

MINUTES  
NVTC COMMISSION MEETING – MAY 1, 2014  
NVTC CONFERENCE ROOM – ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

The meeting of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman Snyder at 8:06 P.M.

**Members Present**

Barbara Comstock  
John Cook  
James Dyke  
Jay Fisette  
Catherine Hudgins  
Mary Hynes  
Jeff McKay  
J. Randall Minchew  
Jennifer Mitchell (DRPT alternate)  
Ken Reid  
Thomas Rust  
Paul Smedberg  
David F. Snyder  
J. Walter Tejada  
Jennifer Wexton

**Members Absent**

Richard Black  
Sharon Bulova  
William Euille  
John Foust  
Jeff Greenfield  
James LeMunyon

**Staff Present**

Kelley Coyner  
Rhonda Gilchrest  
Claire Gron  
Scott Kalkwarf  
Jillian Linnell  
Kala Quintana  
Melissa Walker  
Doug Allen (VRE)  
Bryan Jungwirth (VRE)  
Steve MacIsaac (VRE)  
Joe Swartz (VRE)

Vice-Chairman Snyder stated that Chairman Smedberg will be delayed due to a conflict with an Alexandria Council budget meeting.

#### Oath of Office for New Commissioners

Vice-Chairman Snyder announced that Delegate J. Randall Minchew and Delegate James LeMunyon have been appointed to NVTC replacing Delegates May and Ramadan. Senator Jennifer Wexton has also been appointed to NVTC filling the vacancy left when Mark Herring was elected Attorney General. Vice-Chairman Snyder administered the oath of office to Senator Wexton and Delegate Minchew. The Commission welcomed them to NVTC.

Vice-Chairman Snyder announced that Mr. Dyke has been appointed by Governor McAuliffe to serve as one of the six new members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Commissioners congratulated him.

#### NVTC's 50<sup>th</sup> Resolution

Delegate Rust stated that it was a pleasure and honor to patron House Joint Resolution #248 along with many of his colleagues in recognizing NVTC's 50 years of service. He stated that NVTC has been the leader in transit in Northern Virginia and he commended the work done by present and former elected officials. He then presented a framed resolution to Vice-Chairman Snyder on behalf of the Commission.

Ms. Coyner stated that commemorative copies of the resolution were prepared for individual Commissioners and copies will be sent to former Commissioners and staff, as well as present and former jurisdictional staff honoring their many years of service to NVTC. At the request of Vice-Chairman Snyder, a photo will be taken with Commissioners and staff after the meeting.

#### Approval of the Minutes

Mrs. Hynes moved, with a second by Mr. McKay, to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2014 NVTC Meeting. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Cook, Dyke, Fisette, Hudgins, Hynes, McKay, Reid, Snyder and Tejada. Commissioners Minchew, Rust and Wexton abstained.

#### Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mrs. Hynes and a second by Mr. Dyke, the Commission unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, which includes the following items:

- Resolution #2246: Appoint Steve MacIsaac as NVTC Legal Counsel

- Resolution #2247: Appoint Sharon Bulova to the NVTC/PRTC Joint Audit Committee
- Resolution #2248: Endorse the DDOT Long Bridge TIGER Planning Grant Application and VRE's Committed Match

The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Cook, Dyke, Fisette, Hudgins, Hynes, McKay, Minchew, Reid, Rust, Snyder, Tejada and Wexton.

### Executive Director's Report

Ms. Coyner explained that the Executive Director's report now includes all the items that relate to the work of NVTC.

NVTC Financial Report. Ms. Coyner reported that NVTC is on target for the FY 2014 Budget. NVTC's audit firm PBMares, LLC, is scheduled to be on-site the first week of June to perform preliminary work for the FY 2014 audit and will return in early September to complete the audit work. She also reported that as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, NVTC has received all outstanding grant revenue that was held up due to delays in executing the project agreements.

Chairman Smedberg and Delegate Comstock arrived at 8:14 P.M.

Mr. Reid expressed his concern about the amount NVTC is paying for rent. Ms. Coyner stated that NVTC is concluding the second year of its 10-year lease. It is her understanding that when NVTC entered into the current lease agreement the amount of rent was less than the previous lease.

