

**MINUTES**  
**NVTC COMMISSION MEETING –MARCH 7, 2024**  
**FIRST FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM – 2300 WILSON BLVD.**  
**ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**

The meeting of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission was called to order by Chair de Ferranti at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present

Canek Aguirre  
Walter Alcorn  
Sarah Bagley  
James Bierman, Jr.  
Matt de Ferranti  
Jennifer DeBruhl (Alternate, Commonwealth of Virginia) (*via electronic participation*)  
Libby Garvey  
Takis Karantonis  
Dalia Palchik  
Catherine Read  
Paul Smedberg (*via electronic participation*)  
David Snyder  
Dan Storck  
Justine Underhill (Alternate, City of Falls Church)  
James Walkinshaw

Commissioners Absent

Juli Briskman  
Adam Ebbin (*Senator absent during General Assembly Session*)  
Matt Letourneau

Staff Present

Kate Mattice, Executive Director	Aimee Perron Seibert ( <i>via electronic participation</i> )
Monique Blyther	Rich Dalton (VRE)
Genoveva Cutrell	Steve MacIsaac (VRE)
Andrew D’huyvetter	Joe Swartz (VRE)
Matt Friedman	
Allan Fye	
Rhonda Gilchrest	
Adam Hager	
Xavier Harmony	
Ann McGrane	
Tenley O’Hara	
Ben Owen	
Robert Rudesill	
Noman Sayed	
Vikram Sinha	
Melissa Walker	

### Opening Remarks

Chair de Ferranti welcomed everyone to the March 7, 2024 NVTC meeting and noted that the meeting is being livestreamed for the public on YouTube.

Board Administrator Rhonda Gilchrest confirmed an in-person quorum. Chair de Ferranti stated that three Commissioners have requested electronic participation:

- Jennifer DeBruhl is participating virtually from Richmond under the provision of living over 60 miles from the meeting location.
- Juli Briskman is participating virtually from Loudoun County for a personal reason due to a conflict with a Loudoun County budget work session.
- Paul Smedberg is participating virtually for a personal reason since he is out of town on personal business.

Chair de Ferranti stated that Ms. Briskman would be joining later in the meeting (however, she did not electronically connect during the meeting).

Ms. Palchik moved, with a second by Mr. Snyder, to approve Commissioners DeBruhl, Smedberg and Briskman's requests for electronic participation. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Aguirre, Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, de Ferranti, Garvey, Karantonis, Palchik, Read, Snyder, Storck and Walkinshaw (Mr. Smedberg and Ms. DeBruhl did not participate in the vote.)

Chair de Ferranti reviewed highlights of the updated Agenda reflecting an additional action item on the Consent Agenda to ratify the letter the NVTC WMATA Committee approved and sent earlier this week to WMATA on the FY 2025 budget. There were no objections to this addition.

Ms. Mattice stated that NVTC did not receive any general public comments this month.

### New and Departing Commissioners

Oath of Office for New Commissioners. Chair de Ferranti announced that Fairfax County has appointed James Bierman to NVTC as a principal member and Falls Church has appointed Justine Underhill as an alternate. Chair de Ferranti welcomed Mr. Bierman and Ms. Underhill and administered the ceremonial oath of office. Commissioners welcomed them to NVTC. (Both Mr. Bierman and Ms. Underhill were officially sworn in prior to the meeting.)

Mr. Bierman thanked the Commission and provided some information about the Dranesville District and stated that he is excited to be a part of NVTC and having the region have a thriving transportation system. Ms. Underhill stated that she deeply cares about transportation, this region, and working together to better foster interjurisdictional transportation. She is also excited to be part of NVTC.

Recognition of Departing Commissioners. Chair de Ferranti announced that NVTC is saying farewell to its four House of Delegates appointees – Aimee Gilroy, Joseph Kornhoff, David Skiles and John Tuck – as their appointments to NVTC ended in January. Individual Resolutions of Commendation were prepared for them. There were no objections to voting on the four resolutions as a block vote.

