot of people miss that ramp right after the overpass uh where i think it might be after the pedestrian bridge at this point to go in that direction so if we could look at maybe getting more signs farther back so people know where they need to be in order to get

[01:35:03] on to going north towards up towards Manassas I think that would be helpful for a lot of motorists that are still learning this area no problem sir our traffic manager is already taking note and and we'll take a look at that I think Wagman's been very open to putting up whatever signage or necessary advisories to make sure that this is maneuvered correctly. As you know, it's an innovative interchange, and obviously it will take a month or two for people to get used to it, but as they do, any suggestions like this that you have, please let us know. Take a look and make sure we can implement. Thank you. Thank you.

Balford Road widening. We are almost there on this one. It's actually going to be open to traffic. We are going to have to go back and do

[01:35:43] some sewer work outside of once the contractor has moved out of there, but the road will be open to traffic here fully in the next month or two. Neabsco Mill Road, we are looking at completing this project as well as you see in the spring of this year.

[01:36:01] And I know that Supervisor Angry sees this road on a daily basis as he hits his office, so I know you're seeing our progress, but I think they're doing a great job. Everything's level, everything's moving forward, and I think that we will be able to get there this spring. And while we're at this point, once they pave it all and get it all paved, you know You know where the automotive shops, what is that, Hannover Way?

[01:36:26] Yeah. What is it? Hanko. It's Hanko. So the dump trucks have parked further up on the design map that you have. So where they would normally stop that pavement, I just want to bring this to your attention. Maybe you can go out there and look and talk to the owner, Estee, at his garage.

[01:36:44] Their dump trucks have eroded the road further up because they're parking further into his area. So as they pave it out, if they could take a look at extending that paving to help fix those repairs inside of their parking lot area. We'll get offline out.

[01:36:59] No. Go out and talk to you about that. And we're taking notes. We'll make sure we get that. And if we have any clarification, we'll get with you, officer. All right, thanks. Thank you. All right. I don't know if you've been out there, but that garage is moving.

[01:37:14] I mean, these guys, we took a little bit on the design here, but when it came to construction, it was up quick. And I've actually, I was just on site last week and the wall that they have created to get the road into the parking lot is just an incredible engineering job that they've done there.

[01:37:32] So it's a great project. We're moving forward. We're hoping to get this open by late spring, early summer, hoping for late spring and start getting people parked in here. We are looking, the other good news about this is we are looking and asking VDOT if we can put all of the EV charging stations that we have kind of put the power for.

[01:37:57] Right now, we were originally going to only put 14 or 7 stations up, which are 14 spaces. We're looking to now do 35 in 70 spaces. So we put that change order into VDOT. We're hoping for the best that they say that that's a good use of some of the money we have left on that project.

[01:38:13] As everybody knows, I think the whole nation's pushing towards that EV and getting that infrastructure up, so we're hoping that they understand that and let us move forward. But I did want to bring that to your attention because that is something that will be coming up. Finally, we got the bicycle pedestrian projects. All these projects really are on the design phase as we're moving forward in the different aspects of design, whether through public hearing, willingness, or putting in plans to VDOT.

[01:38:37] But we got the Old Bridge Road sidewalk as well as Sudley Manor sidewalk over there by Linton Hall to Victory Lakes. We're also looking at Ellicott City out in Occoquan there, where we actually have found some additional funds to cover some of the gaps for the park there, so we're very excited that we're able to continually fund that project and be able to use transportation funds for it.

[01:38:58] Corner Road Park and Ride Expansion, like I mentioned earlier, and it says on there we're looking to kind of incorporate this with Summit School Road. And then Token Forest Sidewalk Project continues to be reviewed, and that's the one I said had a notice of willingness so we can get through that public comment period and move forward the project. The last two are one of the big ones we have which is the Prince William Parkway sidewalk across 95 where we just scope we just closed scoping with VDOT so we're moving forward to design and Old Carolina sidewalk again we are not only not only looking at the survey there but also

[01:39:34] working with the developer in order to make sure that it's put in the correct place and the path is in the in the right side of the road. With that I'll I'll take any questions. All right.

[01:39:50] I have Supervisor Weirth and Supervisor Angry. My apologies, Madam Chair. I started writing down questions before we decided to go one by one. Paolo, could you go back to slide five and talk to me about the RSTP funding for the Route 15 railroad overhead overpass and the possibility of the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant?

[01:40:14] Can you kind of give me a little bit on that? Sure, sir. Madam Chair and members of the board, Paula Belita with the Department of Transportation. So we have the RCP funding that was allocated towards Route 15. RCP is federal funds that we get on an annual basis. We've allocated funds to Route 15 in the past, and it was transferred out.

[01:40:32] But we are looking to allocate additional funds to it. When it comes to the Road Road Crossing Elimination Program, we were unsuccessful in the last round. But we've received guidance from FRA to see how we can move forward. so we'll be moving forward another application for Route 15.

[01:40:47] So that unsignalized crossing accident has no bearing now? No, that's correct. Okay. Slide 23, Spring Lake Drive. I'm assuming there's been no efforts to circumvent that? No, sir.

[01:41:04] As you see, the improvement that we put up there at your request has solved the problem for now, hopefully. We know that this has, you know, we have put other devices up there that have been taken down by the individual or persons using this.

[01:41:19] But we're hoping that this is a more permanent kind of solution, and we're hoping that that derails them from moving forward in access. As long as you're up there, Rick, slide 31, Pageland Lane. Is there any way to pass that on to the applicants who are responsible for the other improvements?

[01:41:38] Since, as I recall, that was actually included in the design. it was a given in the design. They assumed that it was going to be completed. But I thought it was still included in there as part of the project, as the overall project.

[01:41:55] Sir, we can make the ask. Just if you could look into that. That way, perhaps you can get past your contracting and funding challenge. And then last but not least, the realignment of the Prince William Parkway at Old Bridge, page 34. While you were on your holiday break and a presentation was given on this, There was some discussion regarding the left turn on the eastbound lane prior to the intersection that, if I recall correctly, several months ago you told us wasn't possible, but I guess now is?

[01:42:31] Sir, as I mentioned that day, that it was going to be an uphill battle to get that approved, and it was an uphill battle to get that approved, but we were able to do so in order to mitigate the impacts to that area. And I can tell you how it kind of worked out.

