

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

Summary Minutes
DECEMBER 16, 2004

held at the Northern Virginia Regional Commission
7535 Little River Turnpike, Suite 100, Annandale, Virginia

Members
(those present are highlighted)

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| William Euille | <i>Mayor, City of Alexandria</i> |
| Christopher Zimmerman | <i>Arlington County Board</i> |
| Jeffrey Greenfield (alternate) | <i>Fairfax City Council</i> |
| Gerald E. Connolly | <i>Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors</i> |
| David Snyder | <i>Falls Church City Council; NVTA Chairman</i> |
| Scott K. York | <i>Chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors</i> |
| Harry J. "Hal" Parrish, II | <i>Vice Mayor, City of Manassas</i> |
| Bryan Polk | <i>Manassas Park City Council</i> |
| Sean T. Connaughton | <i>Chairman, Prince William Board of County Supervisors</i> |
| William Mims | <i>Virginia Senate, District 33</i> |
| Vincent F. Callahan, Jr. | <i>Virginia House of Delegates, District 34</i> |
| Jeff Frederick | <i>Virginia House of Delegates, District 52</i> |
| Leonard S. "Hobie" Mitchel | <i>Governor's Appointee</i> |
| Margaret E. G. Vanderhye | <i>Governor's Appointee</i> |
| Sharmila Samarasignhe (alternate) | <i>VDRPT (non-voting member)</i> |
| Bob McDonald (alternate) | <i>No. Va. District, VDOT (non-voting member)</i> |

Staff Present

Linda Summerall

NVRC

Call to Order

Chairman Snyder called the meeting to order at 6:16 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 October 14, 2004, meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Interim Technical Committee Report: Action Items

1. *Approval of 2005 Legislative Platform*

Tom Biesiadny, Chairman of the Interim Technical Committee, commented that this year's platform is similar to last year's and mirrors the VACO and VML platforms. The Authority's platform asks for increased funding for transit and roads. In addition, the Authority adopted positions regarding federal funding and actions for Metro, emergency preparedness, Amtrak, TEA-21 reauthorization, and commuter benefits. The Authority felt it is important to discuss the items with Northern Virginia's three Congressmen and directed staff to issue them an invitation to a future meeting.

Mr. York moved adoption of the 2005 Legislative Platform. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

2. *Approval of FY 2006 CMAQ/RSTP Recommendations*

Mr. York moved approval of the projected funding of these programs (\$20.914 million for CMAQ and \$25.321 million for RSTP). The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

3. *Approval of Public Participation Process for Regional Transportation Plan Update*

Ric Canizales, Prince William County staff, and Jana Lynott, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission staff, reported the committee has worked with the consultant to address the concerns NVTa members expressed at the October meeting. Ms. Lynott reported on the scientific telephone survey with a plus/minus five percent margin of error and a 300-400 sample size per jurisdiction, as well as various other methods of disseminating information.

Ms. Vanderhye, Mr. York and Mr. Gibb (NVRTC) will work as a subcommittee on this project and report to the Authority within two weeks.

Mr. Connolly moved approval of the public participation process. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

4. *Approval to Reallocate CMAQ Funds for Prince William County*

Mr. Connaughton moved that \$705,000 in CMAQ funding from the Route 234 Trail project be moved to the I-66/Route 234 Park and Ride project and the Route 234 Trail between Lake Jackson and Prince William County Parkway. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

New Business

A. Resolution No. 05-03 with a Memorandum of Understanding with VDOT and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission was distributed. This would provide the initial \$25,000 funding for NVTa established in May 2003 by the Secretary of Transportation.

Mr. York moved adoption of Resolution No. 05-03. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

B. Resolution No. 05-04, entering into agreement with the Virginia Regional Commission for assistance in administrating state funding allocations to NVTa, was distributed.

Mr. York moved adoption of Resolution No. 05-04. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Snyder asked the members if they wish to consider creating a Citizens Advisory Committee to receive public/private sector input. Mr. Connolly was not in favor, noting this provides only one viewpoint of public opinion. Mr. York pointed out the Authority will solicit public opinion to update the 2020 Plan, and suggested holding a public hearing once or twice a year at a regularly scheduled NVTa meeting. The members agreed to hold a minimum of one public hearing a year.

Interim Technical Committee Report: Information Items

1. *Regional Blue Ribbon Panel on Dedicated Funding for Metro*

Mr. Biesiadny said the Panel met December 14 to review their report, which will be released December 17, followed by two weeks for public comment, with the final report released on January 6, 2005.

Mr. Biesiadny pointed out that the regional sales tax does not address funding shortfalls beyond 2015.

NVTA members expressed concern that the sales tax would inequitably increase Virginia's portion from 25 percent to 48 percent. Mr. Connolly stated his belief that the General Assembly will not approve same.

Chairman Snyder stated that the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority was the first body to call for a Blue Ribbon Panel on Dedicated Funding for Metro. The Panel met its timeframe. He asked the members if they want to transmit formal comments before the Panel releases its final report.

Mr. Connolly moved that the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority expresses its appreciation to the Blue Ribbon Panel for its work and endorses the regional sales tax put forward by the Blue Ribbon Panel provided it is apportioned equitably and reflects the current allocation formula shares of the respective jurisdictions.

The motion was seconded and passed, with Messrs. York, Polk and Parrish, Ms. Vanderhye and Senator Mims abstaining.

(Mr. Connaughton departed at 7:15 p.m., Mr. Greenfield departed at 7:20 p.m., and Ms. Vanderhye departed at 7:25 p.m.)

The Authority will send a letter to the Blue Ribbon Panel.

Mr. Connolly asked that staff express to D.C. its support for Commuter Connections and telework. Mr. Connolly then moved that the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority go on record supporting Commuter Connections and that this be conveyed to the TPB. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

2. Report on Air Quality and Proposed Changes to MWAQC Structure

Mr. Biesiadny reported that MWAQC has started planning for the 8-hour SIP; new 8-hour budgets will be established in two years. He added that the region is doing well on the 1-hour standard but the 8-hour standard is tougher.

MWAQC has granted membership to the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park and increased Prince William and Prince George's counties' board members by one each to reflect population growth. It has also limited Stafford County's participation only to meeting the one-hour ozone standard.

3. Update on Hunter Mill Traffic Calming Project

In reply to Mr. Connolly's inquiry, Mr. Biesiadny said the Interim Technical Committee does not know how the Hunter Mill Traffic Calming Project will be implemented. VDOT has suggested an independent contractor.

On behalf of the Authority, Chairman Snyder requested recommendations on how best to proceed with this project from Fairfax County.

4. Report on TEA-21 Reauthorization

Mr. Biesiadny reported that the legislation will have to be reintroduced.

NVTA members agreed they Northern Virginia's three Congressional representatives to discuss this legislation at the January 27 NVTA meeting. Staff will send a letter from the Chairman inviting the Congressmen.

Adjournment

Chairman Snyder adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.