Ms. Bagley moved, with a second by Ms. Palchik, to approve the Resolutions of Commendation for Aimee S. Gilroy, Joseph Kornhoff, M. David Skiles and John C. Tuck, III. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Aguirre, Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, de Ferranti, Garvey, Karantonis, Palchik, Read, Snyder, Storck and Walkinshaw. A roll call vote followed for Commissioners participating electronically and Mr. Smedberg voted in the affirmative. The motion passed. (Copies of the resolutions are attached.)

Chair de Ferranti noted that since the four former Commissioners were not able to attend the meeting, staff will mail them their resolutions and awards. On behalf of the entire Commission, Chair de Ferranti thanked them for their service.

#### Minutes of the January 4, 2024 Meeting

Mr. Karantonis moved, with a second by Ms. Garvey, to approve the Minutes of the January 4, 2024 meeting. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Aguirre, Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, de Ferranti, Garvey, Karantonis, Palchik, Read, Snyder and Walkinshaw. Mr. Storck abstained. A roll call vote followed for Commissioners participating electronically and Mr. Smedberg voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

#### Consent Agenda

Chair de Ferranti stated that there are two actions on the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Resolution #2532 to Approve the FY 2024 State Assistance Applications to DRPT
- B. Ratify the NVTC WMATA Committee’s Letter to WMATA on the FY 2025 Budget

Mr. Snyder moved, with a second by Ms. Bagley, to approve the Consent Agenda. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Aguirre, Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, de Ferranti, Garvey, Karantonis, Palchik, Read, Snyder, Storck and Walkinshaw. A roll call vote followed for Commissioners participating electronically and Mr. Smedberg voted in the affirmative. The motion passed. (A copy of the resolution is attached.)

#### Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

Chair de Ferranti stated that Mr. Letourneau was not able to attend this meeting as Loudoun County is holding a budget work session, but Mr. Smedberg is present to give the WMATA Board Report.

Report from the Virginia WMATA Board Members. Mr. Smedberg stated that the Metro funding picture looks better as Senator Lucas, chair of the Senate and Finance Committee, announced on Sunday her plan to include additional funding for WMATA in the state's budget, which was confirmed when the conferee budget was released earlier today. However, there are still some challenges with getting the budget across the finish line. He explained that in meetings with the governor and key legislators in Richmond, WMATA has made an effort to keep funding for WMATA separate from other key issues that are still playing out, namely the arena deal. He has been impressed with everyone's enthusiasm about working toward a long-term funding solution.

Mr. Smedberg stated that WMATA released its revised FY 2025 proposed budget on February 8. The budget includes targeted, strategic service reductions such as a more strategic use of six-car trains and lower levels of service on low-ridership holidays; a 12.5% fare increase with up to 25% on late nights and weekends; \$113 million in capital and operating cost savings measures; \$104 million in additional preventive maintenance flex; and Metrobus service maintaining at FY 2024 levels. One outstanding issue is that the additional financial commitments announced so far from the funding jurisdictions are inconsistent with WMATA's subsidy allocation formula, which effectively means that the \$200 million committed by the District of Columbia does not proportionally align by formula with the additional commitments by Virginia and Maryland, so the WMATA Board needs to ensure Virginia, Maryland and the District are adding the appropriate level of financial investment and to avoid changing the budget formula this late in the budget process. The WMATA Board will continue working with staff on a solution to this matter.

Mr. Smedberg stated that assuming the revised proposed budget is adopted, then later this year WMATA would begin initial implementation of the Better Bus Network Redesign, which would produce some subsidy-neutral improvements to the Metrobus system in the next year. As Better Bus rolls out, Northern Virginia would like to see updates made to the Metrobus subsidy allocation formula that better ties the level of service provided with the cost. The public comment period for the budget closed on March 5 and budget adoption is scheduled for an April Board meeting.

Mr. Smedberg stated that he, Mr. Letourneau and WMATA General Manager Randy Clarke have met with Governor Youngkin three times. They also met with Senate and Finance Committee Chair Lucas. He also thanked DRPT Director DeBruhl, as well as key legislators including Senator Boysko, Senator Ebbin, Senator Marsden, Delegate Sickles, Delegate Torian and their staff. Chair de Ferranti thanked Mr. Smedberg for his work championing WMATA, as well as DRPT Director DeBruhl for her efforts.