[01:42:49] It worked out at the fact that we were able to prove that there was going to be enough red light or stoppage time of traffic coming that way when it was mostly used, which that intersection is mostly used in the AM peak. So we were able to show that in the AM peak, the northbound traffic of the parkway allows for areas of movement to get through because the movement is prevalent on the southbound direction towards 95 in the morning.

[01:43:15] And we were able to prove with some numbers to VDOT that it would make it a safe movement. And with, obviously, you know, some convincing in what we were doing, we were able to get that approved. Even with the unsignalized flow coming from Old Bridge? Again, yes, sir, we were able to say that that movement is very low when that turn movement is happening in the morning.

[01:43:37] That's all I've got. Thank you, sir. All right, thank you. Next, we have Supervisor Angry. Thank you, Madam Chair. And now, just to that intersection, when you had first spoke to us about it, I just wanted to say the same thing to Supervisor Lawson. That was when I asked you to look into it, and you did look into it.

[01:43:56] So it's not that you didn't figure out that left turn getting into off of, I think it's Mike Garcia Road. So you worked that out. So that was actually a good improvement because at the time you didn't have that there. And you said you thought it might be tough to get in.

[01:44:12] Correct. Which you pulled it off. So I appreciate that because that was one of the biggest concerns that we heard. But then it turned into a little bit more. And, Supervisor Anger, let's continue crossing our fingers, as I mentioned earlier. That's in the hands of VDOT right now. We have received some additional minor comments that we're putting through.

[01:44:28] We will not bring this back to you until we know what is approved and unapproved, though. But at this time, it continues to be with VDOT. It is not fully approved, and we just need to make sure, like I said, that we continue to respond to their comments and show them that it could work. And I didn't really want to jump on that slide.

[01:44:45] I just wanted to kind of, I mean, you did a lot of work here to try to get us to where that made sense for the people. But moving on, let me just say thank you. In the last four years, y'all have really got some projects up and done, and we're going to have some ribbon cutting soon, a lot of pedestrian safety, public safety.

[01:45:02] I want to talk a little bit about it. But before I get to Queens Chapel in the red light there, we talked about this a little bit in 2019, 2020, the fact that that Holy Road portion going up to Dale Boulevard doesn't have a sidewalk, and I know there were some concerns about doing that. I just want to keep that on radar because folks are still asking about that.

[01:45:21] And, you know, Holy Road is such a dangerous road, unfortunately. But, yeah, so just want to keep that on the radar if we could see. And we have been considering that, sir, just so you know. What we're looking to do is more of a comprehensive study on the Holy Road corridor as a whole.

[01:45:37] As you know, that's been a mishmash of pedestrian and bike facilities. It has areas with trail, areas with sidewalk, and areas with bike lanes in it. So it's like we want to look at that as a whole. We will be looking at what we can recommend to move forward in that area as to connect all the pedestrian facilities that are kind of broken up in that area.

[01:46:00] We're going to take a look at it almost like we did back in the day with Occoquan and Old Bridge Road and how that was kind of a mishmash and see how we can make sure there's connections as we see that that Hoadley Road corridor is very pedestrian unfriendly right now, but a lot of pedestrians are and bicyclists are using it.

[01:46:17] Okay, and I just want to kind of plug this in since we're on, you know, pedestrian safety and road improvements and all this. Not really for you, but for this board, having a large problem with these little hot rock cars and beat-up parking lots and just extremely making it difficult for our police.

[01:46:35] And I want to say this, in 2019, the previous board did a whole campaign of trying to get folks to slow down and talking about some of these issues, and I think we need to really address something like that and look at it because it's getting way out of hand. I'm pretty sure you're getting calls and e-mails as well.

[01:46:52] It's very hard to answer, tell a citizen what we're doing or what we're not doing, because, you know, they just want answers. Now, not really for you. I just want to speak to the board as we're talking about this. So I think we really need to engage and look at our police, look at our transportation folks and figure out how we can do something to get something out there that really tries to combat this problem, because it's getting to be a pretty significant problem.

[01:47:16] That's all I have, Madam Chair. Thanks. Madam Chair, would you mind dovetailing on that for a minute? All right, quickly, Supervisor Ware. With respect to the vehicles in the commuter lots, especially at night, since that's VDOT property and that's a VDOT project, can we make that the state police's problem, or is that going to remain a Prince William problem?

[01:47:38] Again, we can request the state police to look at those lots. I think that a lot of times it's also beholden to understand And that we own some of those lots, the fee-simple ownership of some of those.

[01:47:57] I'm thinking more about the ones on 66, which are becoming. Yes, they are not our lots, no. But those are not our lots, and we will talk to Vida about additional state police resources. Because it's really getting out of hand, particularly at the one at 66 and 29. We'll make note of that, sir.

[01:48:15] Real quick. Real quick, because those are right off the internet, but if you're looking at like Gemini Way, the commuter lot where we have our farmer's market, there's neighborhoods all around it. And those are the folks who are really concerned because it's very loud, it's music, it's everything you could not want in a commuter lot after hours.

[01:48:34] And they're literally posting this stuff on, like, Instagram and saying where to meet. And so I just want to say this is a real thing, and it's really in the neighborhoods. Any little commuter lot we have or grocery store parking lot, these groups are saying where to go, where to be. They show up, and they just make this. And I don't know what we can do, because I get it, they're young and they do this kind of stuff.

[01:48:52] But, you know, at some point we've got to understand that this is a problem. And when the police come, the fact that they're outrunning police cars is a real problem just to get away. So there's a lot of concerns. Not for you, for the board. I just want to make that aware. And, again, Madam Chair, if I may, just a suggestion.

[01:49:11] If you would like, I invite the board to write myself or Apollo and let us know which parking ride lots in your district are having this issue. And if there's some specific ones that we need to target, I

think we can get both the state police and our police to kind of take a look at that.

[01:49:28] So I invite the board to let us know, and we will make sure that we get that to both police departments. Thank you. We appreciate that. Now on to Supervisor Franklin. Sure, and I'll be very brief as well. Well, I will say just going back to the discussion we just had, it's important to talk to our police department as well and really ask them kind of what their needs are with regards to this discussion.

[01:49:48] I know that particularly for the 234 lot, there have been some challenges there as well as the VRE station in Woodbridge, but they are more equipped to tell us what type of resources they need to handle those issues. So I would just encourage that.

