

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

Summary Minutes

October 10, 2002

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

Members

(those present are highlighted)

Kerry J. Donley
Christopher Zimmerman
Robert F. Lederer
Katherine K. Hanley
Daniel E. Gardner (arrived 7:51 PM)
Scott K. York
Harry J. "Hal" Parrish, II
William Wren
Sean T. Connaughton
William Mims
Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.
John A. Rollison, III
J. Kenneth Klinge
Margaret E. G. Vanderhye (arrived 8:23 PM)
Karen Rae
Tom Farley

Mayor, City of Alexandria
Chairman, Arlington County
Mayor, City of Fairfax
Chairman, Fairfax County
Mayor, City of Falls Church
Chairman, Loudoun County
Vice Mayor, City of Manassas
Council Member, City of Manassas Park
Chairman, Prince William County
Virginia Senate, District 33
Virginia House of Delegates, District 34
Virginia House of Delegates, District 52
Governor's Appointee; NVTVA Chairman
Governor's Appointee
Director, VDRPT (non-voting member)
District Administrator, No. Va. region, VDOT (non-voting member)

Staff Present

Linda Summerall

Executive Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Klinge called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of August Minutes

Chairman Klinge pointed out that a set of revised minutes had been distributed. Chairman Hanley moved approval of the revised minutes of the August 7, 2002, meeting. The motion was seconded.

Vice Mayor Parrish said he would like to add the phrase "in principle" to the end of the first paragraph on page 2, concerning the spreadsheet attached to the Guiding Principles, since the City of Manassas, and possibly other jurisdictions, had not had the opportunity at that time to analyze the spreadsheet. Both Chairman Hanley and Chairman Zimmerman pointed out that the Guiding Principles had already been adopted. Vice Mayor Parrish agreed not to include the phrase "in principle." He then suggested adding the phrase "because it was unclear about who prepared the spreadsheet and the level of review by individual jurisdictions" to the end of the first sentence in that same paragraph. Chairman Hanley agreed to this amendment to her motion.

The minutes of the August 7, 2002, meeting as revised and amended were adopted unanimously.

FY03 CMAQ/RSTP Projects to be Funded

Tom Biesiadny, Chairman of the Interim Tech Committee and Fairfax County staff, pointed out the letter included in the meeting package. He noted that when the Authority adopted the CMAQ/RSTP program for FY 2003, a portion of the money allocated was actually FY 2002 money made available after the TCC adopted the 2002 program. Subsequently, VDOT asked for a list of projects adopted on July 18, showing which of those projects would be funded with 2002 money. The Interim Tech

Committee recommends the projects attached to the letter. Some of these projects would be able to receive funding three to four months sooner than if they remained under FY 2003 funds.

The Interim Tech Committee requested the Authority's endorsement.

Mr. Biesiadny confirmed for Chairman Connaughton that the list for endorsement does not pertain to projects initiated prior to FY 2002. Chairman Hanley moved approval of the project list. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Approval of July Minutes

Chairman Zimmerman pointed out that the July minutes need to be adopted. He asked that on the fourth page, the paragraph where Chairman Connaughton moved the resolution, the minutes show that Chairman York seconded the motion; also, on the fifth page, seventh paragraph, that the wording be changed to "Thereupon, Chairman Connaughton *proposed that his motion be deferred...*" Chairman Zimmerman moved approval of the minutes of the July 18, 2002, meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Committee Updates

• *Budget Committee*

Chairman Klinge reported that Chairman York could not attend tonight's meeting; however, Chairman York reported earlier to Chairman Klinge that he is working on the budget.

• *Bylaws Committee*

Chairman Connaughton reported that Steve MacIssac, County Attorney for Prince William, has prepared an initial draft; it identifies some issues that the committee will need to deal with and bring before the Authority. The committee will meet with the attorneys shortly. Chairman Connaughton hopes to have the draft available for the Authority's next meeting.

Review of Draft Website

Chairman Klinge asked Mark Gibb to walk the members through the website. Mr. Gibb said he believes the website covers the basics and is informative. The Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) has received several phone calls inquiring about a website for the NVTa. Each section on the website was reviewed: home page, mission statement, map of projects, members, legislation, meetings, and contact information; minutes will be added after they have been adopted. Mr. Gibb proposed that this information be added to NVRC's website as an icon, which will keep costs down.

Chairman Hanley inquired about the cost and was told it was in-house staff time; there is no additional cost to add it to NVRC's website. Chairman Klinge added he has discussed funding with VDOT and believes something will be forthcoming.

Chairman Connaughton added that he could not find the website using a search engine. Mr. Gibb replied that currently the draft information is strictly internal since it has not yet been approved.

