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NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY VOTES TO APPROVE ALL SEVEN TAXES AND FEES AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN HB3202 AND MORE THAN \$100 MILLION IN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

*FEES WILL RAISE MORE THAN \$300 MILLION IN NEW TRANSPORTATION
REVENUES FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA; FIRST INFUSION OF
TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS IN MORE THAN 20 YEARS*

NORTHERN VIRGINIA – The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) held a Public Hearing in Falls Church Thursday night to hear public input on the proposed seven taxes and fees, authorized by the General Assembly in 2007 in the Transportation Finance Act (HB3202).

More than 250 people attended the public hearing at the Mary Ellen Henderson middle school in Falls Church, Virginia. More than fifty residents and organizations spoke, the majority in favor of the proposed taxes and fees.

After a public hearing and meeting that continued for more than six hours, the Authority voted in open session to approve the following taxes and fees. Each funding resolution was voted on separately.

- Grantors Tax .40 cents/per \$100
 - 11 yes; 3 no (dissenting: Frederick, Polk, York)

- Motor Vehicle Rental Tax 2 % of rental rate
 - 13 yes; 1 no (dissenting: Frederick)

- Transient Occupancy Tax 2 % of hotel rate
 - 13 yes; 1 no (dissenting: Frederick)

- Safety Inspection Fee \$10.00 annually
 - 12 yes; 2 no (dissenting: Frederick, York)

- Sales Tax on Auto Repairs 5 % of labor charges
 - 12 yes; 2 no (dissenting: Frederick, York)

- Regional Registration Fee \$10.00 annually
 - 12 yes; 2 no (dissenting: Frederick, York)

- Initial Vehicle Registration Fee 1 % of value (one time)
 - 12 yes; 2 no (dissenting: Frederick, York)

This is the first infusion of new transportation dollars in Northern Virginia in more than 20 years.

“This is an important step forward for Northern Virginia. The Authority tonight cast a vote for a better future,” said Authority Chairman Chris Zimmerman (Arlington Co.)

“Tonight the Northern Virginia regional leaders demonstrated a commitment not just for improving transportation but to improving it in a more cooperative and forward thinking manner than we ever have before,” said Authority Vice-Chairman Marty Nohe (Prince William)

The Authority also unanimously approved the initial project list containing 22 regional projects totaling \$102 million. These projects reflect a balance of transit, multi-modal and roadway projects that are “ready to go.”

The Authority unanimously approved a resolution to file a bond validation suit in the circuit court of Arlington, Virginia. Council for the Authority will file the suit on Friday morning of July 13, 2007. This will essentially allow the courts to consider and affirm the Authority’s ability to levy the taxes and fees authorized by the General Assembly in HB3202 and to issue the debt to fund the list of approved projects. Anyone wishing to join as a defendant in the bond validation suit will have the time specified in the order of publication and will have approximately twenty days from the filing date to become a party in the proceedings.

The Authority also approved resolutions to begin the search for an Executive Director, secure office space, and to generally begin the work of supporting the Authority.

As the work of the Authority continues, information will be posted on the web site at www.thenovaauthority.org.

NVTA Who's Who

The voting members of the Authority include:

Hon. Christopher Zimmerman	NVTA Chairman; Arlington County
Hon. Martin Nohe	NVTA Vice Chairman; Prince William County
Hon. Gerry Connolly	Fairfax County
Hon. Scott York	Loudoun County
Hon. William D. Euille	City of Alexandria
Hon. Robert F. Lederer	City of Fairfax
Hon. David F. Snyder	City of Falls Church
Hon. Harry J. "Hal" Parrish, II	City of Manassas
Hon. Bryan Polk	City of Manassas Park
Hon. Jeff Frederick	Virginia House of Delegates
Hon. Vince Callahan	Virginia House of Delegates
Hon. Jeanne-Marie Devolites-Davis	Virginia Senate
Julia A. "Judy" Connally	Governor's Appointee, CTB Member
Margaret Vanderhye	Governor's Appointee

Non-voting members:

Matthew O. Tucker	Director, DRPT
Dennis Morrison	Administrator, Northern District Office, VDOT

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