



Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Report

February 2015



VA General Assembly Session Kicks Off

At our February meeting, NVTC Commissioners will learn more about legislation that affects the Commission, capital funding and project selection. Chairman David Snyder participated in the Virginia Transit Association’s Legislative Briefing and Legislative Reception on January 26th. Here are

some key events in Richmond prior to our monthly meeting:

- January 28 VML Legislative Day
- February 2 House Appropriations Committee-WMATA Hearing
- February 4 Senate Finance Committee-WMATA Hearing
- February 5 VACO Day

Send Comments on HB2 to Transportation1@governor.virginia.gov

On January 5th, NVTC participated in [a workshop to develop process and measures recommendations for HB2 implementation](#). HB2 provides a framework for the evaluation of new capacity transportation projects focused on six factors including congestion relief, the most important factor for the Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads districts. NVTC provided technical expertise on best practices in project selection metrics. Through May, Secretary Layne will continue stakeholder and public outreach with hearings across the Commonwealth. Draft recommendations will be released at the March CTB meeting .

Progress on Three Projects on the I-66 Corridor

Outside the Beltway On February 5th, VDOT will complete three days of public information sessions on its multimodal project outside the beltway. The project will create two express lanes and three regular lanes, implement a rapid bus and park and ride services, and develop a transit demand management program on the 25-mile outside the beltway corridor. The Commonwealth will issue a Public Private Partnership solicitation in February. For information on the project, check VDOT’s [website on the I-66 project](#) and [VDOT’s briefing of the Transportation Planning Board](#).

Gainesville Haymarket VRE will initiate a planning study in April 2015 to evaluate a potential Gainesville-Haymarket VRE extension in the corridor. The Gainesville-Haymarket extension is among the ten improvement concepts evaluated in the [I-66 Corridor Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement \(EIS\)](#), completed in 2013.

Inside the Beltway. VDOT provided a number of [briefings on its new I-66 project inside the beltway](#). This project will include dynamic tolling and HOV 3+ during peak periods in both directions, enhanced bus services and include bike and pedestrian improvements. VDOT plans public hearings in mid-2015, for construction in 2016 and operations by 2017.

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February Commission Meeting is in Richmond!

The next NVTC Commission Meeting is in Richmond! February 5th at 4:00 pm
Speaker’s Conference Room
General Assembly Building

Northern Virginia
Transportation Commission
2300 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 620
Arlington, VA 22201
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upcoming [events]

Meetings:

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission Meetings

February 5
March 5

NVTC Management Advisory Committee

February 17
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Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) Meetings

February 26

Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Meetings

February 18

Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Operations Board

February 20

Transportation Planning Board

February 18

Legislative Dates:

VTA Legislative Briefing and Legislative Reception

January 26

Virginia Association of Counties Meeting

February 5

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission Meeting

Richmond
February 5

WMATA News

NTSB Investigating WMATA Incident

January 22nd, NTSB Acting Chairman Christopher Hart, briefed the WMATA Board of Directors at the Safety and Security Committee meeting on the [NTSB's Preliminary Report](#) on the ongoing investigation of the January 12th smoke incident in the tunnel adjacent to the L'Enfant Plaza metro station. Also on that day, WMATA Deputy General Manager Rob Troup ordered a [range of early-action safety items](#) that were identified in collaboration with the NTSB investigation team. These are not formal NTSB recommendations. The NTSB continues its investigation and has not yet determined the cause or identified findings.

WMATA Names Interim General Manager

The [WMATA Board appointed Jack Requa](#), Assistant General Manager for Bus Services, as Interim GM/CEO. WMATA's former GM/CEO, Richard Sarles, retired January 16th.

[December Metro Ridership](#)

Potomac Yard Awarded First Transit Infrastructure Bank Loan

On January 14th the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved a \$50 million loan from the [Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank \(VTIB\) for the City of Alexandria to construct a Metrorail station in the Potomac Yard area](#). The loan, the first from the bank for a transit project, supports the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station to be built between the existing Braddock Road and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport stations. The resulting development around the station will support up to 26,000 new jobs within one-quarter mile, and 13,000 new residents within one-half mile.

SAVE THE DATE

NVTC Forum: *Transit* and the Regional and Virginia Economy **May 8, 2015**

Greensboro Station Conference Center
Lincoln Property Company
1710 SAIC Drive
McLean, VA 22102

Learn from business leaders and researchers how transit is a key ingredient for economic competitiveness.

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