Chairman Zimmerman moved approval of the website. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Presentation on the Alternative Transportation and Land Use Activity Strategies (ATLAS) Study

Chairman Klinge welcomed David Snyder of the Falls Church City Council. Mr. Snyder chaired the subcommittee created under the TCC's 2020 Plan to review the interdependence of transportation and land use and recommend guidelines for implementing 2020 Plan improvements. The

committee reported its findings to the TCC. The ATLAS Study received the ASHTO President's Award for Transportation Planning at the ASHTO convention held December 4, 2001.

Copies of the ATLAS Study were distributed.

Mr. Snyder said this study is usable to meet priorities for transportation planning that have been set at the federal, state, and local levels. He noted that the basic objectives are not new, and the 2020 Plan reflects the balance of transit, highway, and non-motor vehicle transportation options. The TCC unanimously approved the 2020 Plan and set for itself the objectives it wanted including: providing for mixed use development; encouraging development to be located where it can be served by existing infrastructure; providing incentives for concentration of residential and commercial development along transportation corridors; taking advantage of supporting zoning regulations and other tools that help promote concentration of development within walking distance of transit facilities; reducing vehicle miles traveled; and promoting protection of sensitive environmental, cultural, historic, and neighborhood locations.

Mr. Snyder said the ATLAS Study grew out of large objectives established at the federal and state levels, Northern Virginia local jurisdictions' comprehensive plans, and the criteria we set for ourselves that were implemented through the 2020 Plan. The ATLAS Study takes all of these directions and puts them into usable tools that local governments or regional, cooperative efforts can use.

Mr. Snyder went on to say that the tools were identified by using one of the premier consultants on the issue, performing an international literature study, reviewing Virginia law, and closely collaborating with the local jurisdictions' staffs. The tools cover four areas: land use, fiscal considerations, transportation, and regional tools. The ATLAS Study can be used individually by the jurisdictions and also by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to set priorities and possibly the criteria for future priority setting.

Chairman Zimmerman noted that the ATLAS Study addresses critics' concerns that transportation should be linked to land use planning, and in fact, the language that created the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority makes specific references to just that. He said it is his hope that this will be the basis for continuing work as the Authority goes forward, and that it will be possible to make the public understand that the Authority is working to take a comprehensive view to make decisions over transportation in a logical way that, to quote from the statute, "improve travel times, reduce delays, connect regional activity centers, improve safety, improve air quality, and move the most people in the most cost effective manner."

Delegate Rollison commended the people involved in the ATLAS Study. One of the guiding principles of the legislative effort that created the Authority was to make a concerted effort to combine the decision makers for land use with the same people making transportation decisions. The state is willing to give up responsibility in this area with the understanding that these decision makers work together in a regional, cooperative manner, similar to the way Chairman Klinge conducted the planning for the 2020 Plan. For this change to occur, a departure from the Dillon Rule, to be successful, it requires a strong sense of cooperation within the local jurisdictions. Delegate Rollison added that he sees that happening now.

Referring to Appendix D "Land Use/Transportation Strategies Local Status," Chairman Hanley asked which of the tools the localities have clear state authority to do and requested that this analysis be done. Chairman Connaughton noted that chart incorrectly lists Prince William being enabled for several tools, such as impact fees. He also suggested noting whether a jurisdiction can establish a program that is mandatory or voluntary only. Mr. Snyder replied that this chart is based on significant legal input from the various jurisdictions and agreed to have the information reviewed

with the local jurisdictions. The point was made that the chart needs to indicate whether or not a tool is currently being used as opposed to whether or not a jurisdiction is enabled to use a particular tool. Chairman Klinge agreed that the information in Appendix D needs to be refined, and added that the point was to make the transfer from the TCC to the Authority. He appointed Ms. Vanderhye chairman of the Land Use Committee and asked the committee to review and update Appendix D.

Other Business

Mr. Farley distributed the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Principles for Reauthorization of Federal Surface Transportation Programs. He explained that he and Chairman Hanley had worked earlier today on consistency.

Next October, the federal government must reauthorize T-21, which fixes the scope and funding of the nation's transportation program. The TPB is interested in changes that will help fund unfunded needs in the metropolitan Washington region. The TPB's resolution draws on the 2020 Plan, referencing linking land use and transportation planning. (The TPB will consider adopting this resolution at its meeting next week.)

Mr. Farley added that Chairman Hanley had inserted language in the first paragraph emphasizing that the federal government is the region's largest employer. Chairman Connaughton suggested also referencing the Quantico and Fort Belvoir military bases in this paragraph.

Mayor Donley moved that the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority endorse the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Principles for Reauthorization of Federal Surface Transportation Programs, as amended, as the Northern Virginia position. The motion was seconded.

Chairman Connaughton suggested adding a bullet on commuter rail. It was agreed that the phrase "and commuter rail" would be added to the first and third bullets between "transit system." Mayor Donley concurred. The motion was unanimously carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Klinge adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.