VRE Management Audit. Ms. Coyner stated that NVTC has executed a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) for the Management Audit of VRE which will occur over the next six months. The Kick-Off meeting is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> with PB and the NVTC and PRTC Executive Directors, which will be followed by interviews with members of the VRE Operations Board and the Commissions. Mr. Cook stated that the audit will be looking at how the oversight function of NVTC and the VRE Operations Board is working among other issues.

Draft Six-Year Improvement Plan (SYIP). Ms. Coyner reported that Vice-Chairman Snyder delivered NVTC's testimony to the Commonwealth Transportation Board at the public hearing on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Coyner gave a brief overview of NVTC's testimony.

Ms. Mitchell announced that in regards to the ridership calculation for state operating assistance, DRPT has agreed to the methodology which is based on NVTC's proposal. She also stated that with agreement from NVTC, DRPT will add the Silver

Line Phase II funding back into the pool of available funding. This along with the ridership recalculation will be reflected in the final SYIP.

Chairman Smedberg stated that this is exciting news about the resolution of the ridership calculation issue. In response to a question from Mr. Fisette, Ms. Coyner observed that this has been an issue NVTC has been working on for over six months to make sure that all trips that touch Virginia are counted as part of the operating calculation. The way it is currently calculated is that only trips taken by Virginia riders from Metro jurisdictions are counted, which impacts the region by a loss of about \$1.3 million annually. Mr. Fisette noted that Director Mitchell's announcement is especially important when looking at what it costs to operate and maintain the Metro system and how it is important to count every rider. This will now allow Northern Virginia to get the full credit for everyone who is using Metro. Ms. Coyner also noted that the region is now being treated the same as others in the Commonwealth using a common set of standards and audited data. Ms. Mitchell stated that in fairness it has been a difficult issue throughout the TSDAC process because Metrorail is very different than the other systems in the state.

Ms. Mitchell stated that in regards to streamlining project grant agreements, DRPT is in agreement to go back to having NVTC as the grantee. For the local systems DRPT will ask for an agent letter to document the jurisdiction's request to have NVTC serve as the grantee. This should significantly reduce the number of agreements and make the process more efficient.

Mr. McKay reminded the Commission that this has been an issue for the last several years and Director Mitchell's announcement is a big deal and momentous news. Mr. Fisette thanked DRPT for their willingness to seek a solution because in the end it's about efficiency and this will free up jurisdictional staff time and energy. Ms. Mitchell stated that it will also free up DRPT staff time.

Route 7 Alternatives Analysis (Phase II). Ms. Coyner announced that the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority approved the project agreement for the Phase II of the Route 7 Alternatives Analysis subject to the General Assembly approving the state budget. NVTC staff will meet with the lead consultant and reactivate the Technical Advisory Committee so the project is ready to go when the funds are released. Claire Gron will serve as lead on project management.

Key Milestones/Dates for WMATA. Ms. Coyner reviewed several upcoming meeting dates and noted that a schedule is being developed for the Capital Funding Agreement (CFA).

Chairman Snyder thanked Vice-Chairman Snyder for chairing the meeting in his absence. Vice-Chairman Snyder handed over the gavel to Chairman Smedberg.

### New Electronic Payments Program (NEPP)

Ms. Coyner reported that Resolution #2249 will authorize her to execute a contract for NEPP Technical Consulting Support Services with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for an initial five tasks with the option to extend the contract pending available funding. The contract is not to exceed \$200,000 for these initial five tasks. In response to a question from Chairman Smedberg, Ms. Coyner stated that this work is to support the participating entities of Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, the City of Alexandria, the City of Fairfax, PRTC and VRE in order to vet and understand the pilot phase of the project and to be ready for implementation. There is also a technical assistance component and NVTC will work with the jurisdictions on funding acquisition for this new system.

Delegate Rust observed that there was only one firm that submitted a proposal. Ms. Coyner explained that using general engineering contracts previously competed with DRPT, NVTC put the task out for bid. Only Kimley-Horn and Associates responded.

