



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

Thursday, April 28, 2016
6:00 pm
3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order Chairman Nohe

- Chairman Nohe called the meeting to order at 6:11pm.

II. Roll Call Ms. Speer, Clerk

- Voting Members: Chairman Nohe; Chairman Bulova; Board Member Fisette (arrived 6:16pm); Mayor Silberberg (arrived 6:34pm); Council Member Way; Mayor Silverthorne; Council Member Rishell; Council Member Snyder (arrived 6:13pm); Delegate Minchew (arrived 6:30pm).
- Non-Voting Members: Ms. Cuervo; Mr. Horsley.
- Staff: Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Michael Longhi (CFO); Keith Jasper (Program Coordinator); Sree Nampoothiri (Program Coordinator); Camela Speer (Clerk); various jurisdictional staff.

Presentation

IV. HB 599 Evaluation Results for Draft FY2017 Program Valerie Pardo, VDOT

(Council Member Snyder arrived.)

- Mr. Roden presented the HB 599 Evaluation Results for the 24 projects evaluated for consideration in the Draft FY2017 Program.

(Board Member Fisette arrived.)

- Council Member Way noted that there were several projects on the list that had low HB 599 ratings. He asked if there was any cut-off for the list, or if all projects will stay on the proposed list. Chairman Nohe responded that it is VDOT's responsibility to provide the HB 599 ratings and the NVTA's job to incorporate those numbers into the Authority's project evaluation process. He invited Ms. Backmon to discuss the NVTA's next steps. Ms. Backmon stated that at the May 4, 2016 meeting of the Planning and Programming Committee (PPC) the HB 599 results, the NVTA's quantitative scores and the congestion

reduction relative to cost ratios will be presented for the Draft FY2017 Program candidate projects. She added that there will also be a staff recommendation on projects to be recommended for funding. She noted that the projects recommended for funding will be taken to the public comment period along with the other candidate projects. Ms. Backmon stated that the NVTA quantitative scoring is 55% of the overall project score and the HB 599 rating is 45%.

- Council Member Snyder stated that the legislation addresses benefits flowing back to the localities. He asked if this will be one of the criteria considered in the project selection process. He noted there is an equity issue here and we must see how the numbers work out. Ms. Backmon responded that the long term benefits provision Council Member Snyder is referencing states that every locality must receive their proportional share of funding. She stated that in December of 2014 the Authority adopted the principals for assessing long term benefits. The principals had several components: evaluation will be done on a retrospective basis, with first evaluation after 10 years of funding; 50% of the assessment is the location of the project; remaining 50% is the trip origin and destination; and projects being evaluated for long term benefits must be complete. Ms. Backmon added that the Authority does take geographic balance and modal distribution into consideration when developing the recommended project funding list. Council Member Snyder asked for clarification that the HB 599 rating is just one of several filters, and while useful, is just data going into the ultimate decision making which will include other filters and considerations. Ms. Backmon responded affirmatively.
- Chairman Nohe stated that another relevant point is that this is only a one-year program and that ideally we will be developing a six-year program. He noted that the one-year program was decided for this year so that the first full six-year program can be built on the next iteration of the TransAction Plan. Chairman Nohe added that the urgency criteria will come into play in the Draft FY2017 Program recommendations, noting that urgency was one of the evaluation criteria used in the previous project selection processes. He stated that there will be continued discussion that while some projects may score highly on the HB 599 measure, or on other measures, some of those projects do not have the ability to spend any money at this time. Chairman Nohe added that these may be great projects, but are likely great projects for the FY2018-2023 Six-Year Program. He noted that allocating money to these projects now will not get them to proceed any faster. Ms. Backmon added that some of the projects submitted for the Draft FY2017 Program were also submitted to the Commonwealth for HB 2 funding. She stated the NVTA is monitoring this and is cognizant that we are the last in the funding adoption order for several regional funding processes.
- Chairman Nohe stated that a quorum is now present.

