



NorthEast Citizens' Association

The important part of our name is Citizens'. We are an association of people working together to preserve our neighborhood and our City. The NorthEast Citizens' Association (NECA) welcomes all people living within the boundary of NorthEast, renters and homeowners alike. The apostrophe in our name means it is YOUR association.

**Association Meeting
January 19, 2011
7:30 PM
Fire Station at
Second and Powhatan Streets**

Commercial Real Estate Tax

We all know traffic has been, and continues to be, a frustrating problem for the residents of Alexandria.

In order to address our transportation needs, Alexandria must continue to enhance its multi-modal approach to transportation.

One of many unresolved issues facing Alexandria is funding the priority transportation projects throughout the City.

The City is looking at various options to address the need for funding. One is commercial real estate tax.

The Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) has requested the opportunity to come to our meeting to get our input regarding the potential implementation of an add-on tax on commercial real estate.

Yon Lambert, Director of Operations (T&ES), will be at our meeting to explain the proposed tax on commercial real estate and answer any questions you may have.

Transit In NorthEast

Thanks to \$8.5 million in stimulus money, dedicated lanes for bus rapid transit (BRT) will be constructed for buses in the median along Jefferson Davis Highway from the Monroe Street Bridge to the entrance of Potomac Yard Center by 2013. The idea behind BRT is to make bus service faster and more efficient than regular service by employing dedicated bus lanes allowing them to operate outside of the day-to-day gridlock. The transit planning process is being driven by the Arlington County Board that, in September, approved a sweeping new master plan for Crystal City that included a policy of moving toward street cars in addition to BRT.

Why is this issue a concern for NorthEast citizens? The City is currently looking at setting the routes for a continued service to Old Town and possibly beyond. There is a considerable effort to get the City to use Powhatan Street for that purpose. For Powhatan Street to accommodate dedicated lanes it would necessitate taking out the medians we worked 10 years to build and a significant amount of the parking as well.

Steve Sindiong, City Principal Transportation Planner, will be present to talk about the work the Traffic Corridor Task Force is doing and how you can be involved in the process.

Who Speaks for NECA

While we encourage all members to express their opinion at a public forum, only the President speaks on behalf of NECA.

Dues are \$4.00 per person - Make your check payable to NorthEast Citizens' Association

Send to Sylvia Sibover, Treasurer, 915 Second Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-1347 [**Please print clearly**]

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