

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 18-08

**DIRECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REMAINING WORKING GROUP
RECOMMENDATIONS, AS SPECIFIED**

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) has adopted some or all of the seven regional taxes and fees detailed in NVTA Resolutions 01-08A, 01-08B, 01-08C, 01-08D, 01-08E, 01-08F, and 01-08G; and,

WHEREAS, NVTA must continue to move forward to implement the provisions of House Bill (HB) 3202 and transition from being primarily a regional planning agency to being a transportation funding agency overseeing the implementation of projects, programs, and services it funds within the region; and,

WHEREAS, the five NVTA working groups have provided the attached recommendations to implement HB 3202 and to provide staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY NVTA THAT:

1. The NVTA does authorize the working groups to proceed with the recommendations outlined in the attached document that have not been covered by previous resolutions. These include:
 - a. Direct the Legal Working Group (LWG) to continue to coordinate with the Governor's staff, the Attorney General's office and representatives of the Hampton Roads jurisdictions.
 - b. Direct the Financial Working Group (FWG) to work with jurisdictions and its regional organizations to begin the financial implementation of HB 3202 until NVTA directs and/or hires appropriate staff or consultants to do so.
 - c. Begin the process of developing a scenario for providing a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and staff accountant function.
 - d. Task the Jurisdictional and Agency Coordinating Committee (JACC) to recommend a general project development process adaptable to specific projects by November 1, 2007.
 - e. Task the JACC to recommend a project prioritization process for projects in the adopted Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) using previously adopted criteria.
 - f. Task the JACC to recommend a six-year project implementation program with funding streams by November 1, 2007.
 - g. Task the JACC to develop a list of "Federalized" highways (Federal funds used in the past) by November 1, 2007.
 - h. Task the LWG, with the JACC, to develop a general project management agreement.

- i. Direct the Public Outreach Working Group (POWG) and/or the newly appointed spokesperson to establish and build relationships with Northern Virginia residents, stakeholder groups, businesses, media, transportation agencies, special interest groups, and critics as outlined in the Strategic Communications plan.
- j. Direct POWG and/or the newly appointed spokesperson to further develop short-term, mid-term and long term communications objectives for NVTA's consideration.
- k. Consider recommending, in the 2008 Legislative Program, legislation streamlining NVTA project implementation, specifically, increase the limits of on-call consultants.
- l. Approve a policy for handling the annual \$50 million funding for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and annual \$25 million funding for the Virginia Railway Express (VRE), as outlined in Attachment A.
- m. Direct the Organizational Working Group (OWG) to seek on a temporary basis, a location suitable for establishing a business address and phone number, in a space consistent with the budgeted number of employees.
- n. Continue to rely on existing administrative arrangements, local staff support, and working group support, combined with the three committees and space at a temporary location, until an executive director arrives and leads the further transformation of the NVTA.
- o. Direct the OWG, in conjunction with the POWG, to develop recommendations for meeting locations specific to the following types of meetings: business meetings, public hearings/information sessions, and work sessions.

Adopted by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, on this 12th day of July, 2007.

BY

Chairman

Attest

Vice Chairman

ATTACHMENT A
NVTA Resolution 18-08

Allocation of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Virginia Railway Express Earmarks

Consistent with past practice, the annual earmarks for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) should be transferred to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) to be held in trust for the WMATA jurisdictions, in an interest bearing account (with the interest retained by each individual account), to be used for capital improvements benefiting the area embraced by WMATA. These funds should first be used to provide such annual distribution as may be necessary under the requirements of Federal law for the payment of Federal funds to WMATA, but only if the matching Federal funds are exclusive of, and in addition to, the amount of other Federal funds appropriated for such purposes and are in an amount not less than the amount of such funds appropriated in the Federal fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. NVTC should allocate these funds to the WMATA jurisdictions' accounts based on the WMATA capital formula for the fiscal year in which the funds are received.

NVTA should allocate VRE funds to NVTC and the Potomac Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) based on the percentage of ridership attributable to each VRE jurisdiction that is also a member of NVTA. NVTC and PRTC should hold these funds in trust for these jurisdiction, in an interest bearing account (with the interest retained by each individual account), to be used for VRE operating and capital improvements, including, but not limited to, track lease payments, construction of parking, dedicated rail on the Fredericksburg line, rolling stock, expanded service to Prince William County, and service as may be needed as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's action regarding Fort Belvoir. NVTC and PRTC should allocate these funds to VRE and NVTA jurisdiction's accounts based on the percentage of ridership attributable to the jurisdiction for the fiscal year prior to the year in which the funds are received. VRE staff will meet staff from the NVTA jurisdictions that are also members of VRE annually while VRE's budget is being prepared to discuss how these funds could be spent during the upcoming fiscal year. The goal of this meeting is to prepare a recommendation for the VRE Operations Board, the local governments and NVTA that, if approved, can be included in VRE's budget.

Such allocations of funds for WMATA and VRE will not eliminate the overall requirement that jurisdictions receive a proportional benefit from the funding raised by NVTA, based on the percentage of money raised in each jurisdiction.