Report from the Chair of the NVTC WMATA Committee. WMATA Committee Chair Alcorn reported that the committee met virtually on February 29 to review the WMATA Committee's 2024 workplan, proposed comments on WMATA's FY 2025 proposed budget, and hear an update on NVTC's Metro Operating Funding and Reform Working Group. The committee also discussed the proposed Senate Joint Resolution 28 (SJ28) subcommittee that will examine long-term sustainable funding for all transit systems in Northern Virginia and NVTC's likely role in supporting the study. He noted that the executive director will provide more information about SJ28 later in the meeting.

Mr. Alcorn explained that due to the timing of WMATA's public comment period, the NVTC WMATA Committee took action to submit the comment letter to WMATA regarding its proposed FY 2025 budget. NVTC staff submitted the letter by the March 5 deadline. This is the same letter that was ratified as part of the Consent Agenda earlier this meeting. He added that he is excited about everything taking shape both in terms of the FY 2025 budget outlook and progress toward a long-term funding solution. He looks forward to the SJ28 subcommittee study effort and the role NVTC will play in the coming months. Given the robust funding discussion, the plan is to have joint WMATA Committee and Legislative and Policy Committee meetings, beginning in May.

In response to a question from Mr. Walkinshaw, staff responded that they can provide him with more information about the additional subsidy issue. Mr. Snyder asked about a recent news article about Mero operators not being qualified. Mr. Smedberg stated that the issue is under review. He stated that it affected a small number of operators and it was a paperwork issue more than anything else and WMATA is rectifying the issue. Metro service and safety were never in jeopardy.

#### Report from the Chair of the Legislative and Policy Committee

Legislative and Policy Committee Chair Aguire reported that legislators have been busy in Richmond and it looks like both the House and Senate budgets have aligned to include funding for WMATA and a temporary suspension of the 3% cap. He asked NVTC's Legislative Liaison Aimee Perron Seibert to provide more details. The executive director will follow with a federal update.

General Assembly Update. Ms. Perron Seibert reported that the conference report on the budget was released today and includes Metro funding with the House language version. There is a small amount of funding (\$25,000) for Senator Ebbin's SJ28 subcommittee study to look at funding for Metro and Northern Virginia transit agencies. She reviewed the budget process, including the Veto Session scheduled for April 17. She thanked Mr. Smedberg and his WMATA team; the entire Northern Virginia delegation, especially Senator Ebbin, Senator Boysko, Delegate Torian and Delegate Sickles; Senate Majority Leader Surovell; and NVTC Commissioners for all their work during the Session. She also reviewed some of the legislation passed that NVTC was monitoring, including Delegate Bennett-Parker's bill on the Freedom of Information Act and Delegate Krizek's bill to appoint House of Delegate members to NVTC, rather than appointees. Chair de Ferranti thanked Ms. Perron Seibert for her tireless efforts during the Session.

Ms. Mattice gave a brief overview of Senator Ebbin's SJ28, which was passed in both House and Senate, and creates a legislative subcommittee to recommend revenue options for transit in Northern Virginia plus cost controls for WMATA (3% cap). The subcommittee is to report back for both the 2025 and 2026 Sessions. This subcommittee will be managed by legislative staff (with no additional consulting funding). The subcommittee will include three senators, four delegates, one WMATA Board member, one NVTC board member, NVTC's executive director and a designee of the Secretary of Transportation. There will be work done by a technical working group with NVTC, PRTC, VRE, WMATA, DRPT, NVTA, ATU (transit union) and a business representative selected by the Speaker of the House. There will be four subcommittee meetings

before November 30, 2024, four meetings in 2025, and summary of findings and recommendations by the first day of each General Assembly Session. She noted that it will be two years of activity, but only one year of funding. Ms. Mattice stated that the expectation is that NVTC will play a central role in this effort. She expects NVTC's WMATA Committee and Legislative and Policy Committee to be the focus of NVTC deliberations.

