



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Monday, April 18, 2015, 10:00 am

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200

Fairfax, Virginia 22031

SUMMARY NOTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome Chairman Nohe

- Chairman Nohe called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
- Attendees:
 - **PPC Members:** Chairman Nohe; Chairman Bulova (Fairfax County); Board Member Fisette (Arlington County); Council Member Rishell (City of Manassas Park).
 - **Authority Members:** Sen. Adam Ebbin; Del. Tim Hugo; Helen Cuervo (VDOT).
 - **NVTA Staff:** Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Mike Longhi (CFO); Sree Nampoothiri (Program Coordinator), Keith Jasper (Program Coordinator).
 - **Staff:** James Davenport, Rick Canizales (Prince William County); Tom Biesiadny, Noelle Dominguez, Joan Clark (Fairfax County); Bob Brown (Loudoun County); Sarah Crawford (Arlington County); Pierre Holloman (City of Alexandria); Paul Stoddard (City of Falls Church); Wendy Sanford (City of Fairfax); Patrick Moore (City of Manassas); Mark Duceman (Town of Herndon); Renee Hamilton, Maria Sinner, Norman Whitaker, Valerie Pardo, Kodjo Messan (VDOT); Todd Horsley (DRPT); Patricia Happ (NVTC); Sonali Soneji (VRE).
 - **Other:** Bob Chase, David Birtwistle (Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance); David Roden (AECOM); Rob Prunty (CH2M Hill).

Action

II. Meeting Summary Notes of March 28, 2016, PPC Meeting

- The March 28, 2016 Planning and Programming Committee meeting summary was unanimously approved.

III. Date of Public Hearing

- A recommendation to the Authority to authorize June 9, 2016 as the date for the FY2017 Program Public Hearing was unanimously approved.

Discussion/Information

IV. Briefing on Transform I-66 (Outside the Beltway) Ms. Hamilton

- Ms. Hamilton provided an update on the I-66 Outside the Beltway project including an overview of the pattern of trip origins and destinations at the I-66/Route 28 interchange, one of the 24 candidate projects for the FY2017 Program. Ms. Hamilton noted that this origin/destination information is based on current traffic levels.
- In response to a question by Chairman Nohe, Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Prunty confirmed that the midday travel pattern pend through the interchange is similar to peak travel patterns but at a lower level of volume and congestion.
- In a follow up question, Chairman Nohe asked how this affects the calculation of long term benefit. Ms. Backmon reminded the committee that 50 percent of long term benefit is related to project location and the other 50 percent related to who is the recipient of congestion reduction.
- Mr. Fisette asked about the multimodal improvements and how they will be funded. Ms. Hamilton confirmed they will be funded “off the top” by the selected concessionaire. Mr. Horsley added that the transit services have been planned in conjunction with local transit agencies, and funding includes capital acquisitions (and two cycles of bus replacements) and operating costs. Mr. Horsley offered to research the exact amount, but recalled total transit funding was several hundred million dollars.
- Mr. Biesiadny noted the bus routes represented a mix of service along I-66 and feeder routes, with a focus on Park and Ride lots. Ms. Cuervo added that additional routes would be added to reflect future population growth.
- Ms. Hamilton noted that VDOT had reached out to ‘sluggers’ to seek inputs and raise awareness. Provision will be made for slugs at Park and Ride lots.
- Sen. Ebbin asked whether fuel costs had been escalated in the concession arrangements. Mr. Biesiadny confirmed that average escalation levels had been assumed, but not any specific algorithms.

V. Presentation of draft HB 599 Evaluation Ratings Mr. Roden

- Mr. Roden presented the draft HB 599 ratings for the 24 projects being evaluated under the FY 2017 Program, on behalf of VDOT, noting that this is the first time that this information has been released. In response to a question from Chairman Nohe, Mr. Roden confirmed there are no plans to amend these ratings unless project sponsors request changes be considered. Mr. Roden noted the draft ratings will be presented to the NVTA Technical Advisory Committee on April 20, 2016 before being finalized by April 30.

- Mr. Fisette asked about the evaluation of transit projects, as this is the first time they have been subject to the HB 599 process. Mr. Roden noted that the performance measures used to evaluate projects included several that addressed the impact of transit projects. Overall, Mr. Roden considered the HB 599 process generally addresses all projects in a consistent manner.
- Mr. Fisette noted that first/last mile connections can be high value/low cost. He asked about the sensitivity of the HB 599 TRANSIMS model to such impacts, and how the HB 599 process addresses project costs. Mr. Roden replied that the TRANSIMS model uses more detailed zone definition and also provides for pedestrian access factors. While cost is not a factor considered by the HB 599 process, Chairman Nohe noted that the Arlington County intelligent transportation project approved under the FY2015-16 Program was inexpensive relative to its congestion impact.
- Ms. Soneji requested that the candidate VRE station parking project in the City of Manassas Park be evaluated as part of a larger regional transportation system. Mr. Roden replied that this was taken into consideration, in terms of the possible impact of the project on travel on I-66.
- Sen. Ebbin asked whether NVTA's evaluation uses the 2020 or 2040 outputs from the HB 599 process. Mr. Jasper responded that NVTA's Quantitative Score uses the HB 599 rating for 2040 (weighted at 45 percent). This is consistent with other criteria in the Quantitative Score that are based on outputs from TransAction 2040. NVTA also uses direct outputs from the HB 599 TRANSIMS model for both 2020 and 2040 as part of an extrapolation process to calculate Congestion Reduction Relative to Cost ratios from project opening through 2040.
- In conclusion, Ms. Backmon asked project sponsors to let VDOT know if there were any further questions by no later than Friday April 22nd. This will allow sufficient time for any changes to be made next week, and for the HB 599 ratings to be finalized by April 30th.

VI. NVTA Update Ms. Backmon

- Ms. Backmon reminded the committee that the Authority will consider their recommendation for the date of the Public Hearing at its next meeting on April 28, 2016. Adoption of the FY2017 Program will occur at the Authority's July 14 meeting, based on the current schedule. The FY2017 Program will be the last based on TransAction 2040 plan. The Authority's FY2018-23 Six Year Program will be developed after the adoption of the updated TransAction plan.
- Ms. Backmon informed the committee that the NVTA staff is planning a workshop for jurisdiction and agency staff regarding the Standard Project Agreements (SPAs) for approved FY2017 Program projects. The workshop will also cover topics related to responsibilities of jurisdictions and agencies with active SPAs.
- Sen. Ebbin asked if the Six Year Program would be updated every year. Ms. Backmon confirmed that this is envisioned.

- With reference to the FY2017 Program Public Hearing, Chairman Nohe requested that jurisdictional staff provide early notice of requests for his participation (with Ms. Backmon) at Town Hall meetings.

Adjournment

VII. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 11:23 am.