

SUMMARY MINUTES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

7 p.m. EST

2600 Park Tower Drive, Sixth Floor Authority Board Room

Vienna, VA 22180

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 7:12 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Ms. Henderson, Board Secretary

- ✓ Membership Attendees: Chair Phyllis Randall, Chairman Jeff McKay, Chair Deshundra Jefferson, Vice Mayor Sarah Bagley (Designee for Mayor Alyia Gaskins), Council Member Tom Peterson (Designee for Mayor Catherine Read), Council Member Ashley Hutson (Designee for Vice Chair Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger), Council Member David Snyder, Mr. William Cuttler, Senator Jennifer Boysko, Delegate Briana Sewell, and Mr. Allan Fye (Remote for Ms. Mariia Zimmerman). Absent: Council Member Takis Karantonis, Delegate Karrie Delaney, Mayor Alanna Mensing, Mr. Patrick Herrity, and Mr. DJ Gribbin.
- ✓ Staff Attendees: Chief Executive Officer Monica Backmon, Chief Financial Officer Michael Longhi; Principal, Planning and Programming Keith Jasper, Deputy Chief Financial Officer Peggy Teal, Communications and Public Affairs Manager Abigail Hillerich, Senior Manager Transportation Planning and Programming Dr. Sree Nampoothiri, Manager Transportation Planning and Programming Starla Couso, Regional Transportation Planners Kristen Sarik, Griffin Frank, Ashkan Gholamialam, and Ethan Van Berkel, Comptroller Lu Han, Senior Accountant Gary Armstrong, Senior Accountant Lauren Wilber, Accounting Assistant Margaret Duker, Executive Assistant Amila Tola, and Board Secretary Lee Ann Henderson.
- ✓ Council of Counsel Attendees: Ms. Christina Zechman-Brown-City of Alexandria, Mr. Daniel Robinson-FFX County.
- ✓ Other Attendees: Ms. Tracy Baynard-McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC.

Public Hearing

Dr. Sree Nampoothiri gave a brief presentation on the Six Year Program selection process, the projects that are being proposed, and the timeline for the remainder of this program's process.

Public Hearing Speakers (in person):

Potomac District (Prince William County) Supervisor Andrea Bailey: Supervisor Bailey

stated she is asking for support of the Van Buren Road North Extension Project which will create a connection to an extensive bicycle and pedestrian network on Route 234 in the Potomac District and relieve traffic cut throughs in the Montclair subdivision area.

James Cech: Urged completion of the Van Buren Extension to reduce traffic on Waterway Drive in Montclair.

Phillip Leonard: Spoke in support of the East Colonial Highway improvements citing safety concerns and beautification needs.

David Fisher: Spoke in support of the East Colonial Highway improvements citing speeding through the Town of Hamilton.

James Bourne: Stated that Hamilton was the second largest commerce center in Loudoun County 100 years ago; however, after a fire, there is no sidewalk to get from one end of the town to the other.

Tyler Pumphrey: Spoke in support of the East Colonial Highway improvements citing the need for preserving the character of the Town and a lack of infrastructure to support pedestrian activity.

Rebecca Jones (Vice Mayor of the Town of Hamilton): Spoke in support of the funding request for the East Colonial Highway improvements that will create safe pedestrian routes to schools and parks.

Patricia Miller: Spoke in support of the East Colonial Highway improvements citing safety concerns.

Fred Hussain: Spoke in support of the Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit project stating his belief that the project should be taken over by WMATA, as well as future bus projects be integrated into the WMATA system.

Kenneth Wine (Mayor of the Town of Hamilton): Spoke in support of the East Colonial Highway improvements citing the need for improved, contiguous sidewalks through the town as well as safety concerns over speeding through town.

Jason Stanford (Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance): Stated that Northern Virginia is expected to gain 600,000 new residents over the next 25 years, so the Alliance supports the Authority's continued investment in projects that expand transportation capacity. He urged funding for the Richmond Highway BRT project, the Loudoun County Rt. 50 North Collector Road Project, the Van Buren Drive North Extension, Route 234 Trail at Innovation Park, the Route 15 Overpass and Improvement Project, the Duke Street Transitway Phase 2, the Custis Trail Widening and Modernization, and the South George Mason Drive and South Four Mile Run Intersection Improvements.



Bryan Munson: Spoke in support of the East Colonial Highway improvements citing safety concerns due to traffic speeding and lack of pedestrian facilities.

Tamsyn Knight: Spoke in support of the East Colonial Highway improvements citing safety concerns, particularly lack of sidewalks and crosswalks.

