

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 19, 2022  
**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** Noise Ordinance Review - Update



In an email dated April 27, 2022, a citizen voiced their concern about a possible violation of the County's noise ordinance by a commercial entity. The business was approved by the Board of Supervisors with a Special Use Permit granted in 2019. Staff from the Department of Planning and Development Services visited the site over the summer to find that the noise was at times in excess of the decibels allowed. However, the business operates as normal / best practices would allow and the noise is not within audible distance to housing. Given that the business operates as would be expected, staff from Planning and Development Services, County Administration, and the County Attorney's office began a review of the County's noise ordinance to evaluate how the noise restrictions apply to business operations as opposed to nuisance noise complaints. As is our current practice, the County would not issue a Notice of Violation while an ordinance is under review.

### **Current Status:**

We have established a team to review the ordinance, which consists of staff from the following County offices: Planning and Development Services, Sheriff's Department, County Attorney's Office, and County Administration. The team has met twice in the last two months to discuss the issues as they relate to their vocational areas. At this time, the consensus of the group is there is room for improvement in the ordinance. Several other localities in the Hampton Roads region, including Virginia Beach and Hampton, are currently examining their noise ordinances. The County Attorney's Office has agreed to draft any proposed changes to our current regulations. As the group evaluates noise regulations, we will be including an analysis of our neighboring jurisdictions' ordinances. You may expect additional updates as appropriate.

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**FROM:** Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Transit Strategic Plan (TSP)



I wanted to inform the Board about the development of a Transit Strategic Plan (TSP) by the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA). WATA is required to submit the plan to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation no later than Fiscal Year 2024 to qualify for allocated funding. The County will have staff representatives involved in the process.

### **Background:**

The Virginia General Assembly passed legislation in 2018 that requires transit agencies operating in urbanized areas to develop a Transit Strategic Plan to ensure that transit services are planned in a way that better meets the mobility needs of their communities. WATA has been identified as a transit agency in an urbanized area, serving the Historic Triangle, Colonial Williamsburg, and the College of William and Mary.

The purposes of a Transit Strategic Plan are:

1. To serve as a strategic planning, management, and policy document for transit operators in urbanized areas;
2. To identify areas for improved operational efficiency;
3. To assess the type of operating services for different service areas and needs;
4. To review and assess the performance of routes, route design standards, and schedule standards;
5. To examine transit needs in order to identify ways to improve access for underserved areas;
6. To inform the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation of transit operators' capital, operating, and maintenance needs;
7. To provide the basis for inclusion of an operator's capital and operating programs in planning and programming documents such as the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP), Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP);
8. To provide a clear understanding of unmet or unfunded needs;
9. To develop and track the progress of short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals for transit in the region;
10. To continually aim to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public transportation services.

**Current Status:**

WATA has contracted with Jarrett Walker and Associates to develop their Transit Strategic Plan. As one of their first steps, Jarrett Walker will conduct a meeting with community stakeholders. Tim Cross from Planning and Development Services, Darren Williams from Economic and Tourism Development, and Margaret Mack-Yaroch from Social Services have been appointed as staff representatives in this process. Staff will update the Board as appropriate. Please let Mark Bellamy know if you have any questions as he serves as the County's representative on the WATA Board of Directors.

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 15, 2022  
**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** Zweibrücken Delegation Visit



As we have previously updated the Board, we have begun preparations for the delegation visit from our sister city Zweibrücken in the fall. We have finalized the dates and are working on scheduling their visit. The delegation will arrive in Washington D.C. on October 14 and will arrive in Yorktown on the afternoon of October 15. They will depart Yorktown on October 21, 2022.

We have not yet received the final list of delegates and will finalize the schedule once we receive the list. Some key dates during their visit are below:

- October 14 – Delegation arrives at Dulles International Airport (1:35 p.m.)
- October 15 – Delegation arrives in Yorktown (evening welcome reception)
- October 18 – Board of Supervisors Meeting (delegation recognized)
- October 19 – Yorktown Day
- October 20 – Farewell Dinner
- October 21 – Delegation departs from Dulles International Airport (6:10 p.m.)

We will keep the Board informed and ensure that you have opportunities to participate in the activities that we have planned for them.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and I look forward to updating you with the final schedule in the next few weeks.