III. Minutes of the March 10, 2016 Meeting

- Chairman Bulova moved approval of the March 10, 2016 minutes; seconded by Council Member Snyder. Motion carried with five (5) yeas and two (2) abstention [with Mayor Silverthorne and Council Member Way abstaining as they were not at the March 10, 2016 meeting].

Action

IV. Approval of Public Hearing Date for Draft FY2017 Program

Ms. Backmon, Executive Director

- Ms. Backmon stated that the Planning and Programming Committee met on April 18, 2016, and recommended that the Public Hearing for the Draft FY2017 Program be held on June 9, 2016. She added that this is a regularly scheduled Authority meeting date. Ms. Backmon stated that the Public Comment Period will begin on May 13, 2016 and end June 17, 2016. She asked that the Authority approve June 9, 2016 as the Public Hearing date.
- Chairman Bulova moved approval of June 9, 2016, as the Public Hearing date for the Draft FY2017 Program; seconded by Council Member Rishell. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Approval of NVTA Testimony to the Commonwealth Transportation Board on the Draft FY2017-22 Six Year Improvement Program

Ms. Backmon, Executive Director

- Ms. Backmon stated that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is holding a Public Hearing on Monday, May 2, 2016, on the FY2017-2022 Draft Six-Year Improvement Program and noted the suggested NVTA testimony is included in the Authority's meeting packet. She added that the changes from the previous years are highlighted in the staff report. Ms. Backmon noted that the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC) had met earlier in the day and recommended that the last bullet on page three regarding the CTB's process be stricken from the testimony as it is a carryover from previous years.
- Chairman Nohe stated that the CTB has invited him, again, to sit on the panel to receive testimony. He note that while this is a Public Hearing on the CTB's Six Year Improvement Program, in the interest of emphasizing the partnership between the CTB and the NVTA, the CTB has asked him, as Chairman, to be on the panel for the last few years. He added that he will not read the NVTA's testimony, but submit it for the record in writing.

(Delegate Minchew arrived.)

- Chairman Bulova moved approval of the testimony on the CTB’s Draft FY2017-2022 Six-Year Improvement Program, with the deletion of the last bullet on the CTB’s process; seconded by Council Member Rishell. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Approval of CMAQ/RSTP Reallocation Request for Fairfax County

Ms. Backmon, Executive Director

- Ms. Backmon invited Ms. Dominguez, Chairman of the RJACC, to address the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) reallocation requests for Fairfax County.
- Ms. Dominguez stated that there are several requests, and a few are information items. She noted the following reallocation requests for Authority approval:
 - ✓ \$20.7 million in CMAQ funds and \$2.2 million in RSTP funds from the Vaden Ramp project to the I-66 TMP Congestion mitigation project. She noted that both projects are Transform I-66 projects so the funds are being used for two parts of the same large project.
 - ✓ \$7 million in RSTP funds from the Jones Branch Connector project to the I-66 TMP Congestion mitigation project.
 - ✓ Earlier today, at the RJACC meeting, an additional \$5 million in RSTP funds from the Vaden Ramp project to the I-66 TMP Congestion mitigation project.
- Ms. Dominguez noted that the I-66 TMP Congestion mitigation project is a new project for CMAQ/RSTP purposes, so requires Authority approval.
- Chairman Bulova moved approval of the reallocation of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for Fairfax County; seconded by Board Member Fissette. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Information

VII. Planning and Programming Committee Report

Chairman Nohe, Chair

- Chairman Nohe noted that the Planning and Programming Committee (PPC) meeting was devoted to receiving the HB 599 rating presentation from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). He stated that the next Committee meeting would be Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 10am at the NVTA office. Chairman Nohe noted that the main purpose of this meeting will be to review the staff presentation on the NVTA evaluation and rating of the Draft FY2017 candidate projects.
- Ms. Backmon added that there will also be an NVTA staff recommendation on the projects recommended for funding in the Draft FY2017 Program, so that the recommended projects can be presented for public hearing and comment.

