

**SUMMARY MINUTES
NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

May 23, 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
Mayor Parrish	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

*Arriving at 5:45 p.m.

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Non-voting Members:

Helen Cuervo	VDOT
Joe Swartz	DRPT

Staff:

Pam Martin	Clerk
Various jurisdictional staffs	

Item I: Call to Order

Chairman Nohe called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Item II: Roll Call

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

Item III: Approval of the Minutes of April 25,, 2013

The minutes for the April 25, 2013, meeting were approved.

Item IV: Approval of Fairfax County Reallocation Request

At the April 25, 2013 meeting, the Authority deferred the request from Fairfax County Department of Transportation to transfer RSTP funds in balance of \$500,000 on the Rt. 29 and Gallows Intersection Improvements (UPC 11395) for spot improvements to mitigate the impacts of BRAC 133 in Fairfax County that are part of the Mason District Task Force recommendations. At the April 25, 2013 meeting, Mayor Euille asked that staff of both Fairfax County and City of Alexandria review the study prior to implementation. Both the County of Fairfax and the City of Alexandria are in agreement on the study implementation. Chairman Bulova moved and Mayor Parrish seconded and the request was unanimously approved.

Item V: Approval of NVT A Six Year Program (FY 14-19) Testimony

Ms. Backmon informed the Authority of the four public hearings to solicit public comment about the working draft FY 2014-19 Six Year Improvement Program conducted by the Secretary of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Included in the packet, was draft comments to be given by Chairman Nohe for NVT A at the May 29, 2013, meeting being held at the VDOT Northern Virginia District Office. Chairman Bulova moved the motion, seconded by Chairman York seconded, and the testimony was unanimously approved.

Item VI: Discussion/Action Items:

A. HB 2313 Update: Working Group Updates

Project Implementation – Mr. Zimmerman (Chair) of the Project Implementation group gave a brief update of the meetings for this group. The PIWG preliminary report was included in the packet to the Authority. After discussions were held, it was determined that a Public Outreach meeting be held on June 20, 2013. The public was to be reminded that monies collected starting in July would not be received by the Authority until September. Mr. Zimmerman suggested the list of projects needs more information for the public at the June 20, 2013, meeting. He also recommended that no action be taken at the June 20, 2013 meeting and that a July public hearing also be scheduled. This was made into a motion, seconded by Senator Ebbin, and unanimously approved.

Organizational – Chairman York (Chair) briefed the Authority on their May 16, 2013 meeting. Several key issues were brought before NVTA regarding meeting space availability. The OWG has requested that Mark Gibb, NVRC, give a proposal for larger meeting space/office space, subject to all requirement procurement practices. They also recommended for interim and/or permanent central staffing (Executive Director). A determination for managing funds is being considered by the Financial and Legal Working Groups. A new draft meeting schedule was recommended: May 23, June 20, July 25, September 26, October 24, December 12 with a meeting time of 5:30 p.m. at NVRC, for all but the June 20, 2013 meeting.

Chairman Bulova moved to approve the recommended schedule, Chairman York seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

Public Outreach – Chairman Nohe introduced Kala Quintana (Interim PIO for the Authority) to give an update. Some of recommendations from POWG included: Open House to be held on June 20, 2013 at City of Fairfax; updates on website; develop frequently asked questions (FAQ) fact sheet; create media release for public hearings. The Authority was also reminded to give Ms. Quintana and Ms. Backmon all notices and public events where NVTA may be discussed, to be posted on the website. This needs to post in a timely manner to ensure compliance with FOIA requirements.

Financial - Ms. Backmon gave a brief description of the Working Group's May meetings. It is estimated that approximately \$190 million will be received by NVTA in FY 2014. A discussion was held regarding the implementation of the C&I tax for transportation or equivalent; benefits of a bond validation and ways to resolve legal challenges quickly; FY 2014 budget; distribution of 70% funding retained by NVTA. Mayor Euille informed the Authority that the next meeting of FWG is scheduled for May 30, 2013.

Legal – Mr. Snyder (Chair) introduced the Council of Counsels: Steve Maclsaac (Arlington), Ellen Posner (Fairfax County) and Angela Horan (Prince William County). Mr. Snyder made a motion to retain the current Council of Counsels until a change or request for expansion is made. This motion was unanimously accepted. Mr. Snyder also invited other Counsel to join the Legal Working Group. Mr. Snyder discussed that the bond validation issue was being discussed. He also emphasized that a decision needs to be reached quickly. Chairman Bulova agreed with Mr. Snyder and also indicated that a bond validation would give the Authority an assurance without threat of legal problems.

Chairman Bulova motion to direct staff to explore what would be need for a bond validation and give a proposal for the issuance of a bond validation at the next meeting. This motion passed unanimously. Mr. Snyder indicated that adequate staff would need to be hired for NVTA. Chairman York also agreed including that the right framework and governance is a key component. Chairman Nohe noted a concern regarding monies used for the management of NVTA and the liability of insurance.

B. Member Alternates to the Authority

Chairman Nohe requested that all members of the Authority appoint an alternate. He indicated that the information be given to Ms. Backmon including pertinent contact numbers by the next meeting.

Item VII: Adjournment

The NVTa meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.