Mrs. Hynes moved, with a second by Mr. Reid, to approve Resolution #2249 (copy attached). The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Comstock, Cook, Dyke, Fisette, Hudgins, Hynes, McKay, Minchew, Reid, Rust, Smedberg, Snyder, Tejada and Wexton.

### VRE

Report from the VRE Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Allen reported that he and VRE's Chief Operating Officer attended a briefing by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in New York to review the FRA report on the Metro North accidents. The meeting was well attended by commuter rail Chief Executive Officers and Chief Operating Officers and there was a discussion on the issue of complacency and the need to keep the focus on safety as the top priority. Currently, VRE is reviewing all of its safety and security practices.

Mr. Allen also reported that the Transportation Security Administration conducted its biennial baseline assessment of VRE's security enhancements. VRE scored 99 percent, which is the highest score received by any system throughout the country.

Mr. Allen also reported that on-time performance (OTP) reached 95 percent for the month of April. VRE held its first Meet the Management event yesterday. He invited Commissioners to participate in these events and meet the riders. Chairman Smedberg stated that he participated last year and it was a great learning experience and rewarding to interact with the riders.

Keolis Rail Services Virginia Operations and Maintenance Contract. Mr. Allen stated that the VRE Operations Board recommends Commission approval of Resolution #2250, which will approve the Keolis contract for operations and maintenance services by \$20,115,047 for a total contract value not to exceed \$95,596,554 for the fifth year of

service through June 30, 2015. The increases are primarily due to service enhancements in the form of adding one Fredericksburg line train and a 0.96 percent CPI increase to fix cost services as required by the contract.

Mr. Cook moved, with a second by Mr. McKay, to approve Resolution #2250 (copy attached).

Mr. Allen explained that the Keolis contract is structured in three five-year contracts with one-year options. This is the fifth option year of the first five-year term. The VRE Operations Board will continue to discuss the direction of the next five-year contract term. Chairman Smedberg stated that since Keolis took over operations VRE has seen a substantial increase in ratings in terms of operations, efficiency, and customer service. Mr. Allen stated that because of Keolis' success with VRE, it is now operating the Boston MBTA system.

The Commission then voted on the motion and it passed. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Comstock, Cook, Dyke, Fisette, Hudgins, Hynes, McKay, Minchew, Rust, Smedberg, Tejada and Wexton. Mr. Reid and Mr. Snyder abstained.

#### NVTC's FY 2015 Budget

Chairman Smedberg thanked Commissioners and NVTC and jurisdictional staff for all the time, effort and discussions that have gone into the proposed budget over the last three weeks. He asked Ms. Coyner to give a brief presentation on the proposed budget. Ms. Coyner stated that the budget was developed to focus on the Commission's priorities and to sustain the momentum of the goals adopted in the Work Program. The proposed FY 2015 budget is geared to strengthen the technical and management capacity of NVTC as well as jump start some key initiatives including an assessment of regional planning to ensure a strong regional transit network. Ms. Coyner put in context the relationship of the resources available to NVTC and the magnitude of NVTC's financial management responsibilities. Since FY 2010 there has been a significant increase in the amount of state assistance Northern Virginia has received. NVTC's G&A Budget is one percent of that assistance. Ms. Coyner stated that the trend over time had been a decrease in the amount of funding directed to NVTC. NVTC had 11 full-time employees over a decade ago, but when she joined NVTC last year she became the 7<sup>th</sup> full-time employee.

Ms. Coyner explained that the key elements of this budget proposal is to make sure NVTC maintains and strengthens its capacity, especially in financial management and increased technical and management expertise. The budget includes the addition of two full-time positions – a senior transit program position and a second mid level planner. Ms. Coyner reviewed some of the work at stake if the full budget is not approved, which includes support of the Northern Virginia Delegation and state agencies, issues related to core capacity of WMATA and key work on the economic benefits of transit.

