



2021-2022 RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting Summary

Meeting No. 6: January 20, 2022

Meeting Attendees:

RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)	Alexandria Renew Enterprises
Morgan Babcock	Karen Pallansch
Liz Birnbaum	Caitlin Feehan
Dan Bradfield	Justin Carl
Ailing Bressman	Nicole Bushnell
Yvonne Callahan	Jean-Marc Wehrli
Mace Carpenter	
Mark McNutt	City of Alexandria
Michelle Millben	Erin Bevis-Carver

The meeting convened at 7 p.m.

The highlights of the presentation included:

- A report from each SAG member on community feedback received since the last meeting
- The review of a revised informational flyer illustrating flooding and water quality projects in Alexandria
- An update on RiverRenew Tunnel Project construction at the Pendleton Street, Royal Street, Hooffs Run, and AlexRenew sites
- An update on community outreach initiatives

The following is a summary of the questions asked by the SAG members and the answers provided by the RiverRenew team:

Yvonne Callahan asked how much a seismograph weighs and if there were any concerns surrounding potential theft of the machines.

Justin Carl, RiverRenew Program Manager, explained that the seismographs are locked in place for security purposes. Jean-Marc Wehrli, RiverRenew Tunnel Project Manager, added that each weighs approximately 25 pounds.

Michelle Millben asked if AlexRenew intends to install signage informing bikers of closures or other impacts on South Royal Street.

Mr. Carl confirmed that signage, notifications, and alerts would be deployed to inform bikers of closures, including anticipated closures of the bike lane running down South Royal Street underneath I-495.

Liz Birnbaum asked how long the paint on the front of the TBM cutterhead will remain intact.

Mr. Wehrli explained that this was difficult to determine, but he estimated that it would take between 20 and 2,000 feet of drilling for the paint to wear off.

Yvonne Callahan asked if the City's emergency services were qualified and equipped to assist in tunnel-related emergencies.

Mr. Carl explained that AlexRenew established a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alexandria Fire Department to train personnel and procure the necessary equipment to enter the tunnel in the event of an emergency.

John Hill asked how long a hydromill crane takes to excavate a single slurry wall panel.

Mr. Wehrli stated that a single panel is excavated in approximately two (2), 10-hour shifts.

No comments or questions were submitted during the Public Comment period.

Other discussion points:

- The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
- This is the final meeting of the 2021-2022 RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group.
- AlexRenew is accepting applicants for the 2022-2023 SAG to fill the role of a member with an
 engineering and/or construction background. Interested Alexandria residents can apply here:
 https://www.riverrenew.com/news/program-updates/sag-application.
- The first meeting of the 2022-2023 SAG will take place in March 2022.