Federal Update. Ms. Mattice gave a quick update on some of the federal grant opportunities available to the jurisdictions. She also announced that NVTC secured a major technical assistance opportunity with the U.S. Joint Office of Energy and Transportation and their consultant team on NVTC's battery electric bus shared on-route charging feasibility study. As mentioned at the January Commission meeting, the federal government is providing no-cost technical assistance on zero-emission vehicles. This is the region's first technical assistance grant under the Low-No Emissions Transit Vehicle Technical Assistance program – an effort funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). As a result, NVTC will benefit from a year-long study, using no state or local funds, to evaluate potential sites in Northern Virginia for shared charging and consider how the operational model would work. She acknowledged the work of Ann McGrane, who identified this funding source.

Ms. Mattice also noted that President Biden will release his FY 2025 budget proposal on March 11. Staff will be monitoring the budget for any signs of change in the focus of infrastructure investments and/or transit operating assistance. Staff will also be looking to see what projects around the country – including several bus rapid transit projects in this region – will be recommended for federal funding.

#### Report from the Chair of the Program Advisory Committee (PAC)

Program Advisory Committee Chair Palchik thanked Ms. Bagley for stepping in to chair the February 15 PAC meeting. At that meeting, the PAC discussed NVTC's Strategic Research Plan and the current I-66 Commuter Choice funding round. The committee participated in a facilitated work session to help guide the development of NVTC's first Strategic Research Plan. The plan will develop a proactive framework for NVTC's research over the next four to six years and will define the Commission's vision for future research, develop a research pipeline, and identify opportunities for future research funding and potential partnerships. Some of the ideas that the committee discussed include growing transit ridership, the different needs of different types of transit users, transit costs and making transit easier to understand and use. Ms. Palchik noted that earlier this evening, the Executive Committee had the opportunity to talk through the plan as well and provide additional feedback. Staff will present the draft plan to the entire Commission in May and seek Commission adoption in June.

Ms. Palchik stated that the committee also received an update on the current round of I-66 Commuter Choice funding for FY 2025-2026. Of the 15 applications NVTC received, staff anticipate advancing 11 of them with a total investment of \$13.5 million. Staff also brought two forward-thinking ideas to the committee for discussion, which include conducting an I-66 Corridor Needs Assessment in partnership with DRPT and leveraging I-66 funding from this round to accelerate the funding and construction of VRE's Crystal City Station. She explained that NVTC allocated part of the project cost in the last I-395/95 round and would allocate the remaining

project funding in this I-66 round instead of waiting for the next I-395 round. This funding approach makes sense since the Crystal City Station serves both VRE lines and leverages the Commonwealth's and federal government's investments in the Transforming Rail in Virginia program. Staff are working closely with DRPT, the Virginia Office of the Attorney General, and NVTC's legal counsel to ensure this proposal is legally sound and in compliance with the I-66 MOUs that govern the corridor. The PAC supports this funding approach and was informed that VRE supports it as well. She stated that staff will present a proposed Program of Projects to the PAC on April 11, brief the full Commission in May, and seek Commission approval in June.

Mr. Fye reported that he and Vikram Sinha recently briefed the Falls Church City Council on the completed Envision Route 7 BRT Phase 4-2 analysis. They had an excellent discussion about context sensitive options to improve bus service through Falls Church, as well as a discussion about funding options to implement bus improvements the city may choose to advance. NVTC looks forward to its ongoing partnership with Falls Church. Mr. Fye also announced that at the April 11 PAC meeting, the committee will be updated on the project's Strategic Implementation Plan. NVTC staff are working closely with all the partners on the corridor to map out the next few years of work that will leverage the federal earmark and result in even better bus service along the corridor.

#### Virginia Railway Express (VRE)

Chair Palchik asked VRE CEO Rich Dalton to give his report followed by VRE Operations Board Vice-Chair Bagley to present the action item.

VRE CEO Report. Mr. Dalton reported that VRE continues to see a slight increase in ridership and on-time performance systemwide for the month of February was 84%. He also noted that VRE's 2023 Annual Report was provided to Commissioners in their meeting materials.

