

# **SUMMARY MINUTES**

Thursday, July 10, 2025 7PM, 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 7:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call Ms. Henderson, Board Secretary

- ✓ Membership Attendees: Chair Randall, Vice Chair David Snyder, Chairman Jeff McKay (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), Chair Deshundra Jefferson, Board Member Matt de Ferranti, Mayor Alyia Gaskins, Mayor Catherine Read, Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger, Senator Jennifer Boysko, Delegate Karrie Delaney, Mayor Linda Colbert, Mr. D. J. Gribbin, Mr. Bill Cuttler, and Ms. Tiffany Robinson. Absent: Mayor Alanna Mensing and Delegate Brianna Sewell
- ✓ 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, Planning Analytics Manager Harun Rashid; Regional Transportation Planners Griffin Frank, Alyssa Beyers, Kristen Sarik, Starla Couso, and Matthew Bewley; Project Delivery/Grants Manager Amanda Sink; Strategic Communications Specialist Sharara Faisal; Comptroller Lu Han, Senior Accountant Gary Armstrong, Accounting Assistant Margaret Duker, Executive Assistant to the CEO Quinn Haley, and Board Secretary Lee Ann Henderson.
- ✓ Council of Counsel Attendees: Mr. Daniel Robinson-Fairfax County.
- ✓ Other Attendees: Tracy Baynard-McGuire Woods, LLC.

Members of the public, jurisdiction and agency staff were in person and were able to watch the meeting livestreamed via <u>NVTA's YouTube Channel</u>.

- 3. Website Modernization Update: New NVTA Website Debut
  - Ms. Hillerich, Communications and Public Affairs Manager
  - ✓ Ms. Hillerich introduced the new NVTA website, which was built out with the assistance
    of staff and the contractor, HDR.
  - ✓ She highlighted that it puts all NVTA activities and information on a single platform, making it easier and more convenient for the public and partners to get the information they need when it goes live at the end of July.

# Consent Agenda

4. Approval of June 12, 2025, Meeting Summary Minutes

Chair Randall

5. Approval of Fairfax County De-Appropriations

Mr. Longhi, Chief Financial Officer

6. Approval of Standard Project Agreement (SPA) for Vienna-Carter Library Parking Garage (formerly Mill St. NE Parking Garage) (SPA #2018057-1 Town of Vienna)

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

7. Approval of Standard Project Agreement (SPA) for Route 234 and Sudley Manor Interchange (SPA2024-343-1 Prince William County)

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

8. Approval of Standard Project Agreement (SPA) for West End Transitway Phase 1b: South Van Dorn Street and Bridge Design (SPA 2022-328-1 City of Alexandria)

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

9. Approval of Standard Project Agreement (SPA) for Purchase of Eight New Buses for Fairfax Connector's Tysons to Franconia Service (SPA #2022-324-1 Fairfax County)

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

10. Approval of Recommendation to Reallocate Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds
for the Virginia Railway Express (VRE)

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- 11. <u>Approval of Recommendation to Reallocate Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality</u>
  <u>Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds</u>
  <u>for the Virginia Railway Express (VRE)</u>
  Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer
  - ✓ On a motion by Chair Randall, seconded by Vice Chair Snyder, the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

# **Action Items**

12. Approval of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Action Plan

Mr. Jasper, Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming

- ✓ Ms. Backmon stated this project is a blueprint for a regional Bus Rapid Transit system.
- ✓ Mr. Jasper stated this is the most collaborative project he has ever worked on with input from jurisdictional staff, statutory committees, the public, and the Authority.
- ✓ He stated that technical analysis shows this system will reduce congestion, help avoid CO2 and other emissions, and improve accessibility and safety for the public, adding that if just 5% of the public uses the system, there will be a significant decrease in



- congestion.
- ✓ On a motion by Vice Chair Snyder, seconded by Chair Randall, the BRT Action Plan was approved unanimously.

# **Discussion/Information Items**

#### 13. Finance Committee Report

Vice Chair Snyder, Finance Chair

- ✓ Mr. Longhi stated that sales tax revenues have covered the deficit in grantor's tax revenues. He noted that the value of residential property sales has fallen, compounding the already low number of sales transactions.
- ✓ Mr. Longhi stated that the process of laddering out maturities of investments has been working well and will sustain portfolio earnings for a period of market rates decline.

# 14. Planning and Programming Committee Report

Mayor Davis-Younger

- ✓ Mayor Davis-Younger stated the committee met on the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> and had a presentation on the collaborative effort of Bus Rapid Transit Action Plan.
- 15. Planning Coordination Advisory Committee Report

Mayor Colbert

✓ Mayor Colbert stated that the committee's report is in the packet.

#### 16. Transportation Technology Committee Report

Vice Chair Snyder

✓ Vice Chair Snyder noted that this is a committee of the NVTA CEO and the uniqueness of the committee consisting of public and private sector trying to figure out how technology will benefit the region.

# 17. Technical Advisory Committee Report

Chair Boice

✓ Ms. Backmon stated that the committee's report is in the packet.

#### 18. CEO Report

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

✓ Ms. Backmon stated that the bike/ped study group has met once and will meet again in August. Findings will be brought to the various committees in September with a final report brought back to the Authority in November.

#### 19. Chair's Comments

Chair Randall

✓ Chair Randall stated that there will be no August meeting of the Authority and Ms. Backmon's review will be performed in September.

# 20. Adjournment

Chair Randall

✓ There being no further business before the Authority, Chair Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