[01:50:04] One quick question, then I just want to highlight the Woodbridge projects. But Bel Air Road, page 23, I'm assuming that's the Woodbridge District, and just wanted to get a better sense of kind of what the challenge is there. Certainly, supervisor.

[01:50:21] That's one that we're trying to get into the state system, correct? Yeah. So pretty much where we are is we've essentially, industry court is going to be basically consuming the rest of the budget that we have for this year. So we're basically pushing that to the next financial year when we get new funds because we just, yeah, too much need and not enough funds.

[01:50:43] So mostly a financial issue, not really a project challenge. We did get an estimate for design that came in just way too high. So we've tried to streamline that and optimize it to be responsible on the funds that we have. But at this point, we decided to focus on getting industry court in.

[01:51:00] We're actually going to have an industry road, industry court. Yeah, sorry, industry court, not industrial court. So Industry Court, and because that is going to actually use funds, you know, I think the current estimate is that's going to cost about $700,000 to get up and into the system.

[01:51:20] And we only get about $500,000 a year. So next year we're going to be, this year we're going to focus on Industry Court. Then next year we're going to focus on finishing up Industry Court and Ballet Road. Yep. And then, Rick, did you have anything? No, I just wanted to let you know that it is the next project on the list.

[01:51:36] So it is going to move forward. It's just a matter, like you said, of making sure that we have the full resources to complete the project. Perfect. And then I just want to quickly highlight the Woodbridge projects. We mentioned about the bus shelter project awaiting estimated completion late spring, summer 2024. I think that's still correct based on this.

[01:51:53] Blue Pooh sidewalk in the River Oaks community, estimated completion date end of 2024. Correct. And you had to have Port Potomac neighborhood for Endis Drive. It's actually right in front of the Port Potomac neighborhood or right next door to it. But I know all of the residents on Indus are awaiting, you know, some type of relief for some of the traffic issues they've been having.

[01:52:17] I have been keeping some of them updated, so this is a welcome update. Yes, ma'am. And then also we've talked about the street lighting projects on Route 1, particularly at Longview, and so that's going to be incredibly helpful. And then Marina Way, a lot of work has been done on that, and so looking forward to that as well.

[01:52:37] 2027, be great to see if there was any way to get that done a little bit quicker, but I know that there are a lot of different forces involved in that. It's a federal project. I'll just say that. It's a federal

project, and at the same time, it's allowing us to time it correctly with the redevelopment that's going on in that area.

[01:52:55] Sure, and then formerly Annapolis Way, obviously, that's going to be important in the Northwood Bridge. area and then neapsco mills road actually supervisor angry and i both share that and so i also drive on neapsco mills road almost every day and i know my chief of staff pam does as well and so it looks really good right now and so i know that completion is going to be great as well and then mentioned about the commuter garage the only other thing i wanted to mention was forest glenn i know that's been a big discussion between myself and your office the residents there have

[01:53:32] had some challenges i know we're looking at a different part of forest glen where we can where we've done a traffic study and can potentially do some mitigation it'll be great to start including that as an update at some point only because it is a priority just like indices for me as well we'll make sure we have it in the next report ma'am and thank you and then just lastly public safety as a surprise angry mentioned something that we've been talking about over the past couple years particularly with a lot of the pedestrian deaths that we've seen at least for us some of us on the eastern end started with the cardinal drive and all of the incidents that we've seen there our new supervisor canlon expressed some concerns about some of the challenges that were

[01:54:12] happening in the gainesville district and so we are finally i think putting action in with the speed cameras that we have the red light cameras and the cameras going to school and construction zones, I really do think that those are going to help kind of reduce some of these incidents.

[01:54:30] But then also, as mentioned, we have to have an education awareness program as well to let our residents know we have to slow down. We cannot legislate our way out of this issue. It's going to have to be all of our responsibility. So thank you. Thank you, ma'am.

[01:54:46] All right. Now we're going to go under Supervisor Bailey. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Rick, first of all, just thank you to you and the team for finally we're going to have a ribbon cutting at Fuller Heights Road, and it looks absolutely beautiful. Thank you, ma'am. That's been a long time coming right there at Quantico Base and Triangle, and it's very attractive.

[01:55:05] It lifts that community, so we appreciate that. And then secondly, for under review, that piece, the first portion, Grand Park Road and then Lionsfield Road, the sidewalks that you're looking at to build.

[01:55:22] Now, those are projects that you're looking to get funding for. Yes, ma'am. Correct? Yes, ma'am. But I just wanted to say, and also the Route 234 bicycle and pedestrian facility over I-95, that has to do with the bridge that we're looking to install as well.

[01:55:40] But these are projects that are in alignment with the Potomac Mobility Plan that could have been old, but you're lifting for them to go forward. And I just wanted to say that for the community. Would you like to kind of expand on that? I think, as you know, in the Potomac communities, which rolls down Route 1, we are putting massive amounts of investment from the county perspective.

[01:56:03] Not only have we widened that area and had a great ribbon cutting just last October and opening up part of the area, but I think that we're looking to make it more transit-friendly. We're making it look more pedestrian-friendly, safer, like you mentioned, as well as some of the work that we're doing down in Dumfries, to make sure that that area of the county hooks up to the Potomac communities, where you mentioned that Fuller Heights projects, and we have those connections through there, too.

[01:56:29] So I think that it's been a decade-plus in work happening in the Potomac communities as we've been trying to redevelop, enhance, and better that area moving forward. Yeah, and I just wanted you to just give your brief overview of that, because it has been decades-plus in that area.

[01:56:46] And so we are moving forward. We just need the funding forward. We've had some fatalities on that bridge and where you're trying to do the bicycle and pedestrian cars crossing. So that'll help with that as well, hopefully to save lives. So we really appreciate that. And then Fraley Road and Route 1, that's the widening that we're doing in that area?

[01:57:09] Yes, ma'am. As it relates to the grant that we got last term, isn't it? No, that's the widening that we're doing for Dumfries through the Route 1. Yeah, that's what I mean. Yeah, yes, ma'am. That's what I mean. Yes, ma'am. So that's progressing as well because that will affect the progress in terms of the gaming emporium that we're trying to build in that area as well.

[01:57:28] It's all moving forward along with the improvements that, as you know, and you've been working with the developers at Potomac Shores to complete at 234 Route 1. So we're hoping that that all times out well and that we can get those improvements all online at the same time. Yeah, and I've been having questions about sidewalks, and the sidewalks are imperative.

