



**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**  
*The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia*

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

Thursday, February 9, 2023

7 p.m. ET

3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200

Fairfax, VA 22031

*This meeting was conducted in person and livestreamed via [NVTA's YouTube Channel](#)*

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Snyder

- ✓ Vice Chair Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and asked that the roll be called.

**2. Roll Call**

Mr. Davis, Board Secretary

- ✓ **Membership: Attendees** Vice Chair David Snyder, Supervisor Walter Alcorn for Chairman Jeffrey McKay, Chair Ann Wheeler, Board Member Katie Cristol, Mayor Justin Wilson, Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger, Mayor Jeanette Rishell, Mayor Catherine Read, Senator Jennifer Boysko (Remote-Richmond-Distance), Supervisor Pat Herrity (7:08), Anthony Bedell (Remote-VA-Medical), Mary Hynes, Jim Kolb, Mayor Derrick Wood, John Lynch, and Jennifer DeBruhl (Remote-Richmond-Distance) **Non-Attendees** Chair Phyllis J. Randall.
- ✓ **Staff Attendees:** Chief Executive Officer Monica Backmon, Executive Assistant to CEO Amanda Sink, Chief Financial Officer Michael Longhi, Board Secretary Jonathan Davis, Communications & Public Affairs Manager Erica Hawksworth, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Abigail Hillerich, Assistant Finance Officer Peggy Teal, Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming Keith Jasper, Senior Transportation Planner Dr. Sree Nampoothiri, Regional Transportation Modeler Harun Rashid, Regional Transportation Planners Ian Newman and Griffin Frank.
- ✓ **Council of Counsels:** Daniel Robinson-Fairfax County, Rob Dickerson-Prince William County, Christina Zechman-Brown-City of Alexandria.
- ✓ **Other Attendees:** Sr. Vice President Tracy Baynard, McGuire Woods Consulting LLC. (Remote), Vice President Jay Corbalis, JBG Smith.

*Members of the Public were in person and were able to watch the meeting livestreamed via [NVTA's YouTube Channel](#)*

**3. Approval of January 9, 2023, Meeting Summary Minutes**

Vice Chair Snyder

- ✓ Board Member Cristol moved Authority approval of the January 12, 2023, meeting summary minutes and seconded by Mayor Davis-Younger. The motion was unanimously approved with abstentions from Mr. Kolb.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **4. Impacts of NVTA Funding in National Landing**      Mr. Corbalis, Vice President, JBG Smith

- ✓ Ms. Backmon introduced Mr. Corbalis and spotlighted the economic impacts of NVTA's investments in National Landing including over \$250 million of NVTA funding. She also directed members to address any project specific questions they may have to project sponsors.
- ✓ Mr. Corbalis began the presentation by sharing the latest report "Mobility Next" which highlights how \$250 million of NVTA funding has helped reshape National Landing while promoting economic growth. He spoke to the various NVTA funded projects including the transitway extension to Pentagon City, Crystal City East Entrance, Crystal City to Reagan National Airport Multimodal Connection, and Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Crystal City Station and how each of these projects are contributing to the economic development of National Landing. Mr. Corbalis noted that National Landing will be one of the most transportation connected developments in the country.
- ✓ Mr. Corbalis shared why the collective NVTA funded projects are important to National Landing, namely the leveraging of existing networks to expand connectivity throughout the region. He shared a map showing new connections that will be within one hour of commute time to National Landing as well as a map depicting topical possibilities that are unlocked by the NVTA funded projects.
- ✓ Mr. Corbalis noted the \$26 billion in economic output and the 24% of Arlington County's tax dollars generated as a result of National Landing and further noted that such would not be possible without the robust and growing multimodal network which allows for the new development to occur.
- ✓ Mr. Corbalis concluded his presentation by noting the NVTA funded projects' impact in reducing congestion throughout National Landing. He noted that since 2000, National Landing has grown by 28% while average weekday traffic has reduced to 18%, a notable benefit of reducing traffic by investing in transit-oriented development.
- ✓ Board Member Cristol shared her appreciation of Mr. Corbalis for presenting on the outcomes from National Landing developments and expressed her excitement for these and other connected projects. She offered her staff's support to provide details on the initiatives taking place in Arlington County's National Landing.