Mr. Cook stated that Fairfax County staff has some concerns about NVTC adding two new full-time positions above the two part-time converted to full-time positions all in one year. It may be more manageable to wait to hire the executive officer position until the next fiscal year. He also asked Ms. Coyner to give a description of the executive officer position. Ms. Coyner stated that the two part-time positions converted to full-time have already occurred and are not part of the FY 2015 budget proposal. The Secretary-Receptionist position was converted to a Technology & Information Resources Coordinator in order to have appropriate IT internal controls. That function had been under the Chief Financial Officer and the auditors advised NVTC to make this change. This position also handles all the technology management and website redesign. The second position expanded the Commission Secretary role to manage the production of the agenda and meeting materials and to do strategic scheduling. In percentages, it looks like a big increase but two employees is not a lot. Ms. Coyner stated that she realizes that the hiring of the two positions will probably not happen at the same time.

Ms. Coyner also stated that she looked at what was needed to sustain the work NVTC is doing and did not present a budget that she believes that NVTC ultimately needs in the future. She explained that one of the unanswered questions is about federal funding stream and how increases or decreases in federal grant activity may require NVTC to restructure how it manages federal grants.

Ms. Coyner stated that in hindsight the title "executive officer" did not clearly reflect the job description. It is a hybrid position of a senior level professional with experience that can both assist with management but primarily use transit expertise on high priority efforts. It was never meant to be a position replacing the Executive Director's job of managing staff.

Mr. McKay moved, with a second by Delegate Rust, to approve the FY 2015 Budget.

Mr. Reid stated that his Board has authorized him to support NVTC's budget with the two new positions with the clear understanding that these positions are not to be utilized for lobbying activity. He also stated that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors requests that one of these two new positions be involved in overseeing the WMATA Budget and provide an annual report to NVTC prior to WMATA adopting its budget. He moved this as a friendly amendment and agreed that it would be at the discretion of the Executive Director which position would oversee this.

Mr. Fisette stated that he has some concerns of having localities begin to micromanage the Executive Director's use of staff. Ms. Coyner suggested that instead of assigning it to a specific position it could be the responsibility of the Executive Director to make sure that the task is completed. Mr. Reid agreed to this. He further stated that the Code clearly states NVTC has an oversight role over public funds. Loudoun County is going to be part of the WMATA Compact but will not have a seat on the WMATA Board. He would like to have a discussion of the WMATA Budget here at NVTC prior to WMATA adopting its budget.

Ms. Coyner clearly stated for the record that neither of the two new positions will be involved in lobbying activities. NVTC wants to be the “go-to” resource for the legislature and other state agencies, but is not looking for these positions to be a legislative liaison or in a role to trigger the requirement to register as a lobbyist.

Mr. McKay stated that he cannot accept Mr. Reid’s friendly amendment to his main motion. He stated that there is a fine line between what one might consider lobbying. He suspects that every NVTC employee is an advocate for transit. It is not acceptable to say they cannot promote this organization to anyone who might be a stakeholder.

Mr. Reid then moved to amend the main motion to include a provision that these positions will not be involved in lobbying activities. Delegate Minchew seconded the motion. The votes in favor were cast by Commissioners Comstock, Minchew, Reid and Snyder. The votes against were cast by Commissioners Cook, Dyke, Fisette, Hudgins, Hynes, McKay, Rust, Smedberg, Tejada and Wexton. The motion failed and Mr. McKay’s original motion remained on the table.

Mr. Reid asked to include a friendly amendment on the WMATA issue so that NVTC will receive a report on the WMATA budget prior to adoption. Mr. McKay stated that he would accept this friendly amendment given that the Executive Director has the discretion of how the information is provided before WMATA adopts its budget.

Mrs. Hynes stated that as a WMATA Board member she is unclear of what would be required but suggested staff come back with how it could be implemented. As Mr. Reid noted earlier, she stated that the WMATA budget is available on WMATA’s website. Also, as a future Compact jurisdiction, Loudoun County staff can participate in the Jurisdictional Coordinating Committee. Mr. Reid stated that Commissioners should be given a copy of the budget or a summary before the discussion at NVTC. Mrs. Hynes clarified that her only purpose in asking the question was her desire to satisfy Mr. Reid’s request.

