



SUMMARY MINUTES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

7:00PM ET

3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200

Fairfax, VA 22031

This meeting was conducted in-person and livestreamed via [NVTA's YouTube Channel](#)

1. Call to Order

Chair Randall

- ✓ Chair Randall called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. by welcoming everyone to the Annual Organizational Meeting and thanking those who were in attendance. Chair Randall welcomed the newest member of the Authority, City of Fairfax Mayor Catherine Read, who formally introduced herself.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Davis, Board Secretary

- ✓ **Members: Attendees** Chair Phyllis J. Randall, Vice Chair David Snyder, Chairman Jeffrey McKay (7:10 p.m.), Chair Ann Wheeler, Board Member Katie Cristol, Mayor Justin Wilson, Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger, Mayor Jeanette Rishell, Senator Jennifer Boysko (Remote-Richmond-Distance), Supervisor Pat Herrity, Mayor Derrick Wood, Anthony Bedell (Remote-VA-Personal), Mary Hynes, and John Lynch. **Non-Attendees** Jim Kolb, and Jennifer Debruhl.
- ✓ **Staff Attendees:** Chief Executive Officer Monica Backmon, Executive Assistant to CEO Amanda Sink, Chief Financial Officer Mike Longhi, Board Secretary Jonathan Davis, Accounting Assistant Margaret Duker, Communications & Public Affairs Manager Erica Hawksworth, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Abigail Hillerich, Assistant Finance Officer Peggy Teal, Investment & Debt Manager Dev Sen, Senior Accountant Adnan Malik, Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming Keith Jasper, Senior Transportation Planner Dr. Sree Nampoothiri, Regional Transportation Modeler Harun Rashid, Regional Transportation Planners Mackenzie Love, Ian Newman, and Griffin Frank.
- ✓ **Council of Counsels:** Daniel Robinson-Fairfax County, Rob Dickerson-Prince William County, MinhChau Corr-Arlington County, and Christina Zechman Brown-City of Alexandria (Remote).
- ✓ **Other Attendees:** Sr. Vice President Tracy Baynard, McGuireWoods Consulting, LLC. (Remote), jurisdiction and agency staff.

Members of the public were in-person and were able to watch the meeting livestreamed via [NVTA's YouTube Channel](#).

3. Public Comment

- ✓ Chair Randall noted that Public Comment is where the public has an opportunity to provide NVTA feedback on what regional transportation focus areas they'd like to see in 2023 and how to best tackle traffic congestion in the region. She thanked members of

the public who submitted comments prior to tonight's meeting and noted that Authority Members will be provided all previously submitted comments for review.

- ✓ As an order of business, Chair Randall noted that members of the public who registered to provide comment in-person will speak first, followed by those who registered to provide comment via Zoom. She further noted that each person providing comment will have 3 minutes to speak.
- ✓ After all in-person and virtual comments were received, Chair Randall thanked members of the public for taking time to provide their comments and noted that their feedback is very important and valuable to the Authority.

4. Approval of December 8, 2022, Meeting Summary Minutes

Chair Randall

- ✓ Chair Randall received a motion from Mayor Wilson who moved the approval of the December 8, 2022, meeting summary minutes, and seconded by Board Member Cristol. With an abstention from Mayor Read, the motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

5. 2022 Annual Report

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon put forward the 2022 Annual Report and noted that the theme Momentum Builders in a Region Connected, speaks to the Authority's accomplishments and investments that are building momentum to reduce congestion through a more equitable, sustainable, and safer transportation network. Ms. Backmon highlighted the fact that 2022 was the first year the Authority adopted and updated the Six Year Program and TransAction in the same year. She brought attention to the adopted FY2022-2027 Six Year Program Projects foldout map that featured projects by locality, and noted the link to the interactive [NoVA Gateway](#).
- ✓ Ms. Backmon continued by underscoring NVTA's primary responsibilities, the Six Year Program adoption of 20 multimodal transportation projects that totaled nearly \$625 million, the TransAction adoption that leveraged technology and included a regional Bus Rapid Transit system, NVTA's Regional and Local Fund Distribution to date, and the twelve milestone events that occurred in 2022. She also highlighted Chair Randall's letter and each Authority Member's testimonials.
- ✓ Ms. Backmon also acknowledged the robust public engagement and comments received in 2022 which contributed to the development of the update to the Six Year Program and the long-range transportation plan, TransAction.

6. Economic Impact Analysis

Mr. Longhi, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Nampoothiri, Sr. Transportation Planner

- ✓ Mr. Longhi provided background and context to the economic analysis of the Authority's funding benefits for the region and Commonwealth. He noted that this is NVTA's third economic analysis, and the practice will continue after each of the Authority's two-year

updates to the Six Year Program. He offered his appreciation to the Authority's continued investments and support for in-house modeling and added that such support will enable the expansion of future reports to include additional regional and Commonwealth impacts. Mr. Longhi concluded by noting that a ten-page detailed report is being finalized and will be posted to the Authority's website shortly.

- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri noted that the analysis looks at the total funding approvals the Authority has made from FY2014 through FY2027 and includes both 70% Regional Revenues and 30% Local Revenues. He further noted that the local revenue project details were collected as part of the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability (JCTA) report that the Authority is mandated to submit every year.
- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri also noted that the total allocation of \$4.6 billion has an economic impact of \$7.1 billion which shows a 150% return on taxes invested in projects and programs as well as the addition of 42,000 new jobs.
- ✓ In review of the 70% Regional Revenue allocated, Dr. Nampoothiri noted that the \$3.1 billion allocation allows jurisdictions and agencies to leverage another \$3 billion from federal, state, regional and local sources, resulting in a total investment of multimodal projects worth more than \$6 billion. He added that model-based analysis during the Six Year Program development show that these projects are expected to save close to 400 million hours of travel time.
- ✓ In conclusion, Dr. Nampoothiri noted that NVTA's revenues are spent on projects that are not only going to reduce congestion and achieve the goals of mobility, accessibility, and sustainability but will also have huge economic benefits, add tax revenues, and strengthen the regional economy and competitiveness.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair for CY2023 Nominating Committee

- ✓ The CY2023 Nominating Committee was comprised of Mayor Wilson, Board Member Cristol and Chair Wheeler. Mayor Wilson moved the Authority approval of Chair Phyllis J. Randall as Chair and Councilmember David Snyder as Vice Chair of the Authority for CY2023, seconded by Board Member Cristol. With abstentions from Chair Randall and Councilmember Snyder, the motion was unanimously approved.

8. Appointment of Town Member for CY2023 Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon noted that as a normal practice, the five mayors of towns with a population of 3,500 or more, were queried for the candidate for Town Member.
- ✓ Chair Randall moved the Authority approval of Mayor Wood as CY2023 Town Member to the Authority, seconded by Board Member Cristol. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Adoption of Meeting Schedule for CY2023

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Chair Randall moved the Authority approval of the Meeting Schedule for CY2023 and seconded by Chair Wheeler. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. Approval of Recommendation to Reallocate Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for City of Alexandria

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon submitted for the Authority's consideration the City of Alexandria's request to reallocate \$500,000 in RSTP funds from its Transit Analysis Study Project (UPC 100492) to the Access to Landmark Project (UPC 115530).
- ✓ Mayor Wilson moved Authority recommendation to the Commonwealth Transportation Board on the reallocation of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for the City of Alexandria, seconded by Vice Chair Snyder. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. Approval of Letter of Endorsement for Prince William County's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program Application

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon submitted for the Authority's consideration Prince William County's request for endorsement on its forthcoming Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program application.
- ✓ Chair Wheeler moved Authority's approval of the letter of endorsement for Prince William County's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program application, seconded by Mayor Davis-Younger. The motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

12. Governance and Personnel Committee Report

Chair Randall

- 2023 General Assembly Update

Ms. Baynard, Sr. Vice President, McGuireWoods, Consulting, LLC.

- ✓ Ms. Baynard began her report by discussing Senate Bill 1009- "Pedestrian Control Signals; applicability to persons riding bicycles and other devices." and noted a concern with the Bill pertaining to the safety of pedestrians. She also discussed House Bill 1496 which aims to create an absolute cap on the state funding for Metro to assist payment of the local operating and capital subsidies. Ms. Baynard shared that Metro will still receive 46% of revenue from the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund but the state portion can be no more than 50% of the local subsidy owed in that year.
- ✓ Chair Randall confirmed Ms. Baynard's review of the Bill by noting that there would be no increase or decrease to what is given to Metro and added that localities will always pay at least half. Chair Randall noted concerns and shared that the District of Columbia

and Maryland fund their Metro compact from the District and State general fund rather than from the local jurisdictions.

- ✓ Ms. Baynard shared that there are several bills circulating pertaining to virtual participation in meetings, what bodies are permitted to convene virtually and how many virtual meetings they may convene annually.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard highlighted Senate Bill 1106- “Providing Transportation Infrastructure to Support Economic Development” and noted Governor Youngkin’s continued efforts in supporting multi-agency coordination on economic development initiatives. The Bill would direct funds from Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund (TPOF) to address a critical infrastructure transportation need that supports major economic development initiatives.
- ✓ In conclusion to her report, Ms. Baynard responded to Vice Chair Snyder’s inquiry on Senate Bill 1106 and noted discussions on the topic during the Governance and Personnel Committee meeting where Ms. Hynes suggested that unallocated funds from the General Fund be utilized rather than from the Transportation Trust Fund.

13. Chief Executive Officer’s Report

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon reminded the Authority Members that the 8th Annual Northern Virginia Transportation Roundtable in partnership with the Intelligent Transportation Society of Virginia will take place on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors. She added that the theme will be Building Momentum and will include panel discussions addressing topics related to NVTVA’s Core Values of Equity, Sustainability and Safety, as well as innovative transportation solutions.
- ✓ Ms. Backmon concluded her report by sharing that NVTVA was featured in the Virginia Town and City magazine where several of the Authority’s accomplishments were highlighted.

14. Chair’s Comments

Chair Randall

- **Committee Appointments**
 - Governance and Personnel Committee Reappointments
 - Board Member Cristol
 - Chair Wheeler
 - Finance Committee Reappointments
 - Mayor Rishell-Chair
 - Chairman McKay-Vice Chair
 - Chair Randall
 - Planning and Programming Committee Reappointments
 - Mayor Wilson
 - Mayor Rishell
 - Mayor Read (remaining 2021-2024 term)

15. Adjournment

Chair Randall

- ✓ Seeing no further questions, discussion and order of business, Chair Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2023, AT 7:00 p.m., ET
at NVTa Offices