

**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**  
Summary Minutes  
JANUARY 13, 2005

held at the Northern Virginia Regional Commission  
7535 Little River Turnpike, Suite 100, Annandale, Virginia

Members  
(those present are highlighted)

**William Euille**  
**Christopher Zimmerman**  
Robert Lederer  
**Gerald E. Connolly**  
**David Snyder**  
**Scott K. York**  
**Harry J. "Hal" Parrish, II**  
Bryan Polk  
Sean T. Connaughton  
William Mims  
Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.  
Jeff Frederick  
Leonard S. "Hobie" Mitchel  
**Margaret E. G. Vanderhye**  
**Tanya Husak (alternate)**  
**Dennis Morrison**

*Mayor, City of Alexandria*  
*Arlington County Board*  
*Mayor, City of Fairfax*  
*Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors*  
*Falls Church City Council; NVTA Chairman*  
*Chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors*  
*Vice Mayor, City of Manassas*  
*Manassas Park City Council*  
*Chairman, Prince William Board of County Supervisors*  
*Virginia Senate, District 33*  
*Virginia House of Delegates, District 34*  
*Virginia House of Delegates, District 52*  
*Governor's Appointee*  
*Governor's Appointee*  
*VDRPT (non-voting member)*  
*No. Va. District Administrator, VDOT (non-voting member)*

Staff Present

Linda Summerall

NVRC

Call to Order

Chairman Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called and members present or absent were noted for the record.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Parrish moved approval of the minutes of the December 16, 2004, meeting as corrected to show that it was he and not Mr. Zimmerman who abstained from voting on endorsing the regional sales tax for WMATA. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Approval of Calendar Year 2005 Work Plan

Mr. Connolly moved approval of the Authority's calendar year 2005 work plan as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Resolution No. P05-05

Mr. York introduced Resolution No. P05-05, which staff distributed, supporting Metrorail to Dulles. Mr. York moved adoption of Resolution No. P05-05. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Snyder called the members' attention to the letter received from the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance conveying its resolution to the Authority, supporting a regional sales tax of up to 0.5% for WMATA's capital maintenance and service needs. Chairman Snyder recognized Bob Chase of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, who spoke in support of a dedicated funding source for WMATA.

### Presentations

#### • Update on I-66

Theresa DeFore, VDOT's Project Manager for Idea-66, reported that VDOT is preparing its draft report and will make its presentation to the CTB in February; information will also be presented to the Authority in February. Chairman Snyder requested that this be distributed to the Authority as soon as possible.

Five hundred individuals participated in a telephone survey. The result of this survey was that solutions did not differ significantly for those living inside or outside the Beltway.

VDOT staff reviewed the transit options, HOV and HOT concepts, and road widening and spot improvement concepts.

#### • Hunter Mill Traffic Calming Study

Mr. Biesiadny reported that after last month's meeting, the staff of Fairfax County, NVRC and VDOT met and decided that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission prepare and issue an RFP for a consultant to undertake this study. The three agencies as well as the affected community will be involved in the process. This will be brought to the Authority before formal action.

### Interim Technical Committee Report: Information Items

#### 1. *Discussion of Legislation*

Staff distributed information, pointing out that the Governor has proposed \$824 million for transportation while the House has proposed \$938.5 million. Authority members expressed concern that the House Republicans' package "encourages local governments to play a larger role in funding local road projects" when there is talk about capping property assessments and not expanding local authority to tax additional sources.

In reply to Mr. York's inquiry, Mr. Biesiadny said the General Assembly is looking at additional toll roads, denser developments, and the creation of special tax districts. Mr. Biesiadny reported that if approved, the House Republican proposal would: include \$552 million in recurring revenue for transportation; eliminate the project deficits; create a new Commonwealth transportation investment fund, whereby \$264 million would be given equally to the nine construction districts; encourage private-public partnerships; include a revenue sharing piece; provide \$33 million for freight and passenger rail projects and \$40 million for transit projects; add \$208 to the Six-Year Program.

The Senate Transportation Committee supports photo red (SB 780 and SB 732; the House has a companion bill).

Members discussed the fact that the proposed packages do not address the long-term funding problem.

#### 2. *Regional Blue Ribbon Panel on Dedicated Funding for Metro*

The final report was released on January 6; it was unchanged from the December draft.

Authority members discussed asking the General Assembly to introduce a bill authorizing 0.5% sales tax increase for Virginia's compact jurisdictions. Mr. Connolly moved that NVTA call upon its respective delegations to introduce a bill authorizing 0.5% sales tax increase for Virginia's compact jurisdictions, and to request the Governor to meet with his counterparts to take this up as a high priority. Ms. Vanderhuy pointed out the need to have the federal government as an equal partner and the importance of being specific as to what participation is expected of the federal government. The members agreed with Ms. Vanderhuy.

Mr. Connolly moved that NVTA requests that legislation be introduced in the General Assembly to implement the Blue Ribbon Panel's recommendations contingent upon similar actions being taken by WMATA's other funding partners, including federal, state and local governments; that the Governors of Virginia and Maryland and the Mayor of the District of Columbia make implementation of the Blue Ribbon Panel's recommendations a high priority in their joint discussions and actions; and that appropriate federal officials take action to implement the Blue Ribbon Panel's recommendations for federal financial support for WMATA. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

### 3. *Discussion of TIP Amendments*

Mr. Biesiadny reported that there are two parts to the TIP amendments, the first being the installation of 25 traffic monitoring cameras in Arlington County, moving funding from FY04 to FY05 and adding \$38,000 for increased construction costs.

The second part is reprogramming \$705,000 in unused CMAQ funds in Prince William County from one Route 234 bike trail to another (\$215,000) and a park-and-ride lot near I-66 and Route 234 (\$490,000).

### Committee Reports

Ms. Vanderhye reported the subcommittee recommends "TransAction 2030: Transportation for Today and Tomorrow" for the 2020 Plan update and moved the recommendation. The motion was seconded and carried, with Mr. Zimmerman opposed.

### Other Business

Mr. Euille voiced his support for Metrorail to Dulles, not having arrived when the vote was taken on Resolution No. 05-05.

Mr. Biesiadny requested a subcommittee be formed to work with staff on the public opinion survey. Chairman Snyder appointed Ms. Vanderhye as chairman. Messrs. Zimmerman and Connolly volunteered to serve.

### Adjournment

Chairman Snyder adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.