

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Quorum and Voting

NVTA quorum and voting requirements are outlined in the current law which established NVTA, Va. Code §15.2-4834 and in the NVTA Bylaws. These requirements were not changed by HB 3202, as passed by the General Assembly, or the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute proposed by Governor Kaine.

Quorum

A quorum is required to conduct an NVTA meeting. It is established using two tests:

1) a simple majority (9) of the 17 NVTA members (comprised of 9 jurisdiction representatives, 3 General Assembly representatives, 2 Gubernatorial Appointees and 3 non-voting members, VDOT, DRPT & town representative)

and

2) a simple majority (5) of the 9 local government members of NVTA.

Voting

Approval of actions by NVTA requires that three tests be met:

1) 2/3 of the voting members present, i.e., 10 of 14, if all voting members are present,

and

2) 2/3 of local government members present, e.g., 6 of 9 if all jurisdictions are represented,

and

3) the local government members voting in favor must represent 2/3 of the population of jurisdictions embraced by NVTA as of 2010.

Voting Scenarios for Tests #2 & #3

Assuming all 9 jurisdictions vote, and using population, an action may be deemed approved if jurisdictions vote as follows:

2/3 of population needed for approval = 1,487,082

If 9 or 8 members present (need 6 yeas):

Specific Jurisdictions that must vote to approve							2010 Population	Additional Jurisdictions Needed for Approval (any of the Others)
SCENARIOS	Fairfax	Prince William					1,483,728	4
	Fairfax	Loudoun	Arlington				1,601,664	3
	Fairfax	Loudoun	Alexandria				1,534,003	3
	Fairfax	Arlington	Alexandria	Manassas			1,467,140	2

If 7 members present (need 5 yeas):

Specific Jurisdictions that must vote to approve							2010 Population	Additional Jurisdictions Needed for Approval (any of the Others)
SCENARIOS	Fairfax	Prince William					1,483,728	3
	Fairfax	Loudoun	Arlington				1,601,664	2
	Fairfax	Loudoun	Alexandria				1,534,003	2

If 6 or 5 members present (need 4 yeas):

Specific Jurisdictions that must vote to approve							2010 Population	Additional Jurisdictions Needed for Approval (any of the Others)
SCENARIOS	Fairfax	Prince William					1,483,728	2
	Fairfax	Loudoun	Arlington				1,601,664	1
	Fairfax	Loudoun	Alexandria				1,534,003	1