[01:57:48] It's like, you know, I'm from the city, and so sidewalks are like a rarity here in Prince William County, but we hear the community when they say they want sidewalks. And so I certainly appreciate the set-aside programs that you're focusing on and building those sidewalks, particularly that one in Fuller Heights and Triangle.

[01:58:08] And then lastly, I wanted to just comment on what my colleagues were saying in reference to the traffic and the drivers driving fast and the sports cars and everything. One of the things that I look forward to working with you and our police department is they're running red lights, and that's critical.

[01:58:31] I know that's in your area, Rich, but when we talk, we've really got to focus on that as well, not just the traffic pattern, but the fact that they're running red lights. Yes, ma'am. And as you know, once we get these schools online, our next move is to get those red light cameras up to make sure we curve some of that behavior, as you mentioned.

[01:58:55] And then lastly, my last question is, any projections in terms of, and you may or may not have it, but just so the community would know, the stock, Ridge, red light, you know, that's you, Ridge. Any projections of when we should see that happening? I know we're waiting for materials, correct? Is it still the same?

[01:59:13] A stock bridge. Yes, and both those signals are probably going to go around the same time. Like he mentioned earlier today, we are going to work hard to make sure that those signals are up this year. It does not go beyond this year, even though we do have to wait, like I mentioned to you before, sometimes up to 8 to 12 months for material.

[01:59:33] We will somehow get this material before the end of this year and try to get those installed and everything open before the end of this calendar year. And I saw, you know, just for the community to understand, the materials piece had to do with COVID, and all materials were a little slow before. And it continues to be slow, ma'am, and just so the whole board understands.

[01:59:51] When we get signal projects, each signal is a custom-made pole to handle the weight of the particular signals that we were allowed to put up there per the design. So what happens is we have to take these specs, and there's only a certain amount of companies that build these signals in the East Coast.

[02:00:09] There's not even one in the state, but in the East Coast. And we have to get that pole made in that custom setting and bring it back. And that's what's taking so long as well. What was happening with COVID, like you mentioned, it was elongating that time. So it was taking now 12 months instead of the six months it was taking before.

[02:00:24] And it hasn't come back from that, like you mentioned yet. So it's just one of those things that when it becomes signals, it's a specific design for each pole. We've looked at the using universal poles before, like getting just feet out to let us use a pole that holds as much as we can. but we see that that's not an effective way of using that poll either.

[02:00:41] It's a lot more material. It's a lot more costly. And sometimes we just do it for expediency instead of what we really need there. Yeah, and lastly, I just appreciate the consistency with the information that you provide. But also, you take the extra step, you and your staff, going out with us when we're having our town halls and community meetings.

[02:00:57] That means a lot to the public as we help them to understand the flow of things. So we really appreciate that. Yes, ma'am. Thank you. All right, Supervisor Bodie. Thank you, Madam Chair. Rick, thank you for the presentation as always. A lot of really good information.

[02:01:13] I'll just roll through a couple things in the interest of time. So back on the second slide in regards to grant funding update, past 12 months. Actually, let's start with the first one there. Very first.

[02:01:30] Yeah, thank you for that. Paulo, if you could talk a little bit about the green infrastructure planning study that we got the $75,000 for. Sure. That is a program we received from COG, from the Transportation Land Use Connections Program.

[02:01:50] As we implement projects, we're looking at ways to implement new green infrastructure, whether it's permeable pavement or improve stormwater facilities. So the study's underway. We hope to wrap it up by summertime. Appreciate that. And secondly, on the very top, the comprehensive safety action plan.

[02:02:07] And I know you guys covered this on another slide as well. Can you talk about when the public outreach portion of that might be so we can start getting ready for letting our constituents know that they have a buy-in and a way to interact with us on that? Sure. We're getting ready to start that.

[02:02:23] I'll hand it over to Richard Ryman, our project manager. But throughout the process, we have different chapters within the Safe Action Plan. And once we have a better idea on timeline, we'll make sure to publicize information when we're going to go to the public. Sure. Thank you.

[02:02:38] And the next slide, applicants under the review, Can you just talk about the PwC evacuation operationalization plan and the flooded roadway mitigation study? Sure. That has a new program called the Protect Grant. We worked with emergency management on that to deal with some of the flooding issues we have in the county.

[02:02:56] So it's a plan to evacuate some of our facilities, especially flooding we have in roadways. So we'll have to hear back soon on that. Thank you. And lastly, can you talk about under the FY2429 NBTA six-

year plan, both the 234 Operational Improvements Plan and the Leneant Principle of Transit Center?

[02:03:20] Sure. The 234 Operational Improvements Plan, it's an ITS project. It's an intelligent transportation assistance project. It includes signage that tells you how long it would take you to get from this section of 234 to 95, for example. So it is an informative project to include signage and whatnot.

[02:03:40] And then the landing at Prince William Transit Center, that is part of the SMAR Air Plan. That creates a hub as well as a transfer point for PRTC on-ride buses. Appreciate it. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. All right. Now we're going to move on to Supervisor Gordy. Paolo.

[02:03:57] No, sit down. Don't get comfortable. So going back to the grants. On the, let me just start right there, the flooded roadway mitigation study, really appreciate you doing that. Last week, I think it was really highlighted how important this is.

[02:04:17] We had significant flooding on Fleetwood, on Valley View, Old Church Road, Bristow Road, you name it, and then even just getting to the VRE facility. So that's going to be, we're starting to see more and more people concerned about that and them being cut off simply due to the flooding that's taking place.

[02:04:40] So thank you for that. Going back to the previous slide on the 160,000, it talks about the Sudley Road Corridor Placemaking Study. Can you share what that's about? Sure, that is under the COG program I mentioned earlier, the TLC, Transportation and Land Use Program.

[02:05:00] It was not selected for funding, but it was a way to look at some of the improvements we're doing on 234 and how to accommodate and make it more lively. It was a placemaking study, how we can improve connectivity and multimodal access. Unfortunately, it was not selected for funding, but it's something we can consider moving forward.

[02:05:18] Yeah, I mean, that Sudley Corridor, it's a redevelopment corridor, and it's going to need some significant improvements through there. So, you know, so I'm excited to see that that's becoming a priority as we figure that one out. If I can add, we don't have it on our presentation, but we do have funding and future funding to improve the 234 corridor.

