

**SUMMARY MINUTES
NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

December 11, 2008
Fairfax City Hall
Fairfax, Virginia

NVTA Members Present:

Voting Members:

Christopher Zimmerman, Chairman	Arlington County
Supervisor Mike May (for Marty Nohe)	Prince William County
Supervisor Sharon Bulova (for Gerry Connolly)	Fairfax County
Tim Lovain (for Bill Euille)	City of Alexandria
Jeffrey Greenfield (for Rob Lederer)	City of Fairfax
Bryan Polk	City of Manassas Park
David Snyder	City of Falls Church
Councilmember Steven Smith (for Hal Parrish)	City of Manassas
Supervisor Lori Waters (for Scott York)	Loudoun County
Senator Mary Margaret Whipple	Virginia Senate
Joe May	House of Delegates
Thomas Rust	House of Delegates
Sharon Pandak	Governor's Appointee
Judy Connally	Governor's Appointee (CTB)

Non-voting Members:

Jo Anne Sorenson (for Morteza Salehi)	VDOT
Kristen Umstadt	Town Representative

Staff:

Pam Martin	Clerk
Various jurisdictional staffs	

Item I: Call to Order

Chairman Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

Item II: Roll Call

The roll was called and members present were as noted above.

Item III: Approval of the Minutes of July 10, 2008

There was one correction to the minutes. Mr. Lovain was present at the meeting and not Mayor Euille. Ms. Connally moved, and Mr. Synder seconded, the approval of the minutes of September 11, 2008, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Item IV: Election of Officers

Chairman Zimmerman presented the report of the nominating committee. The committee recommended that Marty Nohe be selected as Chairman and Bill Euille be selected as Vice Chairman. No further nominations were received and the recommendations were approved unanimously. Chairman Zimmerman expressed his congratulations to his colleagues and his appreciation to the authority members and staff.

Item V: Action Items:

(A) Acceptance of FY 2008 Audit

Mr. Biesiadny introduced Scott Kalkwarf, Director of Finance and Administration for NVTC, who then introduced a representative from PBGH (NVTA's auditor). The representative explained that PBGH provided an unqualified opinion on NVTA's FY 2008 financial statements, and they were comfortable with the controls that were in place for NVTA. He noted an unqualified opinion on compliance was impressive for a new organization. He said that John Mason and Scott Kalkwarf should be commended for their handling of NVTA's accounting.

Supervisor Bulova moved, and Delegate Rust seconded and the motion to accept the audit carried unanimously.

(B) Approval of 2009 Work Program and Meeting Schedule

Mr. Biesiadny reviewed the proposed 2009 meeting schedule, including a joint meeting with NVTC in Richmond (VaCo/VML Day) on February 5, 2009. Other meetings are scheduled for May and November. He also reviewed the recommended work program for 2009.

Delegate May moved, and Supervisor Bulova seconded and the motion to approve the work program and meeting schedule carried unanimously.

(C) Approval of FY 2010 CMAQ/RSTP Recommendations

Mr. Biesiadny reviewed the list of projects for funding through FY 2010 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and the Regional Surface Transportation program (RSTP). He noted that the Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee unanimously recommended approval of the list.

Vice Mayor Polk moved, and Supervisor Bulova seconded and the motion to approve the list carried unanimously.

(D) Approval of 2009 Legislative Program

After Mr. Biesiadny described the legislative program, there was a discussion about the transportation problems Northern Virginia is facing. Ms. Pandak requested that the cover letter for the legislative program strongly explain Northern Virginia's dire need for additional transportation funding and the consequences of not receiving that funding. She offered to work with staff to craft the letter.

Mr. Snyder moved, and Supervisor Bulova seconded and the motion to approve the legislative program carried unanimously.

(E) Approval of Project Suggestions for Federal Economic Stimulus Package

Mr. Biesiadny explained that in developing the list, staff focused on projects primarily of a regional nature that are ready to move into the next phase within the next three months, the next six months and the next 18 months. There was a brief question and answer period. Supervisor Waters asked that a dollar figure be included for Phase II of the Dulles rail projects. Mr. Biesiadny agreed to include a number. There was a brief discussion regarding whether or not to prioritize the list.

Ms. Pandak moved, and Chairman and Vice Chairman seconded and the motion to approve the project list carried unanimously.

(F) Approval to Reallocate RSTP Funding for Prince William County

Mr. Biesiadny requested the Board approved the letter to VDOT (Morteza Salehi) endorsing Prince William County's request to reallocate Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds.

Supervisor May moved, and Ms. Pandak seconded, and the motion to approve the reallocation carried unanimously.

(G) Approval of letter on I-95/395 HOT Lanes Project

Tamara Ashby (Arlington County) reviewed a proposed letter regarding the safety analysis, bus-only lane and average speed on the I-95/395 HOT Lanes project.

Mr. Snyder moved, and Supervisor Bulova seconded and the motion to approve the letter carried unanimously.

(H) Approval of Letter on Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Coordination

Mr. Biesiadny explained that due to the limited NVTA meetings schedule proposed for 2009, staff is recommending that the Virginia TPB members convene briefly before each meeting to discuss Northern Virginia positions on TPB agenda items. Supervisor Walters said that she was on the Finance Committee and would not be able to attend.

