

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

Summary Minutes

July 10, 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.

John A. Rollison, III

J. Kenneth Klinge

Margaret E. G. Vanderhye

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, District 52

Governor's Appointee; NVTA Chairman

Governor's Appointee

Director, 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 7:28 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2003, meeting was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

Report of Nominating Committee/ Election of Officers

Mr. Zimmerman reported that the Nominating Committee met last month and unanimously recommends Kenneth Klinge for Chairman and Sean Connaughton for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Zimmerman moved election of officers as stated. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Interim Technical Committee Report

• 2020 Plan Update

Mr. Biesiadny reported that the committee met and established a subcommittee to evaluate the different ways the 2020 Plan can proceed. A recommendation on an approach will be made to the Authority in September. The subcommittee is looking at: the resources needed to perform the update (i.e., staff, funding, consultants); various ways to do the service maps; and other transit modes in addition to Metro. The Interim Technical Committee also agreed to consider updating the plan through 2030.

Chairman Klinge stated his belief that the most important part will be to reconcile the Washington Metropolitan Region's Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) with the 2020 Plan.

• *CLRP Financial Analysis*

Mr. Biesiadny reviewed the attachments to his July 8 memo, noting that Virginia and the local jurisdictions have identified 83 percent of WMATA's capital request. This includes fully funding WMATA's Infrastructure Renewal Program (IRP) and the System Expansion Program (SEP); approximately 70 percent of the System Access Program is funded. He added that the level of funding in 2003 is higher than when this was last reviewed in 2000. Mr. Biesiadny pointed out that the 2003 CLRP comes close to a 50-50 funding split between highways and transit.

Mr. Snyder pointed out that the chart makes it look as if the local jurisdictions are responsible for the shortfall, asking if, in reality, it is a state funding issue. He added that it appears that the local jurisdictions are providing their fair share for transit. Members concurred. Mr. Biesiadny stated that only Attachment B will be submitted to the TPB.

• *Update on Air Quality*

Mr. Biesiadny reported the Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality held a public hearing on July 8 on the state implementation plan. Of the approximately eight speakers, two people spoke in favor of approving the SIP; two industry representatives suggested their products would reduce emissions; the remainder of the speakers felt the mobile budgets in the SIP should be reduced. Written comments were also due on July 8. All comments will be considered; the technical committee meets July 25, and MWAQ will consider the SIP on July 30.

• *FY 2005 CMAQ/RSTP Program*

Mr. Biesiadny reported the Interim Technical Committee's recommendation to set September 26 as the deadline for submissions. He reviewed the undistributed FY 2004 funds (available for use in FY 2005) and the estimated FY 2005 funds, resulting in \$18.058 million for CMAQ in FY 2005 and \$35.561 million for RSTP in FY 2005. He confirmed for Mr. Zimmerman that the allocation for FY 2005 will occur in June 2004, adding that typically, NVTA (previously the TCC) approved a program in December of the previous year to submit to CTB to work its way through the Six-Year Program. The Interim Technical Committee anticipates it will bring its draft program to NVTA for discussion in November 2004 and approval in December 2004.

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

FY 2004 Meeting Schedule

Chairman Klinge pointed out there will be no meeting in August. The schedule was adopted by acclamation, with Chairman Klinge noting it could be amended if necessary.

Other Business

Mr. Snyder reported that he participated in the ATLAS meeting held earlier in the week and found it was very useful and asked Ms. Vanderhye, the committee chair, to report. She said that between July and September, the task force will focus on studies relating to performance based criteria for making decisions about land use and transportation connections; and discuss with the attorneys possible legal remedies to issues faced by the localities and what can be done by localities without seeking legislation from the General Assembly. In the fall, the jurisdictions' planning directors will join the task force to offer their input. She expects a report will be available to the Authority in the fall.

The task force also agreed it would be beneficial for the Authority to issue a legislative agenda. Chairman Klinge agreed this should be on the Authority's September agenda. Chairman Connaughton suggested looking at federal legislation as well.

Chairman Klinge reported that Judy Connally is chairing a committee called VTRAN 2025 that is looking at transit; he is a member of that committee. Mr. Snyder suggested that the Authority may want to support the work of VTRAN 2025. Ms. Vanderhye agreed, saying she was told that Ms. Connally is very interested in NVTA's work.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Klinge adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.