[02:05:39] That includes signal improvements, sidewalk, missing sidewalk connections, includes a connection under 66 to get towards Bullock. So we have the project coming online. And would that include potentially, I mean, right now, I know transit has a tough time in that area because there's no pull-offs, as I understand it.

[02:05:55] It includes that as well, something that's part of the project. And then moving down to the next slide, just to last week when we were in Richmond meeting with our delegation, we did emphasize the $3 million budget amendment that Delegate Lovejoy has requested for the Sudley Manor-Prince William Parkway interchange.

[02:06:19] So if anybody's interested in that, please contact your legislator and have them support that for us. But when taking a look at both those two items there, so the Sedley Manor Drive, $12 million on that last line, is that associated with that, or is that something separate from the interchange on the FY 2030 RSTP?

[02:06:45] Oh, that is part. That's associated with interchange. So we're allocating future funding if approved towards that. It helps to receive money, as you know, to obtain additional funding. Okay. Thank

you. Supervisor Gordon, just so you know, when we do this, we have some serious projects with a lot of funding needs, right?

[02:07:01] I mean, there's $130 million interchanges, the Route 15 rail overpass is a $60 million overpass. So what we try to do is we try to insert future dollars that we know are coming, federal dollars are coming away, in order to entice other organizations or additional federal dollars or someone to be able to fund us on those improvements and give us some of the remaining money or as we collect money.

[02:07:25] As you know, something like Neabsco Mills that we talked about being in two districts was funded by seven funding sources to get that project done. So we try to accumulate funds from wherever we can in order to entice other people to fund the project and continue to give us funding as the need for the funding becomes smaller and smaller, more people are able to give us money.

[02:07:43] No, I continue to be astonished at how well you can use other people's money to help us solve our transportation problems. So you have a great team and do a great job of that. Thank you, sir. And I brag on you guys all the time for that. I appreciate that, Supervisor. And then on slide 12, the Aiden Road and Fleetwood Drive intersection improvement study.

[02:08:03] Really appreciate you guys working that, and thank you for coming out and speaking to the community about it and looking forward to what you guys have on it. But that highlights something that I read today, and I just try to understand how this gets included in as we try to estimate future demand.

[02:08:24] The Prince William County's population grew at like 2% since 2020. But you take a look at Stafford, where a lot of traffic on Fleetwood is coming from, they're at like, I think, 5% to 6% growth.

[02:08:40] So, a lot of the traffic that we're getting through some of this area is outside of the county, and they're cutting through here to avoid 95, and then they're coming down Fleetwood, they're coming down Aden, and so, and then many of them are just, you know, cutting, continuing on Fleetwood to cut across to get over to Bristow Road.

[02:09:01] So, when we start looking at these demand, are we sort of, are we also kind of looking out to our surrounding jurisdictions and what the impact might be on our local roads as we watch their growth and as, you know, their commuting through Prince William County, even off the major, you know, interstates, but through the side, through the basically two-lane roads and the impact that that could have going forward?

[02:09:29] Certainly, Supervisor, we do look at that. I mean, obviously, it depends on each location, because each location is specific. But in that particular location, yes, we do look at, you know, where the future traffic is originating and where it may be going later, and that is factored into that.

[02:09:45] And we try to estimate that as best we can, because it's an estimation. All right, thank you. That's all my question. And Supervisor, just so you're aware, you know, in these kind of situations, obviously, We look at numbers, specifically when we're looking at a comprehensive plan or a comprehensive look at the county through the COG model.

[02:10:04] And the COG model is going to have these areas where, because Stafford is part of COG, North Stafford is, and you're going to have those locations like we do with Fairfax and Loudoun where you have those inter-county connectors that connect. And I think what we're going to have to start doing is, like you mentioned, with that amount of growth, we've got to make sure that that model is taking and validating

that kind of growth correctly and making sure that it's at that because that might be showing right now we have a model that may be showing that there's not an issue out there because it's you know it's pronounced it's it's saying that it's going to be about a two percent growth a year when in reality like you mentioned maybe six five six a year and that's compounded

[02:10:40] you know so understood thank you thank you all right and i believe supervisor bailey did you have one thank you manager just one quick question for the bus shelters did we talk about that while I was gone, I stepped out for a minute. No, ma'am. Where do those permits come from for the bus shelters?

[02:10:58] VDOT. So that's what... Yes, ma'am. The VDOT, anything we do on the VDOT right away, we have to get a VDOT permit for. We take control of the maintenance of it afterwards, but we have to do it under permit. So it's VDOT. It's VDOT. Okay. And that's the reason why I ask, because if we're ready and we're ready to serve the public, it may take a little while before we get those permits?

[02:11:21] Yes, ma'am. Same reason, you know, we're coming in at two at a time on the school speed zones because those are all under VDOT permits. So we have to go out, we have to make sure and secure those permits and be able to put that equipment out there. So everything we do in the right-of-way, anything, signals, lights, benches, bus stops, automated enforcement, it's all under permit, under VDOT permit.

[02:11:46] So the ones that we're currently waiting for, it's going to be a little while? So supervisor, with both the school zones and the bus shelters, VDOTS currently has been reviewing the standards and changing it, and that's created a little bit more lag time on getting those permits.

[02:12:05] But we were also just trying to find, so the bus shelters, the county will be installing with those trip funds that were given, and OmniRide PRTC will be maintaining them. So there's just a couple of steps. I believe all that paperwork has been submitted this week and we should be ready to roll with it hopefully very, very quickly because there were a couple of delays because, again, they changed the standards and requirements as we move through this process.

[02:12:31] So it's just one of those things we just have to work through, unfortunately. All right. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you. Thank you. All right. Thank you, guys. Thank you very much. I don't lose any additional questions. Thank you very much for your presentation. All right, we are coming towards the end of our agenda.

[02:12:48] We are moving on to supervisor's time before we begin with the individual updates. We need to vote on appointments. Can I get a motion to approve agenda items? Madam Chair, I would move 11-A to 11-A and second. Any questions or discussion?

[02:13:06] I don't think so. All right, let's vote. Vote unanimous. All right, thank you so very much.

[02:13:23] Now we're going to start with updates from each supervisor. We're going to start on my right with Supervisor Gordy. Thank you, Madam Chair. To start off, I'm providing notice of my intent to appoint individuals to serve on various boards, commissions, and committees.

[02:13:39] I intend to reappoint Martha Henley to the Agricultural and Forestal Districts Advisory Committee, Mary Jo Howarth to the Library Board, William Wolfe to the Prince William County Social Services Advisory Board, and Marion Cohen to the Historical Commission.