*Ms. Backmon noted that the presentation on the "Analysis of Multimodal Capacity Expansion" was removed from the agenda due to an error and will be rescheduled to present later.*

### **5. NoVA Gateway Dashboard Update**

Mr. Jasper, Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming

- ✓ Mr. Jasper began the presentation by noting the previous NoVA Gateway Dashboard updates in September 2020 and December 2021. He added that the current NoVA

Gateway Dashboard includes minor updates and data from the July 2022 adoption of the FY2022-2027 Six Year Program.

- ✓ Mr. Jasper explained the architecture behind the NoVA Gateway Dashboard by noting the Six Year Program Application Portal, Project Module, and Standard Project Agreement Module which collectively integrate with the Program Information Management and Monitoring System (PIMMS) database. He added that PIMMS functions as the behind the scenes inputting and processing for the public-facing platform, the NoVA Gateway Dashboard. The Dashboard provides the current status of NVTA-regional funded multimodal transportation projects.
- ✓ Mr. Jasper noted that the data from six funding programs are built into the PIMMS database and further noted that each time an invoice is paid, the NoVA Gateway Dashboard is updated to provide real time data and information.
- ✓ Mr. Jasper shared how to access the NoVA Gateway Dashboard and highlighted features that allow users to search by funding status, project sponsor, project location, corridor segment, and transportation mode, as well as access project descriptions and tabulation of all NVTA-regionally funded projects with real time status updates.
- ✓ As a conclusion to the presentation, Mr. Jasper shared proposed NoVA Gateway Dashboard enhancements to include adding basic information on projects funded using NVTA's Local Distribution Fund and multimodal capacity expansion information for projects using NVTA's Regional Revenue Fund and or NVTA's Local Distribution Fund.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**6. Approval of Prince William County's Construct Interchange at Prince William Parkway and Clover Hill Road SPA 2018-039-1** Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon noted that the Construct Interchange at Prince William Parkway and Clover Hill Road project was adopted as part of the FY2018-2023 Six Year Program and received FY2023 appropriation approval on April 21, 2022, for an amount of \$1.9 million.
- ✓ Chair Wheeler moved Authority approval of the proposed Standard Project Agreement 2018-039-1, Prince William County (Construct Interchange at Prince William Parkway and Clover Hill Road), in accordance with NVTA's approved Project Description Sheet as appended to the Standard Project Agreement; and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to sign on behalf of the Authority, seconded by Mayor Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved.

**7. Approval of Prince William County's Summit School Road Extension and Telegraph Road Widening SPA 2020-036-2** Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon noted that the Summit School Road Extension and Telegraph Road Widening project was adopted as part of the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program and received FY2023 appropriation approval on April 21, 2022, for an amount of \$24 million.

She also noted that before the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program funding, the project received \$11 million in funding.

- ✓ Chair Wheeler moved Authority approval of the proposed Standard Project Agreement 2020-036-2, Prince William County (Summit School Road Extension and Telegraph Road Widening), in accordance with NVTAs approved Project Description Sheet as appended to the Standard Project Agreement; and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to sign on behalf of the Authority, seconded by Mayor Davis-Younger. The motion was unanimously approved.

**8. Approval of Letter of Endorsement for Loudoun County’s RAISE Program Application**

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon noted Loudoun County’s forthcoming application for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program and highlighted that Loudoun County expects to utilize the funds to construct a grade separated overpass for bicyclists and pedestrians where the Washington and Old Dominion Trail crosses Sterling Boulevard.
- ✓ Senator Boysko moved Authority approval of the letter of endorsement for Loudoun County’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program application, seconded by Supervisor Alcorn. The motion was unanimously approved.

**9. Approval of Letter of Endorsement for Arlington County’s RAISE Program Application**

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon noted Arlington County’s forthcoming application for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program and highlighted that Arlington County’s Arlington Memorial Trail project will construct a ten-foot-wide pedestrian and bicycle trail on the west side of Richmond Highway, connecting Memorial Avenue with Columbia Pike.
- ✓ Board Member Cristol moved Authority approval of the letter of endorsement for Arlington County’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program application, seconded by Mayor Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved.

**10. Approval of Letter of Endorsement for City of Manassas Park’s RAISE Program Application**

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon noted the City of Manassas Park’s forthcoming application for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program and further noted that the City of Manassas Park will implement Complete Streets recommendations in Park Central which will include implementing speed management tactics, mid-block crossing

treatments that represent crash reduction countermeasures, and a new street design that aligns vehicle speed with the downtown walkable environment.

- ✓ Mayor Rishell moved Authority approval of the letter of endorsement for the City of Manassas Park's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program application, seconded by Mayor Davis-Younger. The motion was unanimously approved.