Chairman Zimmerman moved, and Councilmember Lovain seconded, and the motion to approve holding these Virginia caucus meetings carried unanimously.

VI. Information Items.

(A) Update on VDOT Six Year Program

Mr. Biesiadny explained the revised change made to the 2009-2014 Six Year Program and NVTA's testimony since the September 2008, NVTA meeting.

(B) JACC Action to Reallocate RSTP and CMAQ funds for Prince William County

No comment.

(C) Update on TIP/CLRP Development

No comment.

(D) Update on Tip Amendment

No comment.

(E) Update on Air Quality

No comment.

(F) Update on VTrans 2035

No Comment.

(G) Correspondence

No Comment.

Item XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2009 (Joint Meeting with NVTC)
General Assembly Building – 5:30 p.m.
901 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA

**Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Martin E. Nohe, Chairman
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

Members
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: Tom Biesiadny, Chairman
Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

SUBJECT: Update on VDOT Six Year Program and Endorsement of Testimony (Agenda Item 4.A.)

DATE: February 2, 2009

Recommendation:

The Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee recommends that the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority endorse final comments on the Commonwealth's Six Year Program delivered to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) by Chairman Nohe on January 13, 2009, (Attachment A) and consider comments for the CTB's public hearing on February 5, 2009.

Background:

The Commonwealth's Transportation Trust Fund is funded by several different revenue sources, including the state motor fuels tax, a portion of the statewide sales tax, vehicle registration fees, sales tax on automobiles and others. Unfortunately, the revenue being generated by most of these sources is significantly less than projected. To address these reduced revenues, the Commonwealth Transportation Board released a revised FY 2009-2014 Six Year Program for public comment on December 18, 2008. This revised Six Year Program reduced funding for new highway projects by approximately \$1.2 billion over the six years. Cuts in transit funding were also included. Staff reviewed the program and prepared final testimony for Chairman Nohe, based on the principles NVTA adopted in September 2008, and the NVTA's discussion on December 11, 2008.

This week the CTB is expected to release another version of the Six Year Program that cuts an additional \$400 million from the program over the six years. These additional cuts are necessary to address further revenue reductions. In presentations to the General Assembly, Secretary of Transportation Pierce Homer has said that he expects that this revised program will essentially eliminate new construction funding in the primary, secondary and urban highway construction programs. When the document is available, staff will review it and prepare comments for the

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NVTA's consideration on February 5. The CTB is conducting a final public hearing in Richmond on February 5, at 6:30 p.m., immediately following the NVTC/NVTA meeting.

JACC members and I will be available at the February 5, 2009, NVTA meeting to provide updated information and answer questions.

Cc: Members, NVTA Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee

**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
Comments on Proposed Revisions to
FY 2009 to FY 2014 Six Year Program**

**Martin E. Nohe, Chairman
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**

January 13, 2009

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, I am Marty Nohe, Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. NVTA has approved the comments on the Proposed Revisions to the FY 2009 to FY 2014 Six Year Program, but first I wanted to give you a brief update on NVTA's recent activities.

- Update on NVTA's reduction in Operations
 - Executive Director released and office closed on September 30, 2008;
 - Some on-going activities, such as the development of testimony on the Six Year Program, the development of a legislative program, approval of CMAQ and RSTP recommendations and review of regional transportation projects are continuing;
 - Local and regional transportation staffs are providing support to continue to meet NVTA's statutory obligations;
 - NVTA is maintaining mailing and email addresses, a website and a phone number. Will be meeting three times during 2009, unless funding is restored.

- In addition, several NVTA local governments (including Arlington and Fairfax Counties) have raised transportation funding through the commercial and industrial property tax authorized by HB 3202. Other local governments are also considering it.

Comments on the Proposed Revisions to the FY 2009 to FY 2014 Six Year Program:

- NVTA adopted Eight Principles for Transportation Funding in April 2008 (attached). These principles are still valid;

- NVTA acknowledges the challenges that the CTB faces in trying to balance projects and revenues in the Six Year Program;

- Unfortunately, VDOT is quickly becoming a maintenance-only agency;

- NVTAs requests:
 - that construction projects that were funded before this update continue to be implemented as scheduled;
 - that the CTB treat transit operating expenses like VDOT maintenance expenses and make these expenses a higher priority than new capital projects;
 - that funding for VRE's track leases continue to be provided from federal funds;
 - that NVTAs be allowed to set Northern Virginia priorities for federal economic stimulus funding and any bonus obligation funding;
 - that additional training on VDOT's Chapter 527 land use review regulations be provided and review timeframes be re-evaluated;
 - that VDOT consider comments from local governments and regional transportation agencies on Secondary Street Acceptance standards and Access Management Standards;
 - that environmental reviews for locally administered projects be simplified and shortened;
 - that VDOT, DRPT and the CTB address Northern Virginia's concerns with the I-95/395 High Occupancy Toll project, as stated in multiple correspondence; and
 - that VDOT, DRPT and the CTB address Northern Virginia's concerns with the I-66 Transit/TDM Study, including inclusion of incentives, operational parameters (hours and occupancy) and pricing as part of the study.