



Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Report

November 2014

Please join me in welcoming Kate Mattice to NVTC as the new Transit Program, Planning and Policy Director. Ms. Mattice is joining us from the FTA where she served as the Deputy Associate Administrator for Budget and Policy and the Deputy Chief Financial Officer.



David Koch has joined NVTC as our Regional Planner. As a NVTC Fellow, David conducted the first phase of an analysis of opportunities to advance transit through regional planning. Prior to joining NVTC as a Transit Fellow, he worked with Central Maryland Regional Transit. There, he planned and implemented a new Transportation Demand Management program.



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Special points of interest

- NVTC Monthly Financial Report
- NVTC’s CTB Testimony

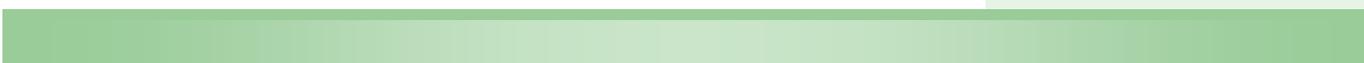
Annual Legislative Briefing

December 4, 2014 NVTC will hold its annual legislative briefing at 7:00 p.m. for a preview of NVTC’s State Legislative and Policy Agenda for the 2015 Session. We will review our federal and state legislative agenda and answer questions on key issues. Guided by the Legislative and Policy Committee and in coordination with legislative liaisons of the localities and sister organizations in the region, staff is preparing a state legislative and policy agenda that will frame a set of principles that parallel key strategies for improving and expanding Northern Virginia’s innovative transit network.

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