Craig Green (Hamilton Town Council Member): Stated that a sidewalk on the east end of town was installed using federal funding and asked for funding to complete the project.

Public Hearing Speakers (remote):

Audrey Clement: Spoke against the Custis Trail Project as she did not feel this project would make a significant impact on congestion reduction.

Frank Putzu: Spoke against the Landmark Transit Center and the Eisenhower and Van Dorn stating these projects were approved without public input and low SMARTSCALE scores. Further, he stated that the project costs have risen due to slow progress.

Bernard Berne: Spoke against three Arlington County trail projects (Arlington Memorial Trail, Arlington Boulevard Trail, and Custis Trail Widening and Modernization). He stated that bicycle and pedestrian projects do not meet State Code requirements for NVTA funding support.

Tia Ross: Spoke against the Van Buren Road Extension project. (Note: Ms. Ross experienced connectivity issues and was unable to complete her comments).

Bill Pugh (Transportation and Climate Director, Coalition for Smarter Growth): Applauded the inclusion of projects supporting walkable, bikeable, transit friendly projects and supported them. Noted the cost-effectiveness of certain projects and opposed road expansion projects. He commented on the need for dedicated money for maintenance.

Allen Muchnick (Active Prince William): Commended the localities for submitting projects that do not expand roadway capacity and improve active mobility. He stated he strongly supports the Rail with Trail project for Manassas City and Prince William County as well as Dale City Transit Priority project, Route 234 Trail project, and Route 15 Railroad Overpass project in Prince William County.

Presentation

3. Advancing Project Delivery Ms. Sarik, Regional Transportation Planner
 - ✓ Ms. Sarik gave a presentation on the latest metrics of the improved project delivery effort, noting that the gap between expected and actual reimbursements continues to narrow.



Action Items

4. Approval of March 12, 2026, Meeting Summary Minutes Chair Randall
 - ✓ On a motion by Chair Randall, seconded by Chairman McKay, the Summary Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2026, were approved unanimously with Senator Boysko, Vice Mayor Bagley and Council Member Hutson abstaining.

5. Approval of Allocation Adjustments for FY2027-FY2031 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds
Dr. Nampoothiri, Senior Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming
 - ✓ Ms. Backmon stated revised VDOT budget revisions provided additional funding for CMAQ and RSTP.
 - ✓ She stated that NVTA worked with the localities and agencies to program the additional funds.
 - ✓ On a motion by Chair Randall, seconded by Chairman McKay, sending the recommendations for CMAQ/RSTP allocation adjustments to the Commonwealth Transportation Board was approved unanimously.

6. Approval of Letter of Endorsement of Prince William County and City of Manassas Park FY2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Joint Application
Ms. Sarik, Regional Transportation Planner
 - ✓ Ms. Backmon stated that this joint application will upgrade corridor and intersection safety by implementing pedestrian and intersection safety improvements.
 - ✓ On a motion by Chair Jefferson, seconded by Council Member Hutson, the endorsement letter was approved unanimously.

Discussion/Information Items

7. Governance and Personnel Committee Report Chair Randall, GPC Chair
 - ✓ Ms. Baynard gave an update on the activity of the General Assembly. She stated that the Governor has until 11:59 p.m. on May 23rd to act on the bills on her desk for signature.
 - ✓ She stated that the General Assembly will adopt a budget before July 1, 2026.

8. Planning Coordination Advisory Committee Report Mayor Colbert, PCAC
Chair
 - ✓ This report is available in the agenda packet.

9. Technical Advisory Committee Report Mr. Boice, TAC Chair
 - ✓ This report is available in the agenda packet.



10. Transportation Technology Committee Report Council Member Snyder, TTC Chair
✓ This report is available in the agenda packet.
11. CEO Report Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer
✓ Ms. Backmon reported that May 15 is *Bike to Work Day* and NVTA staff will be at the Ballston/Wilburn Square Metro station.
✓ She noted that NVTA will host the Best Workplace for Commuters opening day ceremony on June 17 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and invited all members to attend.
12. Other Business
A. Monthly Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Report
✓ Deputy Director Allan Fye reported that DRPT will be holding a Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) public hearing in Alexandria on May 19 and 20.
✓ He stated they are working diligently on General Assembly directed bills.
13. Chair's Comments Chair Randall
✓ Chair Randall noted that the June Authority meeting will be held virtually due to travel constraints for several members.
14. Adjournment Chair Randall
✓ There being no further business before the Authority, Chair Randall adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

