

## **SUMMARY MINUTES**

Thursday, June 12, 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

- ✓ Vice Chair Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call - Ms. Henderson, Board Secretary

- ✓ Membership Attendees: Vice Chair David Snyder, Chairman Jeff McKay, Chair Deshundra Jefferson, Supervisor Michael Turner (designee for Chair Randall), Board Member Matt de Ferranti, Mayor Catherine Read, Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger, Mayor Alanna Mensing, Delegate Brianna Sewell (left at 7:47 p.m.), Mayor Linda Colbert, Mr. D. J. Gribbin (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Mr. Bill Cuttler, and Mr. Todd Horsley. Absent: Mayor Alyia Gaskins, Delegate Karrie Delaney, Senator Jennifer Boysko
- ✓ 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, Gary Armstrong, Senior Accountant; Margaret Duker, Accounting Assistant; Executive Assistant to the CEO Quinn Haley, and Board Secretary Lee Ann Henderson.
- ✓ Council of Counsel Attendees: Ms. Christina Brown-City of Alexandria, Mr. Daniel Robinson-Fairfax County, and MinhChau Corr-Arlington 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 [NVTA's YouTube Channel](#).*

3. VDOT 495 Southside Express Lanes Presentation

Michelle Shropshire, P.E.,

DBIA, Northern Virginia Megaprojects Director, Virginia Department of Transportation

- ✓ Ms. Shropshire reviewed the proposed 495 Southside Express Lanes project. The presentation included information on current conditions and identified the areas in need of improvement.
- ✓ She reviewed the Project Development and Project Delivery process used by the Virginia Department of Transportation, noting that the next step in the process will look

at detailed design.

- ✓ The recommended alternative would provide two buffer-separated express lanes in each direction, include bike/pedestrian improvements, fund new bus transit service, preserve space on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge for future rail transit, and provide a potential funding source for new/expanded transit services and other improvements that will benefit the corridor.
- ✓ Next steps include briefing the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) on the preferred alternative in July of 2025 with CTB action expected in September 2025 and a vote for inclusion in the Visualize 2050 plan before the end of 2025. A public hearing on the Environmental Assessment will be scheduled sometime in late 2025 with a Federal decision on the preferred alternative to occur in early 2026.

#### 4. Draft Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Action Plan Update

Mr. Jasper, Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming

- ✓ Mr. Jasper introduced Kevin Pullis from WBA Associates and Dalia Levin with Cambridge Systematics.
- ✓ He stated that the BRT Action Plan evaluated 28 potential BRT lines and created a visionary blueprint that will enable the region to incrementally implement an integrated BRT system over the next decade or two
- ✓ He noted that NVTA has already invested over \$850 million in five BRT lines, which include Arlington/Alexandria Metroway Extensions, Fairfax County’s Richmond Highway (“The One”), West End Transitway in Alexandria, Duke Street Transitway in Alexandria, and the Route 7 line (Fairfax/Falls Church/Arlington/Alexandria).
- ✓ Mr. Pullis described the 10 pop up events that were hosted in close proximity to more than one proposed BRT route. The pop up events resulted in 4,614 interactions.
- ✓ Mr. Pullis reviewed the BRT survey that looked at the BRT system and how it would address transit needs, people’s likelihood of using it, preferred features, and usage patterns. He noted that younger respondents tended to believe that the system would reach all or most places they want to go, as opposed to people over the age of 35.
- ✓ Mr. Jasper stated that there was generally positive support from community members.
- ✓ He also noted that many of the proposed BRT lines would likely be in the “competitive range” for NVTA funding if submitted for evaluation under NVTA’s Six Year Program process.
- ✓ Next steps include additional evaluation, development of guidelines/best practices, ongoing outreach/education, and exploring funding opportunities.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### 5. Approval of May 8, 2025, Meeting Summary Minutes

Chair Randall

#### 6. Approval of Prince William County Route 28 Bypass Project Cancellation

Mr. Longhi, Chief Financial Officer



7. Approval of Evergreen Mills Road Widening from Northstar Boulevard to Stone Springs Boulevard Project Withdrawal Mr. Longhi, Chief Financial Officer
  8. Approval of Letters of Support for Prince William County’s Congressionally Directed Spending Requests for FY2026 Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer
  9. Approval of the Allocation Adjustments for FY2026 and FY2029 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation (RSTP) Funds Ms. Beyer, Regional Transportation Planner
- ✓ On a motion by Chair Jefferson, seconded by Chairman McKay, the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

### **Discussion/Information Items**

10. Quarterly Travel Trends Update Mr. Rashid, Planning Analytics Manager
  - ✓ Mr. Rashid noted that a return to office was mandated by the Federal Government and is affecting commuter patterns, most notably increasing numbers for some transit providers.
11. Finance Committee Report Mr. Longhi, Chief Financial Officer
  - ✓ Mr. Longhi stated that the Investment Portfolio continues to do well and is the second largest source of NVRTA revenue.
  - ✓ Mr. Longhi addressed revenue stabilization and PayGo protection tools that the authority maintains.
12. Planning Coordination Advisory Committee Report Mayor Colbert
  - ✓ Mayor Colbert stated that they had no action items, but the committee received a presentation on the Draft Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Action Plan.
13. Technical Advisory Committee Report Chair Boice
  - ✓ Ms. Backmon stated that the TAC also had no action items and received a presentation on the Draft Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Action Plan.
14. CEO Report Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer
  - ✓ Ms. Backmon stated that staff will be working with several jurisdictions/agencies that have projects that were appropriated in FY2026, to get their Standard Project Agreements in place.
  - ✓ She noted the deadlines for the Call for Projects and reminded everyone that NVRTA can only fund projects in the current long-range plan, TransAction.
  - ✓ She noted that there will be a kickoff committee meeting for the Bike/Ped Funding analysis that was requested by the Virginia House and Senate Transportation Committee Chairs.



- ✓ She stated that tonight is Mr. Horsley’s last meeting noting that he will be moving from the region. Vice Chair Snyder thanked Mr. Horsley for his long-term commitment to the region.
- ✓ Ms. Backmon stated that she has been working with the RJACC to find ways the region can improve its performance with respect to SMART SCALE. Mr. Gribbin stated the region is underperforming, but the CTB is looking at what other regions are doing to increase the chances of funding.

15. Chair’s Comments

Chair Randall

- ✓ Vice Chair Snyder noted the passing of Gerry Connolly and Catherine Hudgins, both of whom were instrumental in improving transportation in the region.
- ✓ Chairman McKay noted that this is the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Army.

16. Adjournment

Chair Randall

- ✓ There being no further business before the Authority, Vice Chair Snyder adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

