NVTC Commission Meeting
March 3, 2022

The meeting will start momentarily.

Meeting materials available at www.novatransit.org
NVTC March 3, 2022 Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Remarks
2. Recognition of New and Departing Commissioners

3. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve Minutes of
   January 6, 2022 Meeting

4. **ACTION ITEM:** Consent Agenda

5. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
   - WMATA GM/CEO Paul Wiedefeld

6. Report from the Chair of the Program Advisory Committee
   - Commuter Choice
   - Transit Resource Center
   - **ACTION ITEMS:** DRPT Grant Applications for NVTC Program Activities

7. Legislative Update
8. Virginia Railway Express
   - CEO Report and Minutes

9. Department of Rail and Public Transportation
10. Executive Director Report
1. Opening Remarks

2. Recognition of New and Departing Commissioners

   A. Oath of Office for New Commissioners
   B. Recognition of Departing Commissioners
      • ACTION ITEM: Approve a Resolution of Commendation for the Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn on Her Departure from NVTC
      • ACTION ITEM: Approve a Resolution of Commendation for the Honorable Paul Krizek on His Departure from NVTC
      • ACTION ITEM: Approve a Resolution of Commendation for the Honorable David Reid on His Departure from NVTC
      • ACTION ITEM: Approve a Resolution of Commendation for the Honorable Richard Sullivan on His Departure from NVTC

3. Approve Minutes

   Approve Meeting Minutes from the January 6, 2022 Commission Meeting
I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia and that I will faithfully discharge all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, according to the best of my ability.
4. Consent Agenda

A. Appoint Senator Adam Ebbin to the NVTC Executive Committee

B. Authorize the Executive Director to Execute the Marketing Campaign Contracts

C. Approve Resolution #2471: Approve the Submission of State Assistance Applications to DRPT
5. WMATA

A. Presentation by WMATA General Manager/CEO
Paul Wiedefeld
5. WMATA

B. Report from the Virginia WMATA Board Members
C. Report from the Chair of the NVTC WMATA Committee
D. Other WMATA News
6. Report from the Chair of the Program Advisory Committee

A. Commuter Choice
   • I-66 Round Five (FY 2023-2024) Project Eligibility Results

B. Transit Resource Center
   • Envision Route 7 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update

C. DRPT Grant Applications for NVTC Program Activities
   • **ACTION ITEM**: Approve Resolution #2472: Approve the Submission of a Technical Assistance Application to DRPT for a Northern Virginia Regional Zero-Emission Bus Strategic Plan
   • **ACTION ITEM**: Approve Resolution #2473: Approve the Submission of a Technical Assistance Application to DRPT for a Northern Virginia Regional Bus Analysis
A. Commuter Choice

Proposed projects must benefit I-66 Inside the Beltway tollpayers and support corridor improvement goals:

Eligible types of project include:

- Transit service expansions including needed vehicles
- Transit capital improvements - stops, stations, park & rides, dedicated lanes, signal priority
- Roadway improvements in the corridor
- Strategies to improve bike and walk access to transit
- Commuter incentive programs
Commuter Choice: Key Roles and Responsibilities

**Local Jurisdictions and Transit Operators**
- Approve projects selected by Commission
- Collect/receive and distribute funds
- Verify project eligibility
- Receive annual Commuter Choice report

**Program Advisory Committee**
- Develop and adopt program policy
- Select multimodal improvements
- Oversee funded projects
- Develop and adopt annual report to Commonwealth

*NVTC’s Program Advisory Committee serves as an intermediary between individual jurisdictions and the full Commission*

**Local Jurisdictions and Transit Operators**
- Apply for and carry out projects
- Report project performance
## Commuter Choice: Eligibility Screening
### Nine Eligible Applications for $21.8M

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<td>TDM Strategy - Fare Buy-Down on I-66 Commuter Bus Service</td>
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Note: One application (City of Falls Church, Renewal of Bike Share Operations, $250,000) was deemed ineligible and one application (OmniRide, Renewal of Enhanced Bus Service from Gainesville to D.C., $213,621) was withdrawn by its applicant.
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<td>• Approval of program of projects by Commission and CTB</td>
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<td>• Implementation of funded projects begins</td>
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Envision Route 7: Connecting Tysons to Alexandria

Bus Rapid Transit...

connects Tysons and Mark Center...

and serves East Falls Church
Envision Route 7 - Phase 4 Mobility Analysis

- Determine the **mobility (travel time) benefits** to travelers of BRT
- Understand the **impacts of BRT on traffic and traffic operation**
- Conduct a comprehensive public and **stakeholder engagement process** that facilitates an understanding of how a BRT would operate along Route 7
Envision Route 7 – Phase 4 Mobility Analysis Next Steps

- Data Collection
- Existing Traffic Simulation Model
- April PAC Update

- Future Traffic Demand Modeling
- Future Traffic Simulation
- Preparation for Public Outreach