[02:13:56] It being Black History Month, I'm very honored that Marion Cohen is actually a black historian and she's a seventh generation Virginian who has significant roots in Prince William County.

[02:14:14] And she and I had a fantastic conversation yesterday about the history of her family and others in Prince William and so much. And I do want to recognize the contributions of our African-American community in Prince William County over the decades and centuries to make us who we are today.

[02:14:35] And so I just want to thank her for stepping forward to help us celebrate that history and helping to serve on the Historical Commission, and especially given this month and the significance that it has to our community.

[02:14:55] And my staff has sent over the resumes and contact information for each of those, by the way. Also, just last week, you know, I was continuing to get to know people and understand the different agencies. And I had a great brief with Courtney Tierney and Phyllis Jennings from Department of Social Services.

[02:15:15] Ms. Jennings has served 31 years with Prince William County, serving those most in need for our community. And so I want to honor her and thank her for her service and for the entire DSS team who helps take care of our families here in Prince William County. And then also enjoyed my time with Dan Alexander and his team, talking about our safe and secure community initiatives.

[02:15:38] And she and that entire team and how they're working across the board. You know, so much of what we deal with, and I love the terminology that was used, how they're working to get left of bang. And when I worked for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, which is an organization that was trying to solve the roadside bomb problem in Iraq and Afghanistan, that was a term we used, left to boom.

[02:16:04] How do we get ahead of this so that we don't get to the boom, we don't get to the tragic, get to the situation that creates crisis? And just so the whole effort towards how do we get ahead of these situations within our community to help bring about a community-based, whole-of-government approach to solve those issues.

[02:16:26] I really appreciate that leadership, and thank you, Dan, and your team for all that you guys are doing. And then I also want to welcome Ms. Washington as the new planning director and look forward to her leadership as we continue to try to get caught up with our planning team.

[02:16:45] So thank you, Madam Chair. All right, thank you so much. Supervisor Gorda, we're going to move on to Supervisor Franklin. Sure, yes, thank you. Just want to highlight a few things. On Monday, January 22nd, I hosted our annual Woodbridge District Town Hall via Zoom.

[02:17:03] We were provided with an update on key projects in the district, including transportation and some development projects. We were also joined by Chief Newsham of the police department and Eastern District Commander Captain David Smith, who provided an update. We did have some technical issues, but we do have a video that is on our website of the town hall if you missed it or weren't able to log in.

[02:17:25] So please check out the website for that video. Also on Saturday, February 3rd, I was a featured speaker alongside Supervisor Angry at the Black History Month program sponsored by Jack and Jill of Prince William County. The program for the elementary school students was entitled Black Like Me, the ABCs of Black History.

[02:17:43] And so we were able to read to students and talk a little bit about black history while doing it. Some upcoming events we have, Monday, February 12th at 7 p.m., hosting our annual Black History

program for the Woodbridge District at the Open Space Arts Center in Stonebridge.

[02:18:02] This year's theme is African Americans and the Arts, and we will have a panel discussion featuring Kim B. Miller, former PWC, Prince William County Poet Laureate, Herb Williams, Director of the Prince William County Arts Council, and Ms. Denise McFell, Director of the Creative and Performing Arts Center, also known as KPAC.

[02:18:21] We will also be giving tours of the gallery to view the current exhibition called Poetic Visions, I Too Sing America. So looking forward to that. We will have a reception, so food and beverages.

[02:18:36] So please come by. I think it's going to be a wonderful, wonderful Black History celebration. Notice of intent. I would like to do a notice of intent for Mr. Brian Landrum to the Architecture Review Committee, William Andy Whedon to the Cherry Hill CDA, Padreus Pratter to the Human Rights Commission, Bertha Johnson to the Taxi Cab Review Board, Lori Greenwood to the Cherry Hill CDA, Linda Silverstrand to the Trails and Blue Ways Council, and Sandra Dawson to the Commission on Aging.

[02:19:10] Thank you. All right, thank you so very much, Supervisor Franklin. And now we're going to see Professor Vega. Thank you, Madam Chair. On January 23rd, I attended the Fentanyl Awareness and Narcan training event at Potomac Valley Church with our First Lady, Suzanne Youngkin, and Attorney General Jason Meares. I just want to give them a special shout-out.

[02:19:26] I know some of my colleagues were in attendance for putting this event forward. As we all know, this, we can call it, I guess, an epidemic that is going on, not just here in Prince William County, but all over our country, is something that we have to be more proactive on rather than reactive.

[02:19:42] and I want to thank them for putting this event forward for the community to attend. It was very educational, especially as they took out the prop that they used and showcased what a little bit of the drug can actually do to a lot of people at one time.

[02:19:59] Also want to give a special shout-out to Pastor Will Archer for opening up his church for this important discussion and for our state leaders who put this event together and who keep advocating for measures to be put in place to protect folks in our community. On January 31st, I attended the Boxes of Basics event.

[02:20:19] No, sorry. On January 31st, I attended the Boxes of Basics new office. If you guys haven't had a chance to learn more about this organization, I highly recommend that you do. It's incredible to see all of the accomplishments that they've been able to achieve in such a short period of time.

[02:20:35] It's such a great organization with such a great cause, vision, and mission statement. And so if you haven't had the opportunity to tour their new facility, new warehouse, I recommend that you do. They will be hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony on February 9th, and I look forward to attending that as well. Finally, I would like to issue my Notice of Intent to appoint Joseph Richardson to the Lake Jackson Sanitary District, and Jacob Mosser to the Department of Social Services, along with Carla Justice to the Planning Commission, and their resumes should be in the file. That's all I have, Madam Chair.

[02:21:04] All right. Thank you so very much, Supervisor Vega. I'm actually going to go over to Supervisor Bailey. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Appreciate it. First of all, good afternoon and happy Black History Month to all in the community. On January 20th, I want to thank Luke McBride for the invitation to attend the Buck Hall Virginia Fire Department installation ceremony. I really appreciate the invitation and

for my staff that attended. Thank you so much. On January 22nd, I want to thank all of the first round of pastors within the community.

[02:21:44] It was our first roundtable to discuss concerns surrounding the faith-based community. And so it was quite successful, and it was excellent discussions. And Supervisor Baker, one of the things that we did talk about was the fact that the fentanyl epidemic is here, and we've got to do something about it.

