



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Friday, July 1, 2016, 10:00 am

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200

Fairfax, Virginia 22031

SUMMARY NOTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome

Chairman Nohe

- Chairman Nohe called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.
- Attendees:
 - **PPC Members:** Chairman Nohe; Chairman Bulova (Fairfax County); Board Member Fisette (Arlington County); Chair Randall (Loudoun County); Council Member Rishell (City of Manassas Park).
 - **Authority Members and other Elected Officials:** Mayor Silberberg (City of Alexandria); Mayor Parrish (City of Manassas); Council Member Snyder (City of Falls Church); Delegate Minchew; Helen Cuervo (VDOT); Supervisor Umstatted (Loudoun County); Council Member Way (City of Manassas); Mayor Butler (Town of Leesburg); Council Member Kirby (Town of Herndon).
 - **NVTA Staff:** Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Mike Longhi (CFO); Keith Jasper (Program Coordinator); Sree Nampoothiri (Program Coordinator), Peggy Teal (Assistant Finance Officer).
 - **Staff:** James Davenport, Brittany Martin (Prince William County); Tom Biesiadny, Noelle Dominguez, Mark Thomas, Ellen Posner (Fairfax County); Joe Kroboth, Bob Brown (Loudoun County); Sarah Crawford (Arlington County); Pierre Holloman (City of Alexandria); Paul Stoddard (City of Falls Church); Patrick Moore (City of Manassas); Mark Duceman (Town of Herndon); Tom Brandon (Town of Leesburg); Renee Hamilton, Maria Sinner, Jan Vaughan, William Dunn, Jim Zeller (VDOT); Todd Horsley (DRPT); Kate Mattice, Dan Goldfarb (NVTC); Sonali Soneji (VRE); Mark Phillips (WMATA); Rich Roisman (MWCOC/TPB).
 - **Other:** Deputy Secretary Donohue; Stu Whitaker (Transiters); Rob Whitfield (Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance); Kristy Choi (PFM).

Discussion/Information

II. FY2017 Program

- Mr. Jasper presented the updated NVTA staff recommendations for the FY2017 Program.
- Ms. Backmon noted that the VRE Manassas Park Station Parking Expansion project and the Prince William County Route 1 Widening project were included in the revised staff recommendations. She noted that the Manassas Park Expansion project was added to achieve modal balance and the Route 1 project was added due to the additional funding requirements needed on the project.
- Chairman Nohe summarized that the goal of the PPC meeting is to recommend a project list for the FY2017 Program for NVTA approval that meets legislative requirements and regional transportation goals. Chairman Nohe added that, if necessary, this recommendation can be delayed or cancelled.

III. NVTA Update

- Ms. Backmon reminded the committee that the next Authority meeting is on July 14th at 7:00 pm and the primary action item is the adoption of the FY2017 Program.

Action

IV. Meeting Summary Notes of May 4, 2016, PPC Meeting

- The May 4, 2016 Planning and Programming Committee meeting summary was unanimously approved.

V. FY2017 Program

- Chairman Nohe opened the discussion on the updated NVTA staff recommendation on the FY 2017 Program.
- Council Member Rishell considered the letter (dated June 27, 2016) from WMATA and stated that the letter should provide more specificity on how they will achieve the Blue Line traction power upgrades while avoiding conflicts with the directives from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
- In response to Council Member Rishell's concerns, Mr. Philips from WMATA noted that the FTA directives are temporary measures to ensure WMATA operates trains reliably.
- In response to a question from Chairman Nohe, Ms. Posner confirmed that the Authority can approve the project with a contingency if necessary. This could be further reviewed when considering approval of the Standard Project Agreement (SPA).

- Delegate Minchew stated that if the Authority partnered with the Commonwealth of Virginia (with respect to the I-66/Route 28 Interchange Improvements project), then the Commonwealth should share revenue from the larger I-66 Outside the Beltway project with the Authority.
- Deputy Secretary Donohue indicated that \$350 million (Net Present Value at a 6% discount rate) would be provided to the Authority over a 50-year period. This would be available for transportation improvements in the I-66 Corridor at the Authority's discretion. The Commonwealth will accept all revenue risk associated with the project.
- Delegate Minchew stated that the project SPA should include a Memorandum of Agreement (between the Authority and the Commonwealth) that incorporates this commitment.
- Following a robust discussion regarding the possibility of adding to the list of projects recommended by NVTA staff, a short list of five additional candidate regional projects was identified for further consideration:
 - Route 7/Battlefield Parkway Interchange;
 - Crystal City Streets;
 - East Falls Church Regional Connections and Access Project;
 - West End Transitway; and
 - Bikeshare Connections to Orange and Silver Line Metrorail Stations.
- Approximately \$40 million remained available to fund additional projects over and above those recommended by NVTA staff without exceeding the \$475 million cap set by the Finance Committee.
- To enable further evaluation of the short list of projects, it was agreed that additional project information must be submitted to NVTA staff by Arlington County, Loudoun County/Town of Leesburg, City of Alexandria, and City of Falls Church by midday on July 7th.
- A motion, moved by Mr. Fisette and seconded by Ms. Rishell, to endorse the NVTA staff recommendation and evaluate the short list of five projects, was unanimously approved.

VI. Revision to Policy 17

- Ms. Backmon referred to the handout (memorandum from CFO Mike Longhi) regarding the proposed revision to Policy 17.
- The motion, moved by Ms. Bulova and seconded by Ms. Randall, to recommend the Authority adopt the modifications to Policy 17 - FY2017 Program Drawdown Policy, was unanimously approved.

VII. CY2016 Meeting Schedule

- NVTA staff was directed to coordinate with Committee members' schedulers to schedule the next PPC meeting after the summer.

Adjournment

VIII. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.