Mrs. Hudgins stated that WMATA is committed to being transparent and accountable. If a Compact jurisdiction wants a copy of the entire budget it is provided by WMATA and it’s also available on the website. She observed that the most involved part of the budget is input from the riders and advisory groups. Mr. Dyke observed that WMATA General Manager Sarles was present at NVTC’s last meeting and gave an update on the budget.

Chairman Smedberg stated that he understands the spirit of Mr. Reid’s request in terms of highlighting key initiatives in the WMATA budget for NVTC discussion. He asked if Mr. McKay would accept Mr. Reid’s friendly amendment. Ms. Coyner suggested that in order to address Mr. Reid’s concerns, the Commission could direct her to put together a plan working with its WMATA Board members and staff, to provide a way to have a more robust discussion on the WMATA budget prior to its adoption. Mr. McKay asked if Mr. Reid was comfortable with this approach. Mr. Reid stated that he does not have confidence that it will be on the agenda next January and no



confidence that the new positions won't do lobbying activities. Mr. McKay observed that if Mr. Reid is not comfortable with this then it is no longer a friendly amendment.

Mr. Snyder stated that he is confident that no NVTC employee has lobbied as that law described and nor should they. He also stated that he is voting for the budget under the assumption that if a Commissioner wants to discuss and review any issue it will be put on the agenda.

The Commission then voted on the original motion to approve the FY 2015 budget. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Cook, Dyke, Fisette, Hudgins, Hynes, McKay, Rust, Smedberg, Snyder, Tejada and Wexton. Commissioners Comstock, Minchew and Reid voted no. The vote passed.

### Commonwealth and Regional Agency Reports

WMATA. Mrs. Hudgins reported that the WMATA Board adopted the FY 2015 Operating Budget, which is a \$779 million budget representing a six percent increase over FY 2014. The Finance and Administrative Committee is expected to approve the FY 2015 Capital Budget on May 8<sup>th</sup> with full adoption by the WMATA Board on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mrs. Hudgins stated that WMATA is reviewing the MetroAccess program. WMATA is compelled to provide paratransit service to the entire region it serves. It is a huge subsidy of \$52 per trip. It is important to get as many MetroAccess riders that are capable to use fixed rail transit. She also noted that the more the region is able to provide associated support of the infrastructure, such as sidewalks, accessible bus stops, and accessible bus service, it will reduce the subsidy cost. WMATA is working with the jurisdictions on this issue.

Mr. McKay asked if WMATA has looked at interviewing MetroAccess users to see if trends can be identified of where the highest MetroAccess ridership is occurring by corridor. He stated that it is important to be able to see gaps where the infrastructure needs improvement in order to determine if a larger investment today in accessibility will save money in the future. Mrs. Hudgins stated that some of these trends have already been identified. Prince Georges County has the highest number of MetroAccess customers. Fairfax County's paratransit users are split between MetroAccess and Fairfax County transport contractors on the number of accessible bus stops within the region. She stated that information can be provided at the next meeting. WMATA is also working on key performance indicators. If WMATA can shift paratransit users to fixed transit it will reduce \$600 in costs per rider.

Mrs. Hynes stated that WMATA received a small TIGER grant and identified 57 bus stops in the region that if they were accessible there could be a significant decrease in MetroAccess costs. Staff is now vetting the list of bus stops. She explained that a person who is deemed eligible for MetroAccess can ride free on fixed rail, but must pay for MetroAccess service. When new applicants are interviewed for eligibility into the MetroAccess system they are asked to location of the nearest bus stop. Mr. McKay

observed that the number of people eligible for MetroAccess will continue to grow, so the region needs to find solutions now.

Mrs. Hudgins stated that in regards to the Federal Transit Administration's Financial Management Oversight (FMO) Audit, the WMATA Board adopted new policies with respect to grants management and procurement. Mr. Dyke stated that the WMATA Board was very hands on with suggestions to make sure WMATA is responding to FTA and putting into place practices that will improve the system. WMATA plans to implement nearly all of the changes contained in the response within 90 days of FTA releasing its final report.

