



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

SUMMARY MINUTES

Thursday, July 14, 2022

7:00 PM

3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200

Fairfax, VA 22031

This meeting was conducted in-person, livestreamed via Zoom, and posted via [NVTA's YouTube Channel](#)

CLOSED SESSION

- ✓ Chair Randall moved the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority convene a closed meeting, at 7:08PM as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter involving the CEO's annual performance review. The motion was seconded by Board Chair Cristol and passed unanimously.

1. Call to Order

Chair Randall, Authority Chair

- ✓ Chair Randall called the meeting to order at 7:32PM and provided background on the order of business, noting that due to YouTube livestream service technical difficulties, the meeting will be livestreamed and recorded via Zoom and the meeting link will be shared via NVTA's website and social media platforms to ensure meeting access to members of the public.
- ✓ Having convened the closed meeting prior to the start of this meeting, Chair Randall motioned 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 as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee. Such motion was seconded by Chairman McKay and passed unanimously.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Davis, Authority Board Secretary

- ✓ **Members:** *Attendees:* Chair Phyllis Randall, Councilmember David Snyder, Chairman Jeff McKay, Chair Ann Wheeler, Board Chair Katie Cristol, Mayor Justin Wilson, Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger, Mayor Jeanette Rishell, Mayor David Meyer, Senator Jennifer Boysko, Ms. Mary Hynes, Mr. John Lynch, Mr. Anthony Bedell, Mr. Todd Horsley, Mr. Jim Kolb; *Absent:* Delegate David LaRock, Mayor Derrick Wood.
- ✓ **Staff:** Chief Executive Officer Monica Backmon, Executive Assistant Amanda Sink, Chief Financial Officer Michael Longhi, Authority Board Secretary Jonathan Davis, Investment & Debt Manager Dev Sen, Communications & Public Affairs Manager Erica Hawksworth, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Abigail Hillerich, Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming Keith Jasper, Senior Transportation Planner Dr. Sree Nampoothiri, Transportation Planner Harun Rashid, and Regional Transportation Planners Mackenzie Love and Ian Newman.
- ✓ **Council of Counsel:** Fairfax County-Daniel Robinson, Prince William County-Rob Dickerson, City of Alexandria- Joanna Anderson, Arlington County-MinhChau Corr.

- ✓ **Others:** Senior Vice President Tracy Baynard of McGuireWoods Consulting, LLC., Technical Advisory Committee Chairman Randy Boice, and Jurisdiction Staff.

Members of the public and jurisdictional staff were in person and were also able to watch the meeting livestreamed via the Zoom meeting link. The meeting was recorded and posted via [NVTA's YouTube Channel](#).

3. Approval of June 9, 2022, Meeting Summary Minutes Chair Randall, Authority Chair

- ✓ Chair Randall moved the approval of the June 9, 2022, Meeting Summary Minutes and Mayor Davis-Younger seconded. The June 9, 2022, Meeting Summary Minutes was unanimously approved with abstentions from Board Chair Cristol and Mayor Meyer.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of Loudoun County Route 15 Bypass Widening-Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road SPA 2018-021-1

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Chair Randall moved the approval of proposed Standard Project Agreement 2018-021-1 Loudoun County (Route 15 Bypass Widening-Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road), in accordance with NVTA's approved Project Description Sheet as appended to the Standard Project Agreement; and authorize the Chief Executive Officer sign on behalf of the Authority. The motion was seconded by Senator Boysko.
- ✓ Chair Randall opened the floor for discussion on the motion and noted that Route 15 travels through Loudoun County and through parts of Maryland, further noting that it is one of the most congested roads in all of Virginia as well as highly dangerous due to no shoulders or median strips. Senator Boysko and Mr. Bedell added to the discussion noting their personal experience on the road and support for Route 15 Bypass Widening-Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road project.
- ✓ Seeing no further discussion or questions, Chair Randall opened the floor for a vote on the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Adoption of the FY2022-2027 Six Year Program

Mayor Wilson, Planning & Programming Committee Chair

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Chair Randall advised that due to the FY2022-2027 Six Year Program (SYP) Public Comment Period ending on May 20, 2022, allowing public comments to be received after the advertised period would allot more time and consideration for some individuals which would be an unfair practice to the public at large. Therefore, no additional public comments on the FY2022-2027 SYP would be accepted after the FY2022-2027 SYP Public Comment Period.
- ✓ Chair Randall asked Authority Members if anyone needed additional information on the FY2022-2027 SYP; seeing no requests for additional information, Chair Randall entertained a motion

from Mayor Wilson who moved the adoption of FY2022-2027 Six Year Program; seconded by Councilmember Snyder.

