

# NVTC COMMISSION MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007 NVTC CONFERENCE ROOM 8:00 P.M.

NOTE: A buffet supper will be provided for attendees.

## **AGENDA**

1. Minutes of NVTC Meeting of February 1, 2007.

Recommended Action: Approval.

2. Metrorail Service Issues.

Steve Feil, WMATA's Chief Operating Officer for Rail Services, has been invited to be present to respond to questions and concerns.

Presentation and Discussion Item.

3. Request for Proposals for Alexandria Transit Improvement Project.

NVTC staff is managing this project for Alexandria. It will demonstrate transit improvements resulting from the city's new Wi-Fi internet service. A technical consultant is required. Funding is provided entirely from federal grants and Alexandria's matching funds.

<u>Recommended Action:</u> Authorize NVTC staff to issue a Request for Proposals for a technical consultant using grant funds.



# 4. Federal Grant Application for Arlington's Crystal City/Potomac Yard Corridor.

Arlington has asked NVTC to apply for a federal grant of \$770,000 as part of a major transportation improvement project in Crystal City.

<u>Recommended Action:</u> Approve Resolution #2055 authorizing NVTC to submit the application, execute the grant and manage the flow of grant funds on behalf of Arlington County. Arlington staff will manage the improvement project.

## 5. Legislative Items.

NVTC members will review highlights of the 2007 General Assembly session and discuss next steps.

Recommended Action: Offer direction to staff about any required follow up action, including possible letters to the Governor and key legislators.

## 6. Urban Partnership Agreement for Congestion Pricing.

Staff will introduce a proposed course of action to urge VDOT/DRPT to apply for an Urban Partnership Agreement and related federal grants. Final action will be requested at NVTC's April 4, 2007 meeting.

Recommended Action: Authorize a letter to Secretary Homer and direct staff to continue to gather information and comments.

# 7. Review Draft Code Orange/Red Evaluation Survey.

Commissioners have requested an opportunity to review the draft onboard passenger survey prepared by NVTC's consultants and staff advisory group to evaluate free bus fares on Ozone Alert Days.

<u>Recommended Action:</u> Offer any revisions and authorize staff to administer the revised survey.

# 8. Grant Application to Improve Northern Virginia's Bus Shelters.

Staff will provide a description of how shelters/stops are located and managed, including ongoing efforts to develop a regional database. A consultant study is suggested to develop a region-wide plan for coordinated improvements that considers better access.

<u>Recommended Action:</u> Authorize sending a grant letter of interest to VDOT.

#### 9. NVTC's Annual Transit Performance Update.

FY 2006 data are now available. Average daily ridership on Northern Virginia's transit systems continues to climb.

<u>Recommended Action:</u> Authorize a media release on the excellent transit performance registered by Northern Virginia's transit systems.

#### 10. Status of \$40 Million for WMATA Railcars.

Staff will report on the status of NVTC's request to Secretary Homer and DRPT for the release of \$40 million appropriated by the 2005 General Assembly for Metro railcars.

Discussion Item.

#### 11.VRE Items.

A report from the VRE Operations Board and VRE Chief Executive Officer will be provided.

Information Item.

## 12. Regional Transportation Items.

- A. Public Transportation and Petroleum Savings in the U.S.
- B. Communications from the Public.
- C. SmarTrip Farebox Installation at DASH.
- D. I-95/395 HOT Lane Project Update.

Information Item.

## 13. Northern Virginia Transit Tour.

Matt Tucker, Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, has been invited to tour Northern Virginia's transit systems on March 22-23, 2007 along with Deputy Transportation Secretary Kasprowicz and VDOT Commissioner Ekern. Commissioners are invited to participate.

Information Item.

# 14. NVTC Financial Reports for January, 2007.

Information Item.