

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

Summary Minutes
December 11, 2003

held at the Northern Virginia Regional Commission
7535 Little River Turnpike, Suite 100, Annandale, Virginia

Members
(those present are highlighted)

William Euille

Christopher Zimmerman

Robert Lederer

Katherine K. Hanley

David Snyder

Scott K. York

Harry J. "Hal" Parrish, II

William Wren

Sean T. Connaughton

William Mims

Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.

vacancy

J. Kenneth Klinge

Margaret E. G. Vanderhye

Tanya Husick for Karen Rae

Tom Farley

Mayor, City of Alexandria

Arlington County Board

Mayor, City of Fairfax

Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Falls Church City Council

Chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

Vice Mayor, City of Manassas

Manassas Park City Council

Chairman, Prince William Board of County Supervisors

Virginia Senate, District 33

Virginia House of Delegates, District 34

Virginia House of Delegates

Governor's Appointee; NVTA Chairman

Governor's Appointee

VDRPT *(non-voting member)*

District Administrator, No. Va. Region, VDOT *(non-voting member)*

Staff Present

Linda Summerall

Executive Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Klinge called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called and members present or absent were noted for the record.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wren moved approval of the minutes of the July 10, 2003, meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Interim Technical Committee Report

• *2004 Legislative Program*

Mr. Biesiadny reported that the regional transportation priorities included in the proposed 2004 Legislative Program are included in the 2020 Plan. He then reviewed the projects, adding that a missing footnote, which staff will correct, notes the importance of Dulles rail. All the local staffs have been involved in developing this list. The committee tried to strike a balance between transit, highways and roads, pedestrians, and safety as well as maintaining equality throughout the region.

Chairman Klinge recused himself from the discussion on "photo red," explaining that he has been retained on this item in Richmond.

The members were generally supportive of the position on the "Northern Virginia gas tax increase," with Mr. Wren noting the importance of getting the majority of local elected officials to support the gas tax increase. Mr. Connaughton stated his belief that NVTA should take a generic approach on

the statewide and the regional gas tax increases. Both Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Hanley stressed the importance of being specific on the “Northern Virginia gas tax increase” position through NVTA and PRTC.

Ms. Hanley moved adoption of the position on “funding for regional transportation projects.” The motion was seconded and carried, with Senator Mims abstaining.

Mr. Zimmerman moved adoption of “stop for pedestrians.” The motion was seconded. Mr. Parrish expressed concern that this might lead to an increase of pedestrian fatalities. Ms. Hanley replied that Fairfax County has more pedestrian fatalities than homicides and feels this position would be beneficial. Mr. Zimmerman concurred. The motion carried with Mr. Parrish opposed.

Senator Mims moved approval of the 2004 Legislative Program with the exception of the positions on “photo red,” “statewide gas tax increase,” “Northern Virginia gas tax increase” and “transfer of development rights for jurisdictions in ozone non-attainment areas, as defined by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.” The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Zimmerman moved adoption of the position on “photo red.” The motion was seconded and carried with Chairman Klinge abstaining.

Mr. Zimmerman moved adoption of the position on “statewide gas tax increase.” The motion was seconded and carried with Mr. Connaughton opposed.

The position on the “Northern Virginia gas tax increase” was moved, seconded and carried, with Messrs. Parrish, Wren and Connaughton voting against.

Ms. Vanderhye moved adoption of the position on “transfer of development rights for jurisdictions in ozone non-attainment areas, as defined by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.” The motion was seconded and carried with Senator Mims opposed.

Mr. Zimmerman distributed a resolution to convey to Congress and executive branch the need for a renewed federal commitment to meet the urgent and critical capital needs for the Metrobus and Metrorail systems operated by WMATA in the national capital region. Mr. Zimmerman moved adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Biesiadny briefly reviewed the four federal legislative positions in the Legislative Program. It was noted that these had just been adopted as part of the Legislative Program.

• *2020 Plan Update*

Mr. Canizales reported that the work group recommends extending the plan’s timeframe to 2030 to match the Constrained Long Range Plan for consistency; new projects would not be added to the plan.

Ms. Hanley questioned the measure of effectiveness for bus service in the western portion of Fairfax County, due to low density, adding that the same might be true for the western portions of Loudoun and Prince William. She suggested that bus ridership be added as a category.

Messrs. Biesiadny and Canizales confirmed for Senator Mims that the eligible towns have been invited to participate in the work group and some of the towns do participate.

Mr. Connaughton moved adoption and the motion was seconded. Mr. York noted that Loudoun County has done most of its updates, and the other jurisdictions continually update the transportation section of their plans, and questioned the \$1 million cost to update the 2020 plan.

Several people confirmed that the computer modeling is the most significant aspect and it is a very expensive and time consuming process. Mr. Canizales added that transit modeling will be included this time as well as highway modeling. The motion carried with Mr. York abstaining.

- *FY 2005 CMAQ/RSTP Recommendations*

Ms. Hanley moved adoption. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Chairman Klinge departed at 6:00 p.m. for the supplemental EIS review on Dulles rail and turned the meeting over to Mr. Connaughton, the Vice Chairman.

- *Endorsement of Testimony for CTB's Pre-allocation Public Hearings*

Mr. Parrish moved endorsement of the testimony given by Ms. Vanderhye on behalf of the Authority. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Wren moved approval of the deadline. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Additional Information Items

- *Update on Regional Air Quality*

Mr. Biesiadny reported that EPA should approve the SIP next week; when this is done, the region should be able to approve a full transportation improvement plan and a CLRP. MWAQC is also preparing the full SIP for public comments in December. MWAQC is preparing a list of items of other things being done to reduce emissions but either can't be quantified for the SIP or should not be included in the SIP.

- *Update on TIP/CLRP*

The TPB adopted an interim TIP and CLRP. Projects currently in right-of-way or construction will continue. As soon as EPA approves the mobile budgets the full TIP and CLRP can be adopted. Mr. Farley reported that verbal approval by EPA has been given, and at its December meeting the TPB will be asked to vote on the TIP and CLRP.

- *Review of TPB Six Year Needs Document*

Staff distributed a chart on VDOT's preliminary estimates of needed funding for the accelerated completion of the FY04 Six Year Program Projects by 2010 and briefly reviewed this information.

Committee Reports

- *ATLAS* — Ms. Vanderhye reported that a good deal of the task force's work is included in the Authority's Legislative Program. The task force will continue to work with local elected officials and their staffs. The task force wants to work with regulatory and administrative opportunities at the local level among and between jurisdictions.

- *Budget* — Mr. York said he will report next month.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Connaughton adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.