



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

Thursday, December 12, 2019

6:00pm

8407 Pennell Street

Fairfax, VA 22031

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order** Chairman Nohe
A. Chairman Nohe called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.
- II. Roll Call** Ms. Duker, Clerk
- A. Voting Members: Chairman Nohe; Chair Randall; Chairman Bulova; Board Member Cristol; Mayor Rishell; Councilmember Snyder; Mayor Meyer; Mayor Wilson; Senator Black; Mr. Minchew; Mr. Kolb; Ms. Hynes;
- B. Non-Voting Members; Mayor Wood; Ms. Cuervo; Mr. Horsley.
- C. Staff: Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Michael Longhi (CFO); Peggy Teal (Assistant Finance Officer); Keith Jasper (Principal, Planning and Programming); Sree Nampoothiri (Transportation Planner); Ria Kulkarni (Transportation Planner); Mackenzie Jarvis (Transportation Planner); Richard Stavros (Investment and Debt Manager); Erica Hawksworth (Communication and Public Affairs Manager); Dev Priya Sen (Financial Analyst); Margaret Duker (Board Clerk); various jurisdictional and agency staff.
- D. Mayor Parrish arrived at 6:23pm.
- E. On behalf of NVTA, Chairman Nohe expressed his profound appreciation to NVAR for the use of their premises for the evening's meeting and reception.
- III. Minutes of the November 14th, 2019 Meeting**
- Senator Black moved the approval of the November 14, 2019, minutes seconded by Chairman Bulova. Motion carried with abstentions from Chair Randall, Boardmember Cristol, Councilmember Snyder and Mayor Meyer.

Action

- IV. Adoption of the 2020 Legislative Program** Chair Randall, Chair, GPC
Recommended action: Adoption of Legislative Program
- ✓ Chair Randall opened the discussion of the draft 2020 Legislation Program by highlighting the importance of getting the message out regarding the restoration of NVTA's revenues.
 - ✓ She noted that the top priority issue the Governance and Personnel Committee discussed under the legislative program was the restoration of NVTA revenues,

adding that Loudoun County has listed the restoration of Authority's revenues as one of the top priorities in its adopted legislative program.

- ✓ She inquired about the steps other Authority member localities have taken regarding their legislative program and spreading the message of restoring Authority revenues.
- ✓ Authority members from the various localities, informed the Authority about their legislative programs with the issue of NVTAs restoration, being the topmost priority.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard added that her team is looking forward to working with the General Assembly and noted that the restoration of NVTAs revenues is a primary issue for Northern Virginia jurisdictions.

Chair Randall moved Authority adoption of the 2020 Legislative Program, inclusive of any amendments made at the December 12, 2019, Authority meeting; seconded by Chairman Bulova. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Appointment of Mayor Wood as the Town Representative to the Authority for CY 20 Chairman Nohe

Recommended action: Appointment of Town Member

- ✓ Mayor Rishell commended Mayor Wood for his faithful and consistent attendance at Authority meetings.

Chairman Nohe moved Authority appointment of Mayor Derrick Wood of the Town of Dumfries as the calendar year 2020 Town Representative; seconded by Mayor Rishell. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman Chairman Nohe

Recommended action: Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

Chairman Nohe moved Authority appointment of Chair Randall and Mayor Parrish as the new Chair and Vice-Chairman of the Authority; seconded by Chairman Bulova. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Information

VII. Six-Year Program Update Ms. Backmon, Executive Director

- ✓ Ms. Backmon kicked off the Six Year Program (SYP) Update by informing the Authority that the SYP update is inclusive of two additional years (fiscal years 2024 – 2025).
- ✓ She noted that 49 applications were received from 13 jurisdictions and agencies, totaling \$1.4 billion.
- ✓ Currently, all applications, materials, maps are posted and accessible on NVTAs website via the Programming/FY20 – 2025 Six Year Program/Evaluation tab.