- Public Meeting #1 and Outreach Begins
- Ongoing Traffic Simulation and Demand Modeling Analysis
- Update to the PAC and Commission

Regular engagement with jurisdictional staff throughout the entire study process.
Envision Route 7 Strategic Implementation Plan

• Complementary effort led by NVTC that will serve as a flexible, adaptable strategic roadmap for the Commission and staff

• Key issues to address:
  • Project Governance
  • Phased Implementation
  • Strategic Funding Decisions

• Engagement with PAC, Commission, and at the staff level
• Partnership between Fairfax County and NVTC
• Anticipate seeking approval to release RFP at May Commission meeting
Purpose and Need

• To provide **regional coordination for NVTC partner agencies**, all of whom are currently in the planning stages for transitioning to a low or zero-emission fleet.

• To provide a monthly forum for Northern Virginia partner agency staff to **share information** on zero-emission plans, procurements, and funding, discuss opportunities to work together, as well as provide technical expertise from industry experts.

Objective

• To assist agencies in **building capacity** and **realizing economies of scale** through regional ZEB coordination.

Group Members

• Staff from Northern Virginia transit agencies (ART, CUE, DASH, OmniRide, Loudoun County Transit, Connector) and WMATA.

• Opportunities to involve other agencies and organizations in the region.
ACTION ITEM: Approve Resolution #2472:
Technical Assistance Application for a Northern Virginia Zero-Emission Bus Strategic Plan

- Identify regional zero-emission strategic goals and objectives with a focus on realizing economies of scale;
- Leverage individual agency goals and plans as well as stakeholder input;
- Document strategies and priorities to achieve those strategic goals and objectives;
- Identify and leverage local, state, and federal funding to accomplish the goals laid out in the strategic plan; and
- Identify short, medium, and long-term action items for NVTC to achieve the plan's strategic goals and objectives.

Budget: $480,000 (50% DRPT, 50% Local Match)
ACTION ITEM: Resolution #2473:
Technical Assistance Application for a Northern Virginia Regional Bus Analysis

• Builds on 2016 analysis by NVTC and jurisdictions’ TSPs (Transit Strategic Plans)
• Significant changes to bus service (and transit in general) over the last six years
• Study Purpose:
  • Assess service gaps
  • Identify opportunities for service coordination and shared facilities/infrastructure
  • Regional overview of financial needs
• Budget: $300,000 (50% DRPT, 50% Local Match)
7. Report from the Chair of the Legislative and Policy Committee

A. General Assembly

B. Federal Update
8. Virginia Railway Express

A. VRE CEO Report and Minutes
B. VRE Annual Commission Orientation
9. Department of Rail and Public Transportation

A. DRPT Monthly Report
10. Executive Director’s Report: January and February 2022 Highlights

ULI Washington Lunch & Learn: Prioritizing Effective Infrastructure-Led Development

Invest in Public Transit and Mobility

- Infrastructure and transportation are of great importance for real estate and development issues.
- Public transportation provides the regional framework for commerce, employment and urban development integrated with land use.
- Need frequent and reliable service that is flexible to adapt to changing commuter and usage patterns.
- Fosters public health revitalization without reducing total roadway capacity.
- Generates tremendous real estate value while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants.
10. Executive Director’s Report: January and February 2022 Highlights

Transportation

Metro’s prospects rise as omicron fades, but looming financial shortfall will shape service

The transit agency is likely to face two obvious but unappealing paths forward: Find financial help or cut service.

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10. Executive Director’s Report: March 2022 Highlights

TRANSURBAN CONTRIBUTES $15 MILLION TO COMMUTER CHOICE PROGRAM FOR IMPROVED TRANSIT SERVICE IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

VDOT leverages public-private partnership to invest $45 million to date for the expansion of bus routes, fleets and infrastructure along the I-395/I-95 corridor.

NEWS PROVIDED BY
Transurban
Mar. 02, 2022, 11:56 ET

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 2, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- Today, Transurban announced its third annual contribution of $15 million to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission’s (NVTC) Commuter Choice program to improve transit services for travelers in the Commonwealth. This payment is the result of an agreement between the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Transurban, in which Transurban contributes a portion of its I-395 Express Lanes toll revenue annually toward transit improvements benefitting the I-395/I-95 corridor over the life of the multi-decade public-private partnership concession. This third payment brings the total investment to more than $45 million since 2019.
10. Executive Director’s Report: March 2022 Highlights

The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission salutes the women who’ve helped make NoVa transportation system work better.
Upcoming Events

NVTC Program Advisory Committee
April 14, 2022 (time to be confirmed)

NVTC’s WMATA Committee
April 21, 2022 at 6PM

NVTC Legislative Committee
If Needed
Questions?

A. Commissioner comments and questions
B. Reminder: Next Commission Meeting is **May 5, 2022**
NVTC Commission Meeting
March 3, 2022

Meeting is adjourned. Thank you for attending!

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