



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 17, 2020

5:00 PM

NVTA Offices

Meeting Held via WebEx and Live Streamed on YouTube

SUMMARY MINUTES

1. Call to Order Chair Randall

- ✓ Chair Randall called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.
- ✓ Attendees:
 - Members: Chair Randall; Chair Wheeler, Mayor Wilson,
 - Other Elected Officials: Supervisor Walter Alcorn (Fairfax County)
 - Staff: Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Michael Longhi (CFO); Peggy Teal (Assistant Finance Officer), Dev Priya Sen (Financial Analyst);
 - Other Attendees: Tracy Baynard (McGuireWoods Consulting LLC); Daniel Robinson (Council of Counsels – Fairfax County); Rob Dickerson (Council of Counsels – Prince William County); Steve Maclsaac (Council of Counsels – Arlington County)
 - Other Attendees: Jurisdictional and agency staff attended the meeting via the Authority’s YouTube channel

2. Resolution Finding the Need to Conduct the December 17, 2020 Governance and Personnel Committee Meeting Electronically NVTA Council of Counsels

Chair Randall

Recommended Action: Adoption of Resolution

Mayor Wilson made the motion to adopt Resolution to Find the Need to Conduct Meeting by Electronic Communication Means during the Governor’s Declared State of Emergency during COVID-19 Pandemic; seconded by Chair Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Meeting Summary

Mayor Wilson moved approval of the minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting; seconded by Chair Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item

4. Adoption of the 2021 Legislative Program

Ms. Backmon, Executive Director
Ms. Baynard, MWC, LLC

Recommended Action: Recommend Authority adoption of the 2021 Legislative Program

- ✓ Chair Randall requested Ms. Baynard highlight any information for the upcoming General Assembly 2021 Session.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard briefed that on December 16, 2020, the Governor presented revenue reforecasts and additional budget amendments for FY 21-22.
- ✓ On January 13, 2021, General Assembly convenes a short session, where the Senate has set a 12 Bill limit, and the House has set a 7 Bill limit. The House likely will take 5 days to approve a procedural resolution.
- ✓ She noted that the Governor's budget included \$50 million to support extending intercity passenger rail service from Roanoke to the Blacksburg-Christiansburg area, and to increase intercity passenger rail service on the I-81/Route 29 Corridor from Washington, DC.
- ✓ VDOT is given \$5 million to create a new multi-use trail initiative and CTB has to set guidelines.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard concluded by noting that there we no major Bills for transportation in the Governor's introduced budget.
- ✓ Ms. Backmon added that the Authority does not anticipate any major transportation initiatives in the upcoming General Assembly Session and noted that a \$32 million balance remains as part of Authority's full restoration.

Mayor Wilson moved the recommendation of the approval of the 2021 Legislative Program subject to the amendment of page 3, Item 1C; seconded by Chair Randall. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Information Item

5. Preparation for the 2021 General Assembly Session (PowerPoint)

Ms. Backmon, Executive Director
Ms. Baynard, MWC, LLC

- ✓ Ms. Baynard noted that the FY2021-2022 Budget Reforecast and Amendments will prioritize any new available funds, where one-time requests will get the priority.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard informed that COVID-19 will continue to dominate matters:
 - Revenue impact for state and local governments
 - Assistance needed for individuals and companies
 - Healthcare response – vaccination distribution
 - Distribution of any additional Federal relief funds

- ✓ The Governor has proposed funding for Criminal Justice Reforms (Marijuana legalization and to fine tune matters from special session) as well as Racial and Economic Equality initiatives.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard noted that the 2021 is an Election year for the House of Delegates and statewide offices, and several legislative members are running for statewide office.
- ✓ The 2021 focus areas for the Authority:
 - Require any proposed change to Authority revenue sources include a repayment plan to restore lost funding.
 - Protect Authority's ability to meet its mission:
 - Conflicts on projects may prompt attacks on the Authority's powers and constitutionality
 - Citizen outreach to state legislators complaining about actions the Authority has taken to fund projects requested by localities.
 - Support efforts to provide permanent flexibility to hold virtual business meetings intime of health and safety concerns.
 - Support quick and equitable distribution of any federal relief funds for transportation to transit operators.
- ✓ Chair Randall noted that the restoration of money should not be done with new taxes Northern Virginia.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard concluded that once the NVTA 2021 State and Federal Legislative Program is adopted by the Authority, a one pager will be distributed to the General Assembly highlighting the work done by the Authority.

6. Adjournment: 5:22 PM

**Next Scheduled Meeting: January 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM
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