[02:22:04] So thank you for bringing that up and to the pastors that attended. we will be having a second roundtable for that. On the 23rd, I have the honor of participating in one of the most interesting fentanyl panels, and it was with, as Supervisor Reagan mentioned, DEA Shane Todd, First Lady Susan Yunkin, our own AG Jason Meares, and Chief Peter Newsham.

[02:22:31] And we also had Heather Martinsons to come and do a demonstration on Narcan. And so I say to the community, please, please, please help us to support our youth and to support this epidemic that's happening here, not just in the community, but nationally.

[02:22:50] On the 24th, I want to thank Lisa Madron and Mr. Eliza Johnson for meeting with me and my team and providing an update on our very own CRC. thank you so much we are making great progress with this most collective bipartisan project that my colleagues and I put together to serve this community to address behavioral disorders and mental health in our community on the 25th the chief and I attended the community committee for dollars luncheon that incorporated a presentation for my very own chair

[02:23:26] Jefferson, and I'm sure she's going to expand on that, to talk about with the chairs of Fairfax and Loudoun County to talk about and discuss the region and the progress that's being held in Dulles and how Prince William County can play a part in that. On the 29th and the 30th we had our retreat here with the board and we dug in deep and had a great retreat.

[02:23:50] I want to thank County Exec Chris Shorter and his staff for setting that up for us. It was very fruitful and a great work session. On the first, I want to thank our own legislative liaison, Glenn Loop, for setting up a wonderful VACO trip to Richmond to talk to our legislators. And I am very honored to say that I was sworn in as a part of the board for the Virginia County Agencies on Counties. And I'm looking forward to working continually with that organization. On the third Saturday for Black History Month, I was delighted to present accommodation in honor of Dr. George M. Hampton, one of our African-American civil

[02:24:29] rights leaders here in the community and a visionary who dedicated his life in serving the community. He was honored to have, it was an honor to have Dr. Hampton, the school named after him. It was formerly Mills Godwin and now it's called Dr. George M. Hampton Middle School and they honored his memory.

[02:24:48] So George, thank you up in heaven for what you're doing. February 5th, I want to thank Chair Jefferson and her staff for coming to talk about the Potomac Strategic Plan. We have a lot of work to do, and I want to thank you for supporting me in that discussion. On the 7th, tomorrow, from 4 to 7 at Southbridge Community Center, we will be having our first open house for the Potomac District with our constituents.

[02:25:16] I encourage everyone to come in the Potomac District to talk about the future of Potomac. In recognition of Black History Month, please go to the Potomac District website to view all upcoming events and programs. With that, Madam Chair, I'd like to make the notice of intent to reappoint Jim Allman to the

Prince William County Service Authority Board, Terrence Battle to the Industrial Development Authority, Corinne Doerr to the Library Board, Millicent Green to the Cherry Hill CDA, Dr. Sean Spencer to the Cherry Hill CDA, Karen Smith to the Prince William County Committee for Persons with Disabilities, Eileen Thrall to the Commission on Aging,

[02:25:55] and Lori Wilson, Social Services Advisory Board. Thank you, Madam Chair. All right, thank you so very much, Supervisor Bailey. Now we're going to go to Supervisor Weir. Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm actually going to be a little less brief than usual. For those unaware, at 6 a.m. on January 20th, a state trooper was dispatched to a medical emergency call for an occupant on the side of Route 66, or I-66, and the trooper arrived just as baby.

[02:26:21] Audrey was born. I'd like to thank the trooper, congratulate Audrey's parents, and welcome Audrey as our newest Gainesville resident. I'm assuming she lives in Gainesville. I'd also like to congratulate Battlefield High School student Sarah Everhart for meddling in the 2024 Prevagen U.S. Figure Skating Championship in Columbus.

[02:26:42] She placed fourth overall in the competition, which was her first senior nationals. And then last but not least, I'd like to welcome and congratulate the international market in Gainesville. They opened over the weekend at 7921 Heritage Village Plaza. They're right down the street from my office, and they have many things that I can't find in a grocery store.

[02:27:02] So they'll be seeing me fairly often. Thank you. All right. Thank you, Supervisor Weir. We're going to go now to Supervisor Bode. Thank you, Madam Chair. Very brief for me, as a lot of what has been going on over the last couple weeks has been tread by some of my colleagues, Did want to thank the county exec and his team for putting together the retreat last week.

[02:27:23] I think it was very productive for everyone. Also thank my colleagues for everyone being bought in and actually being involved and participating. I think we got a lot out of it because we put a lot into it. This past Thursday, we had our VACO Lobby Day, as Supervisor Bailey said. Want to thank Glenn Lupe, Nikki Brown, and everyone who was involved with putting together that.

[02:27:43] We actually got a chance to see all but two members of our own delegation throughout the day. And we have to see one more of them at the reception later that night. So it was very productive and really appreciate everything that we're doing from the county to advocate for ourselves in Richmond. We also want to give kudos to our delegation in Richmond for advocating for us here in Prince William County.

[02:28:04] In terms of looking ahead, I know that near the end of the month in the last week of the month, Chair Jefferson and I will be doing co-hosting a town hall on the budget. More to be determined on where and when, but look out for that around the 28th, 29th, or the 27th, 28th of this month, more to follow there.

[02:28:22] And last but not least, I would like to put in my notice of intent to reappoint Raheel Sheik to the Planning Commission and J. Randall Freed, the Sustainability Commission, and we'll make sure that staff has their resumes on file. Thank you, Madam Chair. All right, thank you, Supervisor Bode. Next, we're gonna go to Supervisor Angry.

[02:28:39] All right, thank you, Madam Chair. I'll start with these notice of intent. These are all reappointments. We'll just get them out of the way right now, okay? so Architect Review Board, Nietzsche Namaha Ono, Board of Equalization, Ronald Yoho, Commission on Aging, Brian Fulton, Historical

Commission, John Davis, Housing Board, Karen DeVito, Persons of Disability, Lillian Garland, Trails and Blue Ways, Richard Wilson, Social Service Advisory Board, Idris O'Connor, and Veterans Commission, Donnell Johns.

[02:29:13] And so just getting real quick to an announcement, if you live off of Elm Farm Road, so VDOT just released that. Elm Farm Road is going to be shut down from February 9th to the 20th to put in a pipe, a culvert replacement.