**11. Approval of Letter of Support for the Relocation of the FBI Headquarters to Springfield Virginia**

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon noted the request from Fairfax County to support efforts in attracting the Federal Bureau of Investigation to relocate its Headquarters to Springfield, Virginia and highlighted that NVTVA has invested \$63 million in the Springfield, Virginia area.
- ✓ Supervisor Alcorn moved Authority approval of the letter of support for the relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters to Springfield Virginia, seconded by Supervisor Herry. The motion was unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**12. Governance and Personnel Committee Report  
-Update of 2023 General Assembly Session**

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

- ✓ Ms. Baynard reported on the budgets that were adopted by the General Assembly today, particularly noting the earmarking of unobligated general funds for major projects. This year's discussion is about I-81 Corridor projects as well as dedicated funding to the planning and construction of a new Inland Port in the Mount Rogers Planning District.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard also noted that there is language in the Senate budget that requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to annually report to the General Assembly on the short-term, mid-term and long-term impacts on the loss of the half a percent of the grocery sales and use tax.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard shared that there is much discussion surrounding the recapitalization and use of the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund (TPOF) to support the idea of and need for flexible transportation funding that can be used to improve potential business sites and support imminent economic opportunities. She further noted equal member concern regarding transparency and accountability in the use of these funds as well as noted amendments to both the House and Senate bills that would address these concerns.
- ✓ Vice Chair Snyder offered Senator Boysko an opportunity to share her comments on the 2023 General Assembly. Senator Boysko expressed her commitment to preserving NVTVA funding and shared that as a member of the Senate Transportation Committee, she has inquired whether certain proposed bills would threaten the region's transportation

funds. She further expressed her appreciation to Ms. Backmon and Ms. Baynard for their continued dialogue as well as the opportunity to share her comments with the Authority.

- ✓ Vice Chair Snyder called for further discussion and Mr. Bedell clarified that the Inland Port project would be built in the southwest region, completing the triangle created by the Virginia Port in Hampton Roads, the Barge Service in Richmond, the Front Royal facility, and now the Inland Project in Abington and Bristol. Ms. Baynard concurred and noted that this is an ongoing effort to move freight off of trucks and highways and onto rail and is part of a larger discussion of safety on roadways.
- ✓ Vice Chair Snyder acknowledged Ms. Debruhl and offered her the opportunity to share her comments regarding the General Assembly. Ms. Debruhl noted two bills that were sponsored by the Youngkin administration, House Bill 1496 and Senate Bill 1079 that will set aside a portion of the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund to provide dedicated funding for VRE rather than the previous method of using a bus focused formula to fund VRE. Ms. Debruhl further expressed her appreciation and thanks to the Youngkin administration, Northern Virginia localities, NVRTA, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and others who worked to see both the House Bill 1496 and Senate Bill 1079 pass with unanimous approval.

### **13. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon highlighted two items from her report. First, she highlighted the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Virginia Transportation Round Table scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors which is across the street from NVRTA offices. Second, she shared that a SMART SCALE survey is being conducted by the Secretary of Transportation's office to collect feedback on how the process of SMART SCALE can be improved. Ms. Backmon noted discussions with the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC) and her intent to coordinate a regional response that includes feedback on SMART SCALE as an addition to individual responses from member localities and partner agencies.
- ✓ Ms. Hynes added that the Youngkin administration is committed to examining SMART SCALE and the survey is designed as an open information gathering tool. She further noted that members of the CTB are expected to receive briefings regarding the survey's findings with an expected final review in October.
- ✓ Ms. Hynes noted that Northern Virginia received 8% of dispersed funds from round five of SMART SCALE, which is the lowest the region has ever received. She shared some comments on how funding was allocated adding that more than half of the high priority program funds went to various Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and Planning District Commissions (PDC), while Northern Virginia has not applied for these funds through the regional entities. Ms. Hynes underlined the importance of advocating for funding in the region as well as shared that the evaluation and review of SMART SCALE should identify what is working and what is not working.

- ✓ Mayor Wood inquired about the CTB's reimbursement process. Ms. Hynes advised that SMART SCALE funds projects in years 5 and 6 of the Six Year Improvement Program and confirmed that SMART SCALE disperses funds on a reimbursement basis.

**14. Chair's Comments**

Vice Chair Snyder

*Vice Chair Snyder submitted no comments.*

**15. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Snyder

- ✓ The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2023, at 7 p.m. ET**  
**At NVTA Offices**

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