

**SUMMARY MINUTES
NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

April 25, 2013

Northern Virginia Regional Commission
3060 Williams Drive, Ste. 510
Fairfax, VA 22031

NVTA Members Present:

Voting Members:

Martin Nohe, Chairman	Prince William County
William Euille, Vice Chairman	City of Alexandria*
Board Member Chris Zimmerman	Arlington County
Chairman Sharon Bulova	Fairfax County
Chairman Scott York	Loudoun County
Council Member Rishell	City of Manassas Park
Council Member Way	City of Manassas
Council Member Snyder	City of Falls Church
Senator Ebbin	Virginia General Assembly
Delegate Rust	Virginia General Assembly
Delegate May	Virginia General Assembly*
Ms. Bushue	Governor's Appointee
Mr. Garczynski	Governor's Appointee

*Arriving at 5:49 p.m.

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Non-voting Members:

Renee'e Hamilton	VDOT
Joe Swartz	DRPT
Jerry Foreman	Town Representative

Staff:

Pam Martin	Clerk
Various jurisdictional staffs	

Item I: Call to Order

Chairman Nohe called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Item II: Roll Call

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

Item III: Approval of the Minutes of March 8, 2013 Meeting

Minutes for the March 8, 2013 were approved.

Item IV: Statement from the Honorable Sean T. Connaughton – Secretary of Transportation

Chairman Nohe introduced the Honorable Sean T. Connaughton, Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth. Secretary Connaughton highlighted the importance of House Bill 2313 for Northern Virginia which goes into effect July 1, 2013. He emphasized the importance of working together. He outlined several of the key components of House Bill 2313 which included: (a) it addresses transportation problems for Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads; (b) to get the full 30% local portion, a locality's C&I tax rate must be 12.5 cents or they must have an equivalent using other sources; (c) 70% will be for regional projects; jurisdictions need to be ready to collect and distribute money by July 1, 2013; (d) this is not a local option; (e) revenue will be approximately \$350 million; (f) NVTA needs a priority list of projects; (g) towns and cities will be included in the process; (h) VDOT will coordinate with the NVTA; (i) much needs to be done in a short amount of time; and (j) the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and Department of Taxation are working to be ready by July 1, 2013.

Secretary Connaughton informed the committee that in the year 2000, VDOT had approximately 12,000 employees and now has 6,700. VDOT is now in the process of sending out RFP's for paving and constructing to meet the needs of the Commonwealth. It is estimated that there be approximately \$450 million in paving projects state-wide.

Item V: Discussion/Action Items:

Ms. Backmon introduced Noelle Dominguez from Fairfax County who gave a brief update the veto session and transportation updates for Northern Virginia.

5.A.1 - Working Groups:

Chairman Nohe informed the Authority that appointments were not necessary. He invited members to volunteer for the group of their interest. The Chair of the working group can also invite whoever they wish to participate in that group. Council Member Snyder expressed his appreciation to the staff for all of their hard work. The following working groups were established:

Project Implementation: Council Member Zimmerman; Mr. Garczynski
Legal – Council Member Snyder, Mayor Silverthorne
Organizational – Chairman York, Mayor Parrish, Chairman Bulova
Public Outreach – Chairman Nohe
Financial – Mayor Euille

5.A.2 – Project Implementation:

The JACC provided a list proposed projects to refer to the Project Implementation and Legal Working Groups for consideration for FY 2014 funding. The working groups would evaluate the list and ensure the projects meeting the HB 2313 requirements. It was requested that the Authority members be allowed to add additional projects for consideration. The Chairman asked that these new projects be submitted within one week to allow the Working Groups the time for evaluation. The Authority requested that Working Groups provide a draft list at the next NVTA meeting. The suggestion of a public hearing/public comment meeting to be scheduled in late June was recommended.

5.B Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC) Appointments and Involvement

Staff provided an update on the current TAC and PCAC. Staff noted that three members of the TAC are appointed by the Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and that some members needed to be replaced because they have moved out of Northern Virginia. The Authority asked staff to communicate with Secretary Connaughton and request appointees to the TAC.

Staff then discussed the history of the PCAC and the requirements for its members. The Chairman asked if the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, with the NVTA members excluded, could be considered as the PCAC. Mr. Zimmerman noted that had previously been discussed, but that would not comply with the statutory requirements. The Authority asked if the Authority's member alternates could serve on the PCAC, and staff noted that the Virginia Code does not specify in the negative.

5.C – Revised Meeting Schedule

The Authority requested that staff at the next NVTA meeting present: (a) calendar for NVTA for the remainder of 2013; schedule NVTA to May 23rd at 5:30 at NVRC; location for public hearing in late June.

Item VI: Other Items

The Authority was asked to approve a request for multiple reallocations of Fairfax County Congestion Mitigation Air Quality and Regional Surface Transportation Program Funds. Mayor Euille requested more information on the project related to improvements on the I-395 southbound off-ramp to Route 236 westbound and asked that the action on that project be deferred to provide for additional discussion between Fairfax County and Alexandria

staff on the project. The Mayor moved to defer action on the transfer for the project, which was approved by the Authority. The NVTA then voted, unanimously, to approve the other projects included in the request.

Item VII: Adjournment

The NVTA meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.