



Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony on CB 20-2017

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From: Clive Graham,
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Summary:

The Administration has filed legislation to amend the qualifications of the Administrator of the Office of Transportation (“the Administrator”), the duties of the Office of Transportation (“the Office”), the general powers and duties of the Public Transportation Board (“the Board”), and formally including the Office of Transportation as part of the Subdivision Review Committee (“the SRC”). These changes are in keeping with the Administration’s position to support a comprehensive approach to transportation planning in the County including applying a complete streets approach to many transportation issues.

The current language in the code relating to the Administrator, the Office, and the Board focuses almost entirely on one mode of transportation, i.e., transit. The proposed language will expand the current scope of the Administrator, the Office, and the Board to evaluate all modes of travel when approaching issues related to transportation in the county. The language will also amend the qualifications of the Administrator and members of the Public Transportation Board to ensure that their experiences reflect the Administration’s approach to transportation.

The current language in the code relating to the SRC does not include the Office of Transportation as a formal member. Although the Office does currently participate in the SRC, their input could be subject to challenge as carrying less weight than formal member agencies. As the SRC tackles many issues related to new development and re-development, including issues relating to transportation, it is essential that the Office of Transportation be given equal recognition as other agencies to provide their expertise and input.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this legislation.