- ✓ She added that most of the applications received are multimodal in nature and after the preliminary evaluation, 41 applications are advancing forward of additional analysis.
- ✓ She noted that currently, project evaluations are ongoing against benchmarks like congestion reduction relative to cost, long-term benefits and other qualitative data, together with TransAction ratings (formerly known as HB599).
- ✓ Ms. Backmon informed the Authority that the two statutory committees, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC), will reconvene in February.
- ✓ She noted that the Authority will be asked to make new appointments to the Technical Advisory Committee which is comprised of nine citizen experts but currently has only four members (two appointed by the Authority and two appointed by a previous Secretary of Transportation). The Authority will need to appoint three members and the Secretary of Transportation will need to appoint two members to the committee.
- ✓ The Authority will also be seeking recommendations to the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee which is comprised of 14 elected officials from the nine counties, five cities and the five towns (with a population of 3500 or more).
- ✓ In March 2020, the project list and evaluations (related scores) will be released.
- ✓ In April, there will be an Open House, Public Hearing and Town Halls (where applicable).
- ✓ In May, the regional revenues estimate available for funding the SYP update will be available, which will include the restoration of Authority revenues if applicable.
- ✓ In June, the SYP update will be presented for adoption.
- ✓ Chair Randall inquired whether the estimated revenue of \$400 million includes revenues to NVTAs as part of the I-81 Bill. Ms. Backmon responded this was a more cautious estimate but there could be more than \$400 million excluding any restoration of revenues. Ms. Backmon noted that the revenues received as part of the I-81 bill to date, are far below what was projected for FY20.

VIII. Finance Committee Mayor Parrish, Chair, FC

- ✓ Mayor Parrish commended the Finance Committee for all their hard work throughout the year and informed the Authority that the December meeting for the Finance Committee is cancelled. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on January 16th, 2020.

IX. Investment Portfolio Report Mr. Longhi, CFO

- ✓ No verbal report given.

X. Monthly Revenue Report Mr. Longhi, CFO

- ✓ No verbal report given.

XI. Operating Budget Report Mr. Longhi, CFO

- ✓ No verbal report given.

XII. Executive Director's Report Ms. Backmon, Executive Director

- ✓ Ms. Backmon informed the Authority that as part of the organizational meeting in January, there will be a Listening Session on the update to TransAction.
- ✓ Tracking survey is ongoing and results will be presented to the Authority.
- ✓ She also informed members about the upcoming groundbreaking for the Potomac Yard Metro Station, stating that the groundbreaking will be held on December 19, 2019, and encouraged Authority members to attend.
- ✓ Councilmember Snyder updated members on the activities of the Transportation Technology Committee (TTC).
- ✓ He noted that in the wake of all the challenges faced with technology, the TTC is working on developing a set of goals, primarily a strategic technology transportation plan, which Ms. Backmon added, will be presented to the Authority at a future date as part of the update to TransAction.
- ✓ Chair Randall informed Ms. Backmon that she was interested in meeting with her, and possibly with other newly elected officials to discuss what NVTA is, how the Authority and its Committees function, and how the organization as a whole is funded.
- ✓ She pointed that this was done some years back when she first joined the board, noting that such an informational session will be very helpful to all new members too.
- ✓ Ms. Hynes further added that she has been having sessions on regional funding with the Towns and staff from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and plans to include other elected officials in subsequent sessions.

XIII. Chairman's Comments

- ✓ Chairman Nohe informed members that the next Authority meeting will be back at the offices of NVTA.
- ✓ He encouraged members to attend the next meeting adding that it will involve a listening session as part of the update to TransAction.
- ✓ He also added that the Planning and Programming Committee (PPC) has not met in a year and if members are interested in serving on the PPC, they should contact Ms. Backmon.

Closed Session

- ✓ **Motion for a Closed Meeting:**
Chairman Bulova moved that the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority convene a closed meeting, as authorized by Virginia Code section 2.2-3711. A.1, for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter; seconded by Senator Black. Motion passed unanimously.
- ✓ The closed session began at 6:36pm.

✓ **Motion to Re-Open the Meeting:**

Mayor Parrish moved that the members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority certify: (1) that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Chapter 37, Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia; and (2) only such public business matters were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee; seconded by Mayor Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

- ✓ Meeting reconvened at 7:25pm.
- ✓ Chairman Bulova thanked members of the Authority who will be leaving, expressing her gratitude to Mr. Minchew for his letter.
- ✓ She recalled how some years past, things had been so challenging for the NVTA and how it had soon after been revamped with lots of funding.
- ✓ She also applauded Ms. Backmon, Mr. Mason and Chairman Nohe for the commendable work they have done.
- ✓ A big 'Thank You' went to Chairman Nohe for the pivotal role he had played in the NVTA.
- ✓ Ms. Backmon also thanked Chairman Nohe, Chairman Bulova, Senator Black and Mr. Minchew for their exemplary service and dedication to the Authority.
- ✓ Each member of the Authority took the opportunity to thank Chairman Nohe, Chairman Bulova, Senator Black and Mr. Minchew for their outstanding leadership, service and dedication to the work of the Authority over the years, regardless of party lines and jurisdictional interests.

XIV. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Next Meeting: February 13, 2019 at 7:00pm, NVTA Offices