

**NVTC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY – MARCH 5, 2026
NVTC Suite #230, 2300 Wilson Blvd
Arlington, VA 22201**

NVTC Executive Committee Members Present:

Sarah Bagley, Chair
Walter Alcorn
Maureen Coffey
Matt de Ferranti

NVTC Executive Committee Members Absent:

Canek Aguirre
Darien Flowers
Matt Letourneau
Dalia Palchik
Dave Snyder

Other NVTC Commissioners Present:

Allan Fye (Alternate, Commonwealth of Virginia)

Staff and Others Present:

Kate Mattice, Executive Director
Genoveva Cutrell
Sarah Godfrey
Ann McGrane
Owen Williams
Aimee Perron Seibert
Kirk Dand (Arlington County)

Chair Sarah Bagley called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. She noted that there was no in-person quorum; however, since the committee is not taking any action this evening, they will proceed with the meeting.

Regarding the General Assembly Session and with Sine Day quickly approaching, Chair Bagley asked Ms. Mattice to provide an update. Ms. Mattice noted that of the bills NVTC has been tracking, Delegate McQuinn's bill, which makes changes to the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP), is still outstanding. A bill (HB 564) that allows localities to monitor bus lane and bus stop violations with camera enforcement passed and will be sent to the governor. Delegate McClure's bill to allow WMATA to place billboards on the side of their structures passed as well. Delegate Helmer and Senator Salim have similar bills which relate to transit companies offering employee benefits that mirror the benefits offered by the

districts in which the company operates. Ms. Mattice pointed out that there is conversation about Senator Salim and Delegate Helmer's bills, including a budget amendment to add a fiscal impact study.

Ms. Mattice informed the committee that both the House and Senate budgets included transit funding. The House Budget has a general fund transfer for localities to help pay additional WMATA operating expenses. NVTC had advocated for \$153 million each year and the House Budget includes just a one-time payment of \$153 million. In the Senate Budget, transit funding is included in a larger proposal to reimagine sales and use taxes by eliminating data centers' sales tax exemptions which would funnel more money into the general fund. The Senate Budget supplies a little more money to transit than the House Budget. Ms. Perron Seibert added that the Senate budget conferees do not include any Northern Virginia representative and the House budget conference includes NVTC Commissioner and Delegate Paul Krizek.

Executive Committee members agreed that they want to be able to express the critical importance of funding transit to the appropriate parties at the state level. Mr. Alcorn added that a technical case has been made but there needs to be more focus on making a political case for funding transit.

Ms. Mattice gave an overview of the March 5 Commission meeting. She stated that NVTC received over 60 comments from a community group requesting that the Commission direct DRPT to conduct a feasibility study on making the W&OD trail a rail with trail project. She added that Senator Ebbin will be recognized for his service on the Commission and that Tiffany Robinson will also be recognized. There will also be updates to NVTC Committee membership. Senator Salim will join the Executive Committee and the Legislative and Policy Committee and Dave Snyder, who is now an alternate for Falls Church, will remain on the Executive Committee in his role as the immediate past chair. Justine Underhill is the primary Commission member representing the City of Falls Church.

With no further comments, the Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.