

Project Implementation Working Group
Fairfax County Division of Transportation
Legato Building, 4th Floor Conference Room
Fairfax, Virginia

Minutes

Meeting Held On,
January 10, 2014; 2:00 p.m.

Members:

Chris Zimmerman, Chair	Cynthia Porter-Johnson – PRTC
Gary Garczynski, Co-Chair	Monica Backmon for Rick Canizales – Prince William County
John Mason, NVTA	Mark Duceman – Town of Herndon
Jim Maslanka – City of Alexandria	Helen Cuervo - VDOT
Mary Hynes - Arlington County	Valerie Pardo – VDOT
Jennifer Fioretti – Arlington County	Allison Davis - WMATA
Wendy Block-Sanford – City of Fairfax	-----
Patrick Moore – City of Manassas	Others:
Jeanette Rishell – City of Manassas Park	Tom Biesiadny – Fairfax County, Financial Working Group
Karen Moreland – Fairfax County	Bob Chase – Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance
Ron Kirkpatrick – Fairfax County	Rob Whitfield - FCTA
Paul Stoddard – City of Falls Church	
Bob Brown – Loudoun County	
Joe Kroboth – Loudoun County	
Clair Gron – NVTC	

I. Welcome and Introduction

Chairman Chris Zimmerman called the meeting to order and introduced the Honored Mary Hynes, Vice-Chair on the Arlington County Board.

II. Approval of Summary of November 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented with minor corrections.

III. Reports from other Working Groups

Mr. Tom Biesiadny (Fairfax County) reported for the Financial Working Group indicating that the NVTA has approved the 30% Memorandum of Agreements for cities and counties. Five (5) town agreements have been sent out. Also, the financial working group is currently working on project agreements for the 70%, which is expected to be acted on at the authority's March 13th meeting. Mr. Biesiadny asked for comments on the agreement by January 24, 2014.

IV. Discussion of NVT A Six Year Plan

A. Coordination with VDOT Rating Study

i. Discussion of VDOT Rating Study Stakeholders Meeting on January 6, 2014 draft Potential Measures of Effectiveness

Ms. Jennifer Fioretti (Arlington County) stated that VDOT held a meeting on January 6, 2014 to discuss proposed models and measures of effectiveness for the VDOT evaluation study. (A copy of the presentation is provided in the meeting packet). Ms. Fioretti asked Ms. Valerie Pardo to provide an overview of the discussion held on January 6, 2014.

Ms. Valerie Pardo (VDOT) indicated that the model was well received and the purpose of the session was to introduce the model and measures of effectiveness and to receive comments. Ms. Pardo stated that the next stakeholder session would be January 31, 2014.

Ms. Helen Cuervo (VDOT) stated that VDOT hopes to do 40 projects. Chairman Zimmerman stated that he appreciates VDOT for addressing the issue by increasing the number of projects.

Ms. Fioretti asked staff to talk about the concerns with the VDOT model and asked if there are other measures of effectiveness PIWG want VDOT to consider.

Mr. Biesiadny encouraged VDOT to use measures that have already been used versus creating new measures.

Several staff members suggested VDOT use the criteria that were incorporated in the TransAction 2040 Plan. Mr. Bob Brown (Loudoun County) suggested that VDOT not use accessibility to jobs as a potential performance measure. He indicated that from Loudoun County it would take longer than 45 minutes to get to jobs. Mr. Brown stressed that the discussion should be on which of the performance measures is most important to the region. Ms. Mary Hynes indicated that 45 minutes is generally used

Ms. Pardo stated that VDOT is looking for two things: 1. How much congestion is at the site of the project. 2. Project Significance. Mr. Paul Stoddard (Falls Church) asked if

Ms. Fioretti asked that staff provide any additional comments on the measures of effectiveness by close of business, Thursday, January 16, 2014. Ms. Pardo asked if the working group sends a letter requesting that VDOT use measures of effectiveness from TransAction 2040 to please provide the actual measure.

Ms. Jeanette Rishell (City of Manassas Park) inquired about the possibility of amending TransAction 2040. She indicated her concern in Route 28 and that it was left out by mistake.

She asked if there was a timetable to bring this item forward for discussion. Chairman Zimmerman indicated that the PIWG would put this question before the authority at the next meeting.

B. VDOT Rating Study Project Nominations

i. Discussion of NVTA process to submit projects to VDOT

Ms. Fioretti indicated that HB 2313 exempts mass transit. VDOT has been accommodating by considering 40 projects. She indicated that the recommendation is to create a hybrid looking at the projects submitted and package them if they are complimentary. PIWG would include all projects except mass transit projects to maximize the number of projects.

Mr. Jim Maslanka (City of Alexandria) stated that mass transit projects that need VDRPT funding might need to be run through the VDOT model.

Ms. Helen Cuervo (VDOT) indicated that if projects are phased they should have a logical termini and be grouped together in a way that truly reduces congestion.

C. Update on NVTA Six Year Plan Call for Projects

i. Project Submission Form

Ms. Fioretti stated that the project submission forms are due January 31, 2014. The letters of support are also due on January 31, 2014. She added that with the electronic Google form it is not possible to save your information and go back. Ms. Fioretti suggested that everyone print a copy of the form before submitting it.

Mr. Maslanka stated that the form should ask when construction begins instead of when it ends.

Mr. Biesiadny added that cash flow tables may not be needed until the project is approved.

Ms. Cuervo stated that in selecting projects, she hopes the NVTA would consider projects that would be completed and not those that cannot be delivered; in regards to having a funding plan in place for those projects not funded for construction through the Plan.

Ms. Fioretti advised that the Financial Working Group has asked for comments on Appendices A (Project Costs and Funding) and B (Project Scope and Detailed Services) The comments are due to Tom Biesiadny on January 16, 2014.

D. Discussion of Six Year Plan Project Selection Process

Ms. Fioretti identified that the court validated the NVTA project selection ranking methodology.

She welcomed comments about the selection process.

Mr. Paul Stoddard indicated that we need to develop a definition for long-term benefit.

Mr. Joe Kroboth (Loudoun County) suggested removing the last four words (but not for FY 14) in the Tier III Screening (Criteria Overlay) and keep use for 6-year plan. Ms. Fioretti suggested adding VDOT to this language.

E. Coordination with TAC and PCAC

The TAC Meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2014. Ms. Rishell asked if there had been any determination on who could participate on the PCAC? Mr. Mason indicated that information pertaining to the PCAC would be included in the package for the authority to discuss PCAC membership at its meeting on January 23, 2014.

V. Other Business

Ms. Fioretti introduced a letter from Loudoun County requesting \$6 million dollars in funding from the remaining FY 14 NVTA funding to the Route 28 hot spots project in Loudoun County. She recommended approval of the \$6 million dollars with the remaining FY 14 funds. Chairman Zimmerman and Co-Chair, Mr. Garcynski indicated their support of Loudoun's request. Mr. Stoddard stated that he would not be supportive of any such leniency in the future. Chairman Zimmerman identified that the group did not endorse the request from Loudoun County, but did not object to it going forward. He stated that he would take the request forward to the authority for approval.

Co-Chair, Mr. Garcynski thanked Chairman Zimmerman for his service and wished him well.

Ms. Cuervo offered to help PIWG staff with the packaging of projects.

VI. Items to Refer to Other Working Groups

No items were referred to other working groups.

VII. Next Meeting

Ms. Fioretti stated that the group needed another meeting to discuss the selection process.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.