[02:29:33] So I'm just going to read this, and this notice will be out on VDOT's website, but I want to read it for those who may be through there. Elm Farm Road, Route 892 between Minnieville Road and William Parkway will be closed to through traffic from 8 p.m. Friday, February 9th until 5 a.m. Tuesday, February 20th to replace a pipe covert.

[02:29:55] Those needing to reach properties along Elm Farm Road will have access. However, drivers and bicyclists will not be able to go beyond the point of covert replacement between Lacebark Elm Court and 3475 Elm Farm Road in either direction.

[02:30:11] This will be posted again. Check our website. Also, go to VDOT. Also, you can use 5-on-1 to call Virginia 5-on-1 on your phone, and they'll give you this information update. Where am I? Okay, so I got two ribbon cuttings coming up here.

[02:30:30] One's going to be 8 February, I think that's next Thursday, from 4 to 6 p.m. at 4101 Cheshire Station Plaza. That's off of Minerville Road. And it's the old bank in the Cheshire Plaza, which is now, it's already open, soft opening, which is the AFC Urgent Care.

[02:30:49] So that ribbon cutting is going to be then. So come on by if you've got food. It's going to be a good time to see what happens in the urgent care world. And hopefully you don't need the services, but if you do, there's an urgent care for you. Then the next day, almost literally down the street on Dell Boulevard, you've probably seen that Dunkin'.

[02:31:05] It's open already, but they're going to do a ribbon cutting on 9 Feb, and that's from 10 to 11 a.m. That's 4101 Dale Boulevard, and that's that. So I had a great town hall with Virginia Crossings last night.

[02:31:23] I want to thank that community, the HOA, for being so nice to me. No, we had a great talk for a couple of hours about ongoing developments, and I just want to welcome you. They had a new development that was just built out on Mannyville Road right across from the Quartz District going in and River Run.

[02:31:43] So that community is all built that way. They've got a few more to go, but had a lot of great questions, a lot of good conversations, so welcome to the community. And Madam Chair, I'm just double-checking. I've got a little time. Let's make sure I've got everything. Oh, so this is Woodbridge High School, 20th anniversary for their high school.

[02:32:02] It's a rowing, like an online rowing club competition. I mean, it's not online, but it's going to be on the actual machines. And that's going to be this Saturday, February 10th, from 8 to 3. So if you've never seen that before, you may want to go out and stop by and check it out.

[02:32:18] They're going to have all the high school kids that compete in this area out there. And so, again, that's from 10 to 3 on 10 Feb, Woodbridge High School. Woodbridge Senior High School. All right. Thank you, Madam Chair. All right. Thank you so very much, Supervisor Angry.

[02:32:34] And I just had a few things I wanted to remark on. First, a few people have already mentioned VACO, Virginia Association of Counties, Local Government Day. I am very honored and pleased that all of our supervisors, Democrat and Republican, went down to Richmond to meet with our delegation to the General Assembly to discuss issues that are important to the county.

[02:32:58] And I want to name that because I want to say I hope that this, you know, that we continue to work together across the aisle and across the county to deliver what we feel is best for Prince William County. Second to that, I wanted to, I have a few notices of intent to appoint to various boards, committees, and commissions.

[02:33:18] First is Justin Wilk to the Committee for Persons with Disabilities. Second is John J. Fritch to the Length of Service Award Program Board of Trustees. I also have Tarazia St. Martin to the Weapons Control Committee, as well as Madeline Edwards to the Prince William County Housing Board as representative of the Continuum of Care.

[02:33:44] Additionally, I'd like to give my notice of intent to appoint the following individuals to the Tourism Industry Advisory Board. based on the recommendation of the economic development director as per the advisory board's charter, Quinn Adams, Jacqueline Connor, Jennifer Decker, Michelle DeWitt, Claudia Fryer, Bethany Webb, Theodore Wynlove, Lisa Clement. And then I also had, you know, a good conversation with Supervisor Gordy, who, you know, there is a lot of development coming to his district, but it's not limited to his district. And we spoke a little bit about agritourism.

[02:34:24] So without objection, I would like to direct the county executive and staff to research and provide recommendations to identify a strategic approach and how to grow and support the rural economy with a special emphasis on enhancing agritourism and agribusiness in Prince William County.

[02:34:41] The county executive will provide the information to the board for the board's consideration. So that is my first directive of my term as chair. And finally, I'm just looking at the clock. I've got a couple minutes. I want to note that as we celebrate Black History Month, that we have had a number of historic firsts in this county.

[02:35:03] This is a county that is a majority-minority county, and it means a lot that we have different people representing us, people who reflect the community and who understand the needs of Prince William at large. And depth-telling to what I said about Local Government Day, you know, I am proud.

[02:35:23] Prince William County, we are the 10th most diverse county in the country, but we are the most diverse in the Commonwealth. And I'm really excited to see the direction that we are going to move in and that the model that we're going to set, not just within the Northern Virginia region, within the Commonwealth, but within the country.

[02:35:40] I think that we have been off to a very good start this, I don't know how to call it session, this term, this year. And I look forward to working with everyone to make sure that we continue. Now, with that, yes, I forgot to mention, and I wanted to publicly thank you for taking the time to come to my office, and we discussed my priorities in the district, along with a few other items of importance, so thank you for doing that, because it meant not just a lot to me, but to a lot of folks that saw the post on Facebook that you took the time to come and to meet with me, so I want to thank you.

[02:36:18] And then just a public service announcement, we have nothing to do with the Tysons and Casino. Thank you. Please stop sending me emails. Oh, okay. And I have a few more. I've been trying to

meet with all the supervisors in their district on their home terp.

[02:36:34] And I have a few more meetings left. You know, some will reschedule, like my supervisor angry because of the snow. But with that, before I get ambushed, I'm not going to name no names. I'm just going to say that our next meeting will be scheduled.

[02:36:50] It is a board work session. It is scheduled for next week, Tuesday, February 13th. Move to adjourn. Second. I'm going to make everyone sit here for an additional five minutes just because of that. So, this concludes the February 6, 2024 Board of County Supervisors meeting.

[02:37:16] I don't think there's any discussion, so if everyone wants to go ahead and vote, I mean, I could be lying. Is there any discussion? Anyone want to talk? It is Weir who made the motion, and then Supervisor Bodie jumped in.

[02:37:37] I'm just saying next time, I might delay. Vote unanimous. Thank you.

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