Ms. Backmon stated that the PPC will be asked to make a recommendation to the Authority on which projects should be recommended for funding for the Public Hearing and public comment period, noting that the recommended project list could change based on the recommendation of the PPC. This recommendation will be taken up by the Authority at the May 12, 2016 meeting.

(Mayor Silberberg arrived.)

- Chairman Nohe reminded everyone that all Authority members are encouraged to participate in the PPC meetings. He noted that while the PPC has official members, recommendations are done by consensus, so all members of the Authority can participate. He added that if there is a jurisdiction who cannot have an Authority member present, it is encouraged that a staff person participate on behalf of the jurisdiction. Ms. Backmon added that with the anticipated May 12, 2016 action to take the recommended project list out for public comment, and the public comment period ending June 17, 2016, the PPC will meet again on June 28, 2016. It is anticipated that the Committee will be asked at that meeting to make a recommendation to the Authority on the projects to be funded as part of the FY 2017 Program.

VIII. Technical Advisory Committee Report Mr. Boice, Chairman

- Ms. Backmon stated that the Technical Advisory Committee received the HB 599 ratings report at their last meeting.

IX. Monthly Revenue Report Mr. Longhi, CFO

- No verbal report.

X. Operating Budget Report Mr. Longhi, CFO

- No verbal report.

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

- Ms. Backmon stated that there is a new item in her report that addresses CMAQ/RSTP Reallocations for FY2017-2022. She noted that the Authority had adopted the programming recommendations for FY2022 at the March meeting. She added that the original recommendations were based on estimates and that the State has informed us of an increase in RSTP and CMAQ PM2.5 funding, but a decrease in CMAQ funds. Ms. Backmon stated that in order for everything to be processed and allocated for the CTB's Draft Six-Year Improvement Program, the NVTA needs to reallocate some of the funding to make up for the deficit in CMAQ monies. VDOT needs this information by May 6, 2016 for inclusion in the FY2017-2022 SYIP. She

noted that the RJACC had reviewed this today and had a recommendation regarding the reallocation of funds. Ms. Backmon proposed that NVTA staff, in coordination with the RJACC, complete the draft recommendation to be sent via email to the Authority on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, with a request that members provide any feedback or concerns via email by Thursday, May 5, 2016. The recommendation will be sent to VDOT on Friday, May 6, 2016. Ms. Backmon stated that there will also be a recommendation on the programming of surplus RSTP monies, but VDOT does not need this recommendation until June 3, 2106. She stated that NVTA staff will continue to work with the RJACC to adequately and appropriately program the surplus monies.

XII. Chairman's Comments

- Chairman Nohe stated that the Authority had approved the date of the Public Hearing this evening and next month we will approve the recommended project list to be advertised. He noted that last year, based on the Authority's meeting schedule and for legal reasons, the public hearing advertising had to run prior to the approval of the Authority for the date. He asked for clarification that this evening's action was sufficient to allow for the Public Hearing advertising. Ms. Backmon responded that due to the fact that the NVTA is taking all 24 candidate projects in the Draft FY2017 Program out for Public Comment, we are prepared and can make the deadlines, noting that the advertisement will be issued next week.
- Chairman Nohe encouraged the jurisdictions to hold Town Hall Meetings during the Public Comment Period. He stated that this will give more opportunity for direct citizen input. He added that many constituents do not want to drive to a single location to provide public input and we are a large region geographically. Chairman Nohe also stated that giving constituents opportunities to learn about the Program, ask questions and comment in their own jurisdiction is helpful. He asked that jurisdictions let NVTA staff know if and when they will hold Town Hall Meetings. He also offered NVTA staff and/or himself to be available for assist or give those presentations.
- Chairman Nohe wished Mayor Silverthorne good luck in his election next week.

XIII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.