



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 13, 2016

6:00pm

3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200

Fairfax, VA 22031

MEETING SUMMARY

I. Call to Order Chair Hynes

- Chair Hynes called the meeting to order at 6:18pm.

II. Roll Call

- Members: Chair Hynes; Supervisor Nohe; Council Member Snyder; Delegate Minchew (arrived 6:48pm).
- Staff: Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Michael Longhi (CFO); Carl Hampton (Investment & Debt Manager).
- Council of Counsels: Steve MacIsaac (Arlington County); Rob Dickerson (Prince William County).
- Other Attendees: Noelle Dominguez (Fairfax County).

Discussion/Information

III. 2017 Legislative Program Chair Hynes

- Chair Hynes referred the Committee to the mark-up of the draft 2017 Legislative Program distributed in the meeting packet. She noted an earlier request for Ms. Backmon to revise the structure and order of the draft Program to ensure the NVTA specific positions on legislative items were not lost in the large amount of other text. Chair Hynes also stated that, as evidenced by the amount of red-lined verbiage, much of the text seemed to be a carryover from previous years.
- Using the adopted 2016 Program as the starting point for the development of the draft 2017 Legislative Program, below are the noted highlights of the Program per the committee discussion:
 - ✓ **Continued Support of Previous Positions related to the Allocation of Statewide Revenues**
 - ✓ **State of Good Repair:** continue to recommend an increase in the percentage of State of Good Repair revenues that come to Northern Virginia.

- ✓ **Regional Gas Tax Floor:** continue support for establishment of a floor in the Regional Gas Tax, as the lack of a floor is negatively impacting the region’s transit systems and should be addressed.
- ✓ **Transit Capital Funding:** continue support of efforts to address anticipated funding reduction to ensure that transit systems continue to receive the Commonwealth resources needed to provide critical services.
- ✓ **Revenue Sharing:** continue support of an increase to Revenue Sharing Program funding.
- **WMATA-** The Committee had a robust discussion on WMATA safety and funding needs. In addition to reaffirming previous positions, the Committee recommended:
 - ✓ Support of the Metro Safety Commission created to ensure adequate oversight of WMATA’s safety efforts.
 - ✓ Continued Commonwealth support of Metro which will help accommodate additional growth in Northern Virginia. Northern Virginia’s sustained growth is important for the entire Commonwealth.
- **VRE-** The Committee recommended revisions and reaffirmations to the Authority’s previous positions on VRE. Previous positions include support to identify funding of operating and capital needs per VRE’s 2040 System Plan and associated Financial Plan.
- **Land Use Planning-**The Committee was informed that the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC) suggested that language be added to the program to address the 2015 General Assembly legislation regarding proffers. Chair Hynes asked Ms. Backmon and Ms. Dominguez to contact localities regarding language they are including in their local legislative programs for committee consideration.
- **Surface Transportation Program Reauthorization—**The Committee suggested the language regarding the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST-Act), be updated to note:
 - ✓ The funding amounts and provisions in the bill.
 - ✓ The coordination with regional agencies such as the Transportation Planning Board in the implementation of the performance measures for funding programs.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Governance and Personnel Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

IV. **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.