

NVTC COMMISSION MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2006 8:00P.M.

NVTC CONFERENCE ROOM

NOTE: A buffet supper will be available for attendees prior to the meeting.

<u>AGENDA</u>

1. Oath of Office for New Commissioner.

Paul Smedberg of Alexandria will be joining NVTC as a new commissioner.

<u>Recommended Action:</u> Chairman Connolly will administer the oath of office.

2. Minutes of NVTC Meeting of September 7, 2006.

Recommended Action: Approval.

3. VRE Items.

- A. Report from the VRE Operations Board and VRE Chief Executive Officer (with minutes of the VRE Board meeting of September 15, 2006)—<u>Information Item.</u>
- B. Contract Amendment with Scheidt & Bachmann for Fare Collection Equipment Maintenance—<u>Action Item/Resolution #2038.</u>

4. Transit on I-95/395 HOV/HOT Lanes.

Transit system representatives have identified a list of concerns. Representatives of Fluor-Transurban have been invited to meet with NVTC.

<u>Recommended Action:</u> Following discussion, direct staff on desired next steps.



5. Comments on FTA Proposed Policy Regarding HOT Lanes as Fixed Guideway Miles.

The Federal Transit Administration is requesting comments on a proposed policy that would not allow new HOT lanes to be counted as fixed guideway miles in federal transit allocation formulas.

<u>Recommended Action:</u> Authorize Chairman Connolly to submit comments to FTA asking that the policy be broadened to allow new HOT lanes to be counted as fixed guideway miles. Given this region's intent to construct new HOT lanes, a broader policy would bring more transit funding here.

6. Analysis of A.M. Peak Period Travel in Northern Virginia's I-66 Corridor.

At NVTC's request, MWCOG, with funding from VDOT, has completed a draft final report documenting the results of a traffic count at a screenline at Glebe Road in the I-66 corridor in fall of 2005. This report is the first time MWCOG has performed a corridor-specific count over two days including transit. Staff will illustrate the highlights.

<u>Recommended Action</u>: Authorize staff to issue a media release on the positive results for public transit and ridesharing in the corridor.

7. NVTC Statement for November 1, 2006 CTB Public Meeting.

CTB will conduct its annual fall public meeting at the Fairfax County Government Center.

<u>Recommended Action:</u> Authorize Chairman Connolly or his designee to present the proposed statement.

8. Legislative Items.

- A. Special Session of the General Assembly.
- B. Transit Shortfalls by Legislative District.
- C. The Facts About Relative Transit and Automobile Operating Costs.
- D. Meeting with Speaker Howell.

Discussion Item.

9. FY 2006 Transit Ridership and Trends in Northern Virginia.

NVTC staff has compiled the most recent data available and very encouraging ridership growth continues. Ridership is up 7% in the past year and 17% since FY 2002. A media release has been issued.

Presentation Item.

10. Congestion Mitigation Demonstration.

The status of ongoing discussions among the jurisdictions will be reported.

Discussion Item.

11. Metro Items.

- A. Correspondence.
- B. Allocation of New Metro Railcars.

Discussion Item.

12. Regional Transportation Items.

- A. Installation of SmarTrip Fareboxes at DASH.
- B. New Census Bureau Releases on D.C. Metro Area Commuting.
- C. Virginia AARP Forum on Senior Mobility.
- D. VTA Fall Conference.
- E. Tour of Northern Virginia Transit Facilities and Services.
- F. Final Approval of NVTA's 2030 Plan.

Information Item.

13. NVTC Financial Items for August, 2006.

Reports are provided.

Information Item.

14. Closed Session for Personnel Item (Section 2.2.-3711.A.(1) of the Code of Virginia).