Mrs. Hynes explained that the Capital Funding Agreement (CFA) intersects with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP). Funding for Momentum and Metro 2025 is a big request and there will be a tremendous amount of work needed to complete the CFA by December 2014.

Department of Rail and Public Transportation. Ms. Mitchell stated that the Commonwealth Transportation Board is in the middle of nine public hearings throughout the Commonwealth on the draft SYIP. She also announced that DRPT plans to expand its presence in Northern Virginia and will opening an office co-located at the VDOT offices. She also stated that as previously announced Jim Dyke has been appointed to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. She is personally pleased because he will bring a wealth of experience in transit and WMATA issues. She also stated that there were previously two at-large seats allocated to Hampton Roads. Now, with the new CTB appointments, there will be one at-large seat for Hampton Roads and another at-large seat for Northern Virginia. She also announced that Mr. Allen has been invited to the May 13<sup>th</sup> CTB meeting in Charlottesville to give a presentation on VRE's System Plan.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. Ms. Coyner announced that NVTA unanimously selected Monica Backmon as the new NVTA Executive Director. Ms. Backmon will assume her new position on May 12, 2014. Ms. Coyner stated that Ms. Backmon has been invited to the next NVTC meeting.

Transportation Planning Board. Mr. Snyder stated that the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) voted to extend an invitation to Fauquier County to join TPB.

Livable Communities Leadership Award. Chairman Smedberg announced that on May 16<sup>th</sup> Mr. Tejada will be presented with the 2014 Livable Communities Leadership Award from the Coalition for Smarter Growth. Commissioners congratulated Mr. Tejada.

Adjournment

Mr. Snyder moved, with a second by Mr. Fisette, to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, Chairman Smedberg adjourned the meeting at 9:36 P.M.

Approved this fifth day of June, 2014.

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Paul C. Smedberg  
Chairman

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Jay Fisette  
Secretary-Treasurer



## **RESOLUTION #2246**

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of NVTC Legal Counsel.

**WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board, and its sponsors, NVTC and PRTC, have used the services of Stephen A. MacIsaac as legal counsel for all VRE related matters since its inception;

**WHEREAS:** Mr. MacIsaac, formerly the Deputy County Attorney for Prince William County, is now the County Attorney for Arlington County;

**WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission has also used the services of Mr. MacIsaac as legal counsel on Commission related issues; and

**WHEREAS:** Subject to the concurrence of the Arlington County Board, NVTC wishes to formalize its relationship with Mr. MacIsaac as NVTC's legal counsel.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission authorizes the continued services of Stephen A. MacIsaac as legal counsel in all NVTC related matters.

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day May 2014.

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Jay Fisette  
Secretary-Treasurer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul C. Smedberg", written over a horizontal line.  
Paul C. Smedberg  
Chairman



**Resolution #2247**

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of NVTC Member to the PRTC/NVTC Joint Audit Committee.

**WHEREAS:** At its October 2013 meeting, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) authorized the creation of the Joint Audit Committee (JAC) and approved initial appointments to the Joint Audit Committee;

**WHEREAS:** The Joint Audit Committee is comprised of the five members of the VRE Executive Committee plus a sixth appointment made by whichever Commission has fewer members on the VRE Executive Committee so the six-member Joint Audit Committee is always divided equally between the two Commissions;

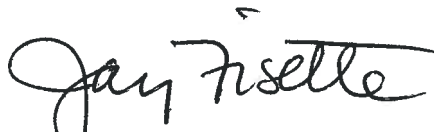
**WHEREAS:** For 2014, two of NVTC's Commissioners are serving as VRE Executive Committee members (John Cook as VRE Operations Board Vice-Chairman and Paul Smedberg as VRE Operations Board Treasurer/Immediate Past Chairman), having been appointed to these positions by the VRE Operations Board at its January 2014 meeting;

**WHEREAS:** The Commission needs to appoint one other Commissioner to the Joint Audit Committee for 2014; and

**WHEREAS:** NVTC Chairman Smedberg has recommended that Sharon Bulova be appointed to the Joint Audit Committee for 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby appoint Sharon Bulova to serve as the third NVTC Joint Audit Committee member for 2014, joining Commissioners John Cook and Paul Smedberg.

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2014.

  
Jay Fisette  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
Paul C. Smedberg  
Chairman



### **Resolution #2248**

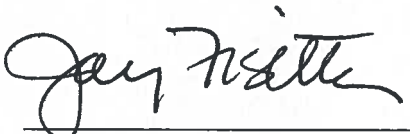
- SUBJECT:** Endorse the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) Long Bridge TIGER Planning Grant Application and VRE's Committed Match.
- WHEREAS:** The VRE System Plan 2040 identified the expansion of railroad capacity, including expansion of the Long Bridge across the Potomac River, as a critical need to support long-term VRE growth and service expansion;
- WHEREAS:** The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) is nearing completion of the Long Bridge Study, a comprehensive study of the existing two-track bridge and identification of long-term improvements to expand the capacity of the bridge for commuter rail, intercity passenger rail, freight and other multi-modal uses;
- WHEREAS:** The next step in planning for the expansion of the bridge is to refine the bridge concepts developed in the current DDOT study and to initiate NEPA analysis;
- WHEREAS:** VRE has committed to be a partner with DDOT on the application and project;
- WHEREAS:** The TIGER grant application must identify a minimum 20 percent non-federal match to the TIGER grant amount;
- WHEREAS:** DDOT has committed to provide \$700,000 towards the match requirement;
- WHEREAS:** The VRE FY 2015 Capital Budget allocated funding for project development activities such as those proposed to be completed for the Long Bridge expansion project to advance system investments recommended in the System Plan 2040;
- WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board endorses the District of Columbia Department of Transportation's (DDOT) TIGER planning grant application for the Long Bridge expansion;
- WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board authorized the commitment of \$300,000 in VRE project development funds towards the grant's match requirement; and

Res. #2248 Cont'd


**WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board has referred the endorsement of the grant application and match commitment to the Commissions for their formal review and approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission endorses the DDOT Long Bridge TIGER Planning Grant application and VRE's match commitment.

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2014.



Jay Fisette  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
Paul C. Smedberg  
Chairman



## RESOLUTION #2250

**SUBJECT:** Fifth Year of the Keolis Operations and Maintenance Contract.

**WHEREAS:** On October 16, 2009, the VRE Operations Board recommended a contract with Keolis Rail Services Virginia for VRE operating and maintenance services and mobilization in the amount of \$18,459,348 through June 30, 2011;

**WHEREAS:** A contract amendment was recommended on December 17, 2010 to add \$2,085,000 to the contract value to reflect service enhancements, higher than anticipated insurance costs, items added during negotiations, contingency funds, and to remove the requirement that Keolis indemnify VRE for all liability claims arising from the contract service with a value of up to \$5,000,000;

**WHEREAS:** On May 20, 2011, the VRE Operations Board recommended the second contract year, through June 30, 2012, in the amount of \$17,954,527 for a total contract value not to exceed \$38,498,875; and

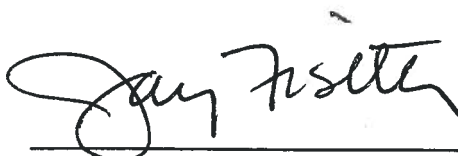
**WHEREAS:** On April 20, 2012, the VRE Operations Board recommended the third contract year, through June 30, 2013, in the amount of \$18,008,591, for a total contract value not to exceed \$56,507,466;


**WHEREAS:** On April 19, 2013, the VRE Operations Board recommended the fourth contract year, through June 30, 2014, in the amount of \$18,974,041, for a total contract value not to exceed \$75,481,507; and

**WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board recommends the Commissions approve the fifth year contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission authorizes the VRE Chief Executive Officer to modify the contract with Keolis Rail Services Virginia, LLC for operations and maintenance services by approving up to \$20,115,047, for a total contract value not to exceed \$95,596,554, for the fifth year of operations through June 30, 2015.

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2014.

  
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Jay Fisette  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
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Paul C. Smedberg  
Chairman