

**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**  
Summary Minutes  
OCTOBER 13, 2005

held at the Northern Virginia Regional Commission  
3060 Williams Drive, Suite 510  
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Members  
(those present are highlighted)

**William Euille**  
**Christopher Zimmerman**  
Robert Lederer  
**Gerald E. Connolly**  
**David Snyder**  
**Scott K. York**  
Harry J. "Hal" Parrish, II  
**Bryan Polk**  
**Martin Nohe (alternate)**  
**William Mims**  
Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.  
Jeff Frederick  
**Margaret E. G. Vanderhye**  
**Karen Rae**  
**JoAnne Sorensen (alternate)**

*Mayor, City of Alexandria*  
*Arlington County Board*  
*Mayor, City of Fairfax*  
*Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors*  
*Falls Church City Council; NVTA Chairman*  
*Chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors*  
*Vice Mayor, City of Manassas*  
*Manassas Park City Council*  
*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*  
*Director, VDRPT (non-voting member)*  
*No. Va. District, VDOT (non-voting member)*

Staff Present

Linda Summerall

NVRC

Call to Order

Chairman Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. York moved approval of the minutes of the September 8, 2005. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

*Presentations:*

A. Evaluations of HOV Operations on I-95 & I-395

Hari Sripathi, a VDOT traffic engineer, reviewed VDOT's preliminary evaluation. Findings show that HOV operations are near capacity between 6-7:30 a.m. outside the Beltway and between 7:30-8:30 a.m. inside the Beltway. There is little tolerance for any variation. The October 2004 data show 45 minutes savings if one travels from one end of I-95 to the other (30 miles; a Prince William County to the Pentagon). Mr. Sripathi reviewed potential improvements involving extending deceleration lanes and merge lanes, widening ramps, and installing glare screens on the HOV lanes. Extension of HOV hours should be examined.

Mr. Connolly noted that HOV violators are a big problem in terms of near capacity of the HOV lanes. In contrast, there are not a lot of single-occupant hybrid cars using the HOV lanes at this point in time.

Mr. Zimmerman moved that the Authority send a letter to the state police requesting greater enforcement of the HOV rules on a more consistent basis in the least intrusive manner in terms of traffic flow. The motion was seconded. Ms. Sorensen explained that VDOT provides the state police with a \$350,000 supplement for traffic enforcement. Pierce Homer, Secretary of Transportation, added that local law enforcement can enforce HOV violations but the state receives the money from those tickets. The motion carried unanimously.

The members also decided to draft a letter calling for expansion of the hybrid legislation, which expires June 30, 2006.

#### B. TransAction 2030 Public Hearing

The public hearing will be held December 6 at 7:30 p.m. with a public comment period from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The location has not yet been finalized. Jana Lynott reviewed the material that will be available at the public hearing.

Authority members discussed the analysis, use of public transit, and financing. A discussion of the Western Transportation Corridor ensued. Project staff explained the Western Transportation Corridor was included since it is on Prince William County's comprehensive plan. Mr. York pointed out it has been removed from Loudoun County's plan. Senator Mims stated it will never be built. Chairman Snyder suggested looking at the feasibility of the projects at a future date.

It was also suggested that VDOT and VDRPT review the cost estimates of the projects.

#### *Discussion Items:*

##### A. Dedicated Funding for Metro: Next Steps

Mr. Euille noted that individual localities need to weigh in on funding. Mr. Zimmerman suggested forming a committee to look at dedicated funding sources. Tom Biesiadny, Interim Technical Committee chair, informed the members that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) is working on this item.

Mr. Connolly moved that a task force be appointed to work with NVTC. The motion was seconded and carried. Messrs. Zimmerman, Connolly, Mims and Euille and Ms. Vanderhye volunteered to serve on the task force; Mr. Zimmerman will chair.

##### B. 2006 Legislative Program

Senator Mims stated that photo red has overwhelming support in the Senate.

Mr. Nohe asked that the program include a position for federal funding for VRE.

Mr. Connolly asked that the legislative program be shared with PRTC, NVRC and NVTC.

#### Consent Agenda

The consent agenda, consisting of the items below, was approved unanimously.

- A. Final Approval of Testimony for CTB's Fall Transportation Meeting
- B. Reallocation of CMAQ Funding for Fairfax County

#### Information Items

Mr. Snyder reported he has heard from people asking that the Techway be removed from TIP amendments. Mr. York asked that this be put on the Authority's November meeting agenda for discussion.

Mr. Biesiadny requested a subcommittee be formed to work with staff on the public opinion survey. Chairman Snyder appointed Ms. Vanderhye as chairman. Messrs. Zimmerman and Connolly volunteered to serve.

Adjournment

Chairman Snyder adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.