- ✓ Mayor Wilson began discussion on the motion by referencing Chair Randall's comments surrounding the public comment process and added that NVTA staff's recommendation is based on a yearlong process that involved coordination with jurisdiction staff, the application of quantitative and qualitative metrics, as well as the assessment of long-term benefits. The Planning and Programming Committee discussed the proposed projects noting the projects presented a balanced approach to regional priorities and support investments in various modes of transportation.
- ✓ Chair Randall closed the discussion on the motion by concurring with Mayor Wilson's comment that the FY2022-2027 SYP is well balanced in transit and road projects as well as geographically balanced. Chair Randall opened the floor for a vote on the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

6. Approval of Public Comment Period and September 8, 2022, as the Public Hearing Date for the TransAction Update

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Jasper, Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming

- ✓ Chair Randall moved the approval of September 8, 2022, as the Public Hearing Date and Monday August 1, 2022, until midnight on Sunday, September 18, 2022, as the Public Comment Period for the TransAction Update which was seconded by Senator Boysko.
- ✓ Chair Randall opened the floor for discussion on the motion and noted that public comment is one of the most important orders of business NVTA has. Seeing no further discussion on the motion, Chair Randall opened the floor for a vote on the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

**7. Governance and Personnel Committee Report
-2022 General Assembly Update**

Chair Randall, Chair

Ms. Baynard, Sr. Vice President, McGuireWoods Consulting, LLC

- ✓ Chair Randall noted that the Governance and Personnel Committee did not meet in July; however, Ms. Baynard was present to provide a brief verbal report on the 2022 General Assembly Update.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard provided an update reporting that the conference budgets were signed by Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin and did not include a gas tax holiday. Additionally, the General Assembly remained in session and is expected to re-convene September 7th.

8. Planning and Programming Committee Report Mayor Wilson, Chair

- ✓ Mayor Wilson noted that the Planning and Programming Committee Report is as submitted, specifically noting that the Committee met, provided recommendations as reported during this meeting's Action Items.

9. Planning Coordination Advisory Committee Report Mayor Linda J. Colbert, Chair

- ✓ The Planning Coordination Advisory Committee Report was submitted as seen in the meeting packet for review and consideration.

10. Technical Advisory Committee Report Mr. Boice, Chair

- ✓ Mr. Boice noted that the Technical Advisory Committee Report is as submitted, and further noted that the Committee met, and submitted Committee recommendations to the Authority on the FY2022-2027 Six Year Program.

11. Transportation Technology Committee Report Councilmember Snyder, Chair

- ✓ Councilmember Snyder encouraged Authority Members to review the Transportation Technology Committee (TTC) Report and noted a few points from the report:
 - During the TTC meeting, Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming Keith Jasper explained the use of scenario analysis in the update of TransAction, including one scenario that focuses on transportation technologies. "...technology projects have historically performed very well, particularly in terms of Congestion Reduction Relative to Cost (CRRC)."
 - Three takeaways include that if these technologies were adopted in accordance with the assumption made, they could generate a 25% fall in Person-Hours of Delay, a 37% reduction in duration of severe congestion, and 28% less emissions. Councilmember Snyder encouraged Authority Members to embrace technology and include it in more plans and projects.

12. Chief Executive Officer's Report Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon noted the CEO's report is as submitted in the meeting packet and shared that today, NVTA celebrates its 20th Anniversary and received a congratulatory video from U.S. Senator Mark Warner, Western District of Virginia, who during his tenure as Governor of Virginia, signed into law, the legislation that established the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.

Watch the video here: [Senator Warner Congratulates NVTA on 20th Anniversary](#)

- ✓ Ms. Backmon also thanked the Authority Members, jurisdiction and NVTA staff on the tremendous amount of work put into the FY2022-2027 Six Year Program.

13. Chair's Comments

Chair Randall, Authority Chair

- ✓ Chair Randall thanked NVTA and jurisdiction staff on their hard work toward the FY2022-2027 Six Year Program. Chair Randall also noted that there will not be an August Authority meeting. The Authority is scheduled to meet next on September 8th.
- ✓ Mayor Wilson noted the passing of longtime friend, colleague, and civic leader, Mayor Kerry J. Donley, who had an enduring career as an elected official and public servant of the City of Alexandria. Mayor Donley served as a Member of the Authority and was a staunch believer in regionalism, particularly in the realm of transportation.

14. Adjournment

- ✓ Chair Randall, seeing no further discussion and questions, adjourned the meeting at 7:51PM.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2022
TransAction Update Public Hearing at 7PM with
Authority Meeting to follow
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