Ms. Bagley invited Commissioners to attend the Greater Manassas St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 9, to see VRE's float for the parade.

Ratification of VRE's Submission for a RAISE Grant. Ms. Bagley stated that the Commission is being asked to approve Resolution #2533, which will ratify VRE's submission, on behalf of the Commissions, of an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding consideration for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. If awarded, the funding would advance the planning and design for a grade-separated extension of Residency Road over the Norfolk Southern Railroad main line to the VRE Broad Run Station and the Norfolk Southern third track extension from the Broad Run Station to Wellington Road. She explained that the action is to ratify VRE's submission since the application deadline was February 28, 2024 and NVTC did not have a February meeting. PRTC took action authorizing the submission at its February 8, 2024 meeting.

Mr. Karantonis moved, with a second by Ms. Palchik, to approve Resolution #2533 (copy attached). The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Aguirre, Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, de Ferranti, Garvey, Karantonis, Palchik, Read, Snyder, Storck and Walkinshaw. A roll call vote followed for Commissioners participating electronically and Mr. Smedberg voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

#### Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

DRPT Director DeBruhl encouraged Commissioners to read her written DRPT Report. She announced that the Commonwealth Transportation Board amended the FY2024-2029 Six Year Improvement Plan (SYIP) to include a one-time payment of \$16,598,222 to NVTC to make NVTC whole for the period of time in which no or reduced revenue was received from I-66 Inside the Beltway tolls as a result of the pandemic. The contract for these funds was executed today with NVTC's executive director. Ms. Mattice thanked DRPT Director DeBruhl for working through this reconciliation of funding.

#### Executive Director Report

Ms. Mattice encouraged Commissioners to read her Executive Director Newsletter, which highlights some of NVTC's recent efforts and events. She noted one article congratulating Senior Program Manager Xavier Harmony, who successfully defended his PhD dissertation titled "Essays in Transportation and Electoral Politics" at Virginia Tech on February 6. His PhD dissertation focused on transportation planning and policy, especially how politics affects transportation outcomes.

Ms. Mattice reported that NVTC's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations have launched, with a successful legislative reception in Richmond in February, as well as social media historical highlights. NVTC will host a Transit Innovation Summit at George Mason University on Friday, June 14. There will also be a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with documentary premiere on the evening of September 5 at Marymount University's Ballston campus in Arlington.

Ms. Mattice also introduced a new Transit Fellow, Robert Rudesill, a recent graduate from Drexel University, majoring in Political Science and minoring in Communications and Law. Robert is supporting the communications team, including marketing and social media campaigns and events for NVTC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

Regarding upcoming meetings, Ms. Mattice noted that the next Commission meeting is April 4 and WMATA General Manager Randy Clarke is expected to attend. The Program Advisory Committee meets on April 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Mattice stated that the January Financial Reports were provided in the meeting materials. There were no comments or questions.

Mr. Snyder thanked staff for the Route 7 BRT presentation to the Falls Church City Council. He expressed his interest in seeing this project move forward and looks forward to NVTC's help in



moving to the next stage. Ms. Mattice stated that there are things that are happening now and continue to happen without a major investment. Staff will be bringing the Strategic Implementation Plan to the PAC and Commission in the near future.

Mr. Snyder thanked Ms. Mattice for her participation and support in the Virginia Transit Association's Legislative Day, which was a part of NVTC's overall effort to seek future Metro funding. Finally, he announced that he has been working with Ms. Garvey as part of the Emergency Preparedness Council on a tabletop exercise on March 15. They are looking forward to having elected officials participate in this exercise, which will look at how to respond if technology fails. Ms. Garvey provided more information about the actual exercise.

### Adjournment

Without objection, Chair de Ferranti adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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Matt de Ferranti  
Chair

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Sarah Bagley  
Secretary-Treasurer



**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION**

**SUBJECT:** Commending Aimee S. Gilroy on Her Departure from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

**WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) serves as the voice of public transit in Northern Virginia, promoting the region’s transit network through effective and efficient investment in public transit to foster economic growth and vitality in the region and the Commonwealth;

**WHEREAS:** On February 25, 2022, Virginia Speaker of the House of Delegates Todd Gilbert appointed Aimee S. Gilroy to serve on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission;

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Gilroy served as a NVTC Commissioner from February 2022 through January 2024; and

**WHEREAS:** While on the Commission, Ms. Gilroy was an advocate for safe and reliable transit in Virginia and investing in the future of transit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends Aimee S. Gilroy for her service on NVTC, to the citizens of Northern Virginia and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ms. Gilroy as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation for her work on the Commission in promoting and funding public transit and ridesharing in Northern Virginia.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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Matt de Ferranti  
Chair



## RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

**SUBJECT:** Commending Joseph Kornhoff on His Departure from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

**WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) serves as the voice of public transit in Northern Virginia, promoting the region's transit network through effective and efficient investment in public transit to foster economic growth and vitality in the region and the Commonwealth;

**WHEREAS:** On October 13, 2023, Virginia Speaker of the House of Delegates Todd Gilbert appointed Joseph Kornhoff to serve on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission;

**WHEREAS:** Mr. Kornhoff served as a NVTC Commissioner from October 2023 through January 2024; and

**WHEREAS:** While on the Commission, Mr. Kornhoff was an advocate for safe and reliable transit in Virginia and investing in the future of transit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends Joseph Kornhoff on his service on NVTC, to the citizens of Northern Virginia and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mr. Kornhoff as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation for his work on the Commission in promoting and funding public transit and ridesharing in Northern Virginia.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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Matt de Ferranti  
Chair



**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION**

**SUBJECT:** Commending M. David Skiles on His Departure from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

**WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) serves as the voice of public transit in Northern Virginia, promoting the region’s transit network through effective and efficient investment in public transit to foster economic growth and vitality in the region and the Commonwealth;

**WHEREAS:** On February 25, 2022, Virginia Speaker of the House of Delegates Todd Gilbert appointed M. David Skiles to serve on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission;

**WHEREAS:** Mr. Skiles served as a NVTC Commissioner from February 2022 through January 2024; and

**WHEREAS:** While on the Commission, Mr. Skiles was an advocate for safe and reliable transit in Virginia and investing in the future of transit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends M. David Skiles on his service on NVTC, to the citizens of Northern Virginia and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mr. Skiles as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation for his work on the Commission in promoting and funding public transit and ridesharing in Northern Virginia.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Matt de Ferranti".

Matt de Ferranti  
Chair



**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION**

**SUBJECT:** Commending John C. Tuck, III on His Departure from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

**WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) serves as the voice of public transit in Northern Virginia, promoting the region's transit network through effective and efficient investment in public transit to foster economic growth and vitality in the region and the Commonwealth;

**WHEREAS:** On February 25, 2022, Virginia Speaker of the House of Delegates Todd Gilbert appointed John C. Tuck, III to serve on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission;

**WHEREAS:** Mr. Tuck served as a NVTC Commissioner from February 2022 through January 2024; and

**WHEREAS:** While on the Commission, Mr. Tuck was an advocate for safe and reliable transit in Virginia and investing in the future of transit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends John C. Tuck, III on his service on NVTC, to the citizens of Northern Virginia and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mr. Tuck as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation for his work on the Commission in promoting and funding public transit and ridesharing in Northern Virginia.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt de Ferranti". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Matt de Ferranti  
Chair





## RESOLUTION #2532

**SUBJECT:** Approve the FY 2025 State Transit Assistance Applications to DRPT

**WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) wishes to obtain state and federal funding to help defray NVTC, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), local bus systems and Virginia Railway Express (VRE) operating and capital costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC and as an agent for its members:

- 1) To file applications to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) for grants of public transportation assistance for FY 2025 commencing July 1, 2024 in the amount of \$167.6 million in eligible local transit operating costs to defray a portion of the public transportation cost of NVTC and its members for operations;
- 2) To accept from DRPT and execute grants in such amounts as may be awarded; and
- 3) To furnish DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant requests.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC and as an agent for its members:

- 1) To file applications to DRPT for grants of public transportation assistance for FY 2025 for capital expenses totaling \$65.9 million in costs to defray the costs borne by NVTC and its members for capital expenditures;
- 2) To revise the capital portion of the application to reflect refined estimates by the local governments when they become available;
- 3) To accept from DRPT and execute grants in such amounts as may be awarded; and
- 4) To furnish to DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC and as an agent for its members:

- 1) To file an application to DRPT for technical assistance for Arlington County for FY 2025 for \$170,000 in costs with the state share provided at 50% and with the local match provided by Arlington County;
- 2) To accept from DRPT and execute grants in such amounts as may be awarded; and
- 3) To furnish to DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC:

- 1) To execute and file an application to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) for a workforce development grant to help support NVTC's Transit Fellows Program for FY 2025 commencing July 1, 2024 in the amount of \$80,000, with the state share provided at 80%;
- 2) To accept from DRPT and execute grants in such amounts as may be awarded; and
- 3) To furnish DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant requests.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC:

- 1) To accept from DRPT and execute the grant for WMATA capital and operating purposes per Section 33.2-1526.1.D.4 of the Code of Virginia in such amounts as may be awarded; and
- 2) To furnish to DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC and PRTC and their members:

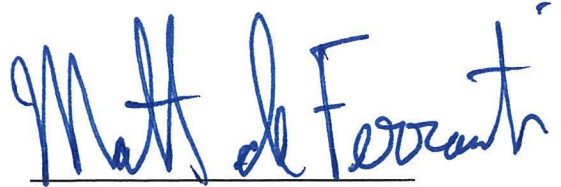
- 1) To accept from DRPT and execute the grant for VRE capital and operating purposes per Section 33.2-1526.1.D.3 of the Code of Virginia in such amounts as may be awarded; and
- 2) To furnish to DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC certifies that the funds for all of the above grants will be used in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Virginia, that NVTC will provide matching funds in the ratio required by the Act, and that the records of receipts of expenditures of funds granted to NVTC may be subject to audit by DRPT and by the State Auditor of Public Accounts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC and its members, to furnish to the Transportation Planning Board, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and other state and federal funding agencies such documents, information, assurances and certifications as may be required for pursuing the above grant requests and continuing previously awarded grants.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, to amend the above-described applications at the request of NVTC's member jurisdictions to include the most recent information and project costs.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.



Matt de Ferranti  
Matt de Ferranti  
Chair



Sarah Bagley  
Sarah Bagley  
Secretary-Treasurer



**RESOLUTION #2533**

**SUBJECT:** Ratify VRE's Submission, on Behalf of the Commissions, of an Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for Funding Consideration for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program

**WHEREAS:** On November 30, 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity to solicit applications for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity transportation discretionary grant program;

**WHEREAS:** VRE staff considers the Residency Road connector and bridge and the Norfolk Southern Railroad third track extension from the Broad Run Station to Wellington Road a strong candidate for planning grant funding under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity program;

**WHEREAS:** If authorized, the planning grant funding will be used for the planning, development and preliminary design phases of the project;

**WHEREAS:** The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity transportation program funds may be used for up to 80% of the project cost with the balance of the project coming from non-federal sources;

**WHEREAS:** The project cost requested for this work in the grant application is \$3,637,000 with a required non-federal match in the amount of \$727,400;

**WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board recommended the Commissions authorize the VRE Chief Executive Officer to submit the grant application; and

**WHEREAS:** The Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) took action on this authorization at its February 8, 2024 meeting prior to the February 28, 2024 application deadline.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby ratifies VRE's submission, on behalf of the Commissions, of a planning grant application for the Residency Road extension and bridge and the Norfolk Southern Railroad third track extension from the Broad Run Station to Wellington Road under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity transportation discretionary grant program, to make any necessary corrections to the project amount or descriptions in the application, and execute all project funding agreements that may result from consideration of the project.

Approved this 7th day of March 2024.



Sarah Bagley  
Secretary-Treasurer



Matt de Ferranti  
Chair