NVTC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
NVTC Suite #230 Conference Room
2300 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia
March 2, 2023

NVTC Executive Committee Members Present:
Dalia Palchik, Chair
Canek Aguirre
Walter Alcorn
Sarah Bagley
Adam Ebbin
Matt Letourneau (non-voting member)
Paul Smedberg (non-voting member)
Dave Snyder

NVTC Executive Committee Members Absent:
Matt de Ferranti

Other NVTC Commissioners Present:
Jennifer DeBruhl (via electronic participation)

Staff and Others Present:
Kate Mattice, Executive Director
Genoveva Cutrell
Allan Fye
Scott Kalkwarf
Kirk Dand – Arlington County
Penny Newquist – Loudoun County

Chair Palchik called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. She noted that Ms. DeBruhl is participating electronically from Richmond under the provision of a Commissioner living 60 or more miles away from the meeting location. Ms. Mattice confirmed an in-person quorum was present.

Chair Palchik noted that the summary of the February 2, 2022 Executive Committee meeting was provided and there were no corrections from committee members.

Ms. Mattice previewed the Agenda for the March 2, 2023 NVTC Commission meeting, which follows this committee meeting. The consent agenda includes a request to authorize additional funding for NVTC’s WMATA Operating Funding and Reform Working Group, a request to authorize the chair to send a letter of endorsement for the City of Alexandria’s Application for the Federal Transit Administration’s Low or No Emission Vehicle and Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grants Program and a request to authorize the chair to send a letter of
endorsement for Dominion Energy’s Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Grant application, which is part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Other agenda highlights include a report from WMATA Board members and an update from the NVTC WMATA Committee, including a request to authorize the chair to send a letter to WMATA on the FY 2024 Operating Budget and FY 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program. The Commuter Choice team will give a presentation on I-395/95 Commuter Choice Project Eligibility Results and the Transit Resource Center team will provide an update on Envision Route 7 BRT Strategic Framework and present some bus services insights gleaned from NVTC’s NoVATransit Data Dashboard. The agenda also includes an update on the General Assembly Special Session and the governor’s budget, and Ms. Mattice will fill the Commission in on TSDAC and budget allocations.

Mr. Alcorn asked Ms. Mattice what can be done at the Commission level to help jurisdictions access the Federal Transit Administration funds. Ms. Mattice responded that NVTC is doing a lot of work in this space to help jurisdictions apply for funding, such as the Regional Bus Analysis. Ms. Mattice noted that these specific funds are for capital projects, and jurisdictions are working with NVTC to think about and identify what types of infrastructure can be shared. She added that the Northern Virginia Regional Zero-Emission Bus Strategic Plan will also aid jurisdictions with accessing these funds in the future.

Ms. Mattice then gave the committee a brief look-ahead for the coming months. She reminded members that there will be no April Commission meeting but there will be a WMATA Committee meeting on April 19 and the Joint Commission Working Group and Program Advisory Committee will meeting jointly on April 20. In May, there will be a Legislative and Policy Committee meeting which will focus on the Value of Transit Study findings and discuss strategy for next year’s legislative agenda.

There was no further discussion and Chair Palchik adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.