



# **Northern Virginia Transportation Authority SIX YEAR PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING**

**George Mason High School  
January 10, 2008**

# Background



- On July 12, 2007, the NVTA voted to approve seven taxes and fees authorized by the General Assembly in HB3202 and more than \$100 Million in transportation bond projects.
- Since the Summer of 2007, member jurisdictions worked together in finalizing procedures for collecting taxes and fees which were implemented January 1, 2008.
- NVTA expects to raise approximately \$280 million per year starting in FY 2009, with \$93 million estimated to be collected in the second half of FY 2008.
- Of the funds collected 40 % is returned to the jurisdictions, who have the final say on how these funds are spent. NVTA retains 60 %, to fund (in priority order) any debt service, the WMATA (\$50 M) and VRE (\$25 M) earmarks, and additional NVTA projects.
- NVTA developed a Six Year Program process to prioritize and identify transportation projects eligible for funding from the remaining 60 %. The Six Year Program is coordinated with VDOT's Six-Year Program and also TPB's Transportation Improvement Program and CLRP Project submission schedule.

# Timeline – Six Year Program



## 2007

September 27, 2007	NVTA approved a Call for Projects for two and one half years (FY 2008 – 2010)
October 2007	NVTA posts Call for Projects on NVTA's webpage, distributes press releases and letter to local jurisdictions.
November 8, 2007	NVTA approves Six Year Plan Process, Project Prioritization and Project Development
November 9, 2007	Project Submissions for FY2009-10 due to NVTA
November 29, 2007	Jurisdiction and Agency Coordination Committee reviews Draft Program of Projects
December 1, 2007	Draft Six Year Program to NVTA
December 6, 2007	NVTA releases draft program of Projects and Releases Program for Public Comment

## 2008

January 10, 2008	NVTA Holds Public Hearing, Reviews Public Comments and Will be Asked to Approve Program of Projects
January 11, 2008	NVTA Projects with Air Quality Impact are Submitted to TPB for Inclusion in TIP, CLRP and Air Conformity Analysis

# Six-Year Program Overview



- The initial Six Year program will focus on Fiscal Years 2009 & 2010. As NVTA gains experience with the revenue estimates, project cash flow and tracking, and the logistics of implementing projects, the Six Year Program will be expanded to encompass a full six years.
- Under this initial program, NVTA adopted a set of criteria – based largely on the prioritization factors found in “TransAction 2030” plan, with additional weight being placed on “ready to go” projects and “cost sharing” projects, those that leveraged private or other outside funding.
- There were eighteen prioritization factors used and each were ranked either a full moon, half moon or empty moon. Using as an example the criteria of “Reduces Roadway Congestion,” a full moon would have been assigned if the project “significantly improves traffic flow,” a half moon for “moderately improves traffic flow,” and an empty moon for “minimal or no effect on traffic flow.”
- Based on the 65 project submissions received from jurisdictions and transportation agencies and the prioritization of these submissions, a proposed list of projects was developed. In general, these projects represent the highest ranked projects submitted in each mode (highway, transit, bicycle/pedestrian and multimodal) and are generally the highest ranked projects overall.
- Of the \$186 million in funding, 56% is for Roadway projects, 40% is for Transit projects and 2% each for Bicycle/Pedestrian and Multimodal projects. In addition, both the WMATA and VRE earmarks over the FY 2008 to FY 2010 period total an estimated \$206 million.

# Public Comments



- NVRTA Received 22 Comments from the Public Concerning the Six-Year Program
  - Improve I-66/Rte. 29 Interchange in Prince William County
  - Extend the Virginia Railway Express to Gainesville
  - Extend Prince William Parkway north into Loudoun County
  - Fast Track construction of the proposed Tri-County Parkway
  - Adjust Signal Timing to improve vehicular movement
  - Add or Extend Turn Lanes in areas where backups are frequent and severe
  - Change left-turn signals to “yield on green” left-turn signals
  - Allocate regional money on roadway projects first followed by improvements to Metro and bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure.
  - Improve and expand bike paths around Northern Virginia
  - Funding for buses and other public transportation should be accomplished through levies on the people who use them, not by all citizens.
  - Improve traffic signal timing on Business Route 234, Route 28 in Centreville, Route 7 in Sterling and Maple Avenue in Vienna.
  - Implement more significant improvements in the I-66 corridor.
  - Oppose Columbia Pike Trolley Project; do not think it is justified or that there is consensus.
  - Approximately 10 comments were received objecting to the funding of widening Route from the Fairfax/Loudoun line to Reston or specific aspects of it.

# List of Six Year Projects



## TRANSIT

- Columbia Pike Streetcar
- I-66/Vienna Metrorail Accessibility & Capacity Improvements
- Rosslyn (Metro) Station Access Improvements
- Transit Development Plan (Fairfax Connector) Capital Improvements -76 Buses, Facilities, and Service
- Rebuild the King Street Metro Parking Lot and Bus Loading Area
- Ozone Bus Pass (NVTC)
- WMATA – Unfunded Metro Matters needs/Federal & State Dedicated Match Funding
- VRE – New Locomotives, Match for Gainesville/Haymarket Planning, Insurance
- Commuter Incentive Program and Passenger Bus Shelters (Falls Church)
- Ashburn Park and Ride Lot

## MULTIMODAL

- Route 50 Corridor Multi-modal Improvements (City of Fairfax)
- Columbia Pike Multi-modal Improvements from Arlington Co. Line to Washington Blvd.

## BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN

- Holmes Run Greenway Shared-Use Path Improvements (Alexandria)
- Broad Street Streetscape, Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail and Route Improvements (Falls Church)
- U.S. Route 50 Traffic Calming Project/Aldie segment
- Pedestrian and Traffic Calming Improvements & Sidewalk Construction, Repair, and Replacement (Falls Church)

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## ROADWAY

- Route 3000 (Prince William County Parkway) Widening between Old Bridge and Minnieville
- Route 15 Road Widening (Evergreen Mill Rd to Leesburg)
- Route 7 Widening from Rolling Holly Drive to Reston Parkway & Route 7/Route 659 Interchange
- Chain Bridge Rd/Eaton Place Intersection Improvements
- Interchange at Edwards Ferry Rd and Route 15 Bypass
- Route 28 Frontage Roads (Pacific Blvd from Dresden St. to Moran Rd.)
- Municipal Parking Garage Design and Finance (Falls Church)
- Mulligan Road (Old Mill Rd Connector Road) [Fort Belvoir BRAC Related]
- Route 1 Widening (Prince William Co.) from Featherstone Road to Joplin Road
- Route 28 Grade Separation Overpass (B-Line and Wellington Rd)
- Bridge Replacement at Chain Bridge Road and Kenmore Drive
- Southern Collector Road (Purcellville)
- Manassas Dr/Mathis Ave Intersection Improvements
- Roadbed Condition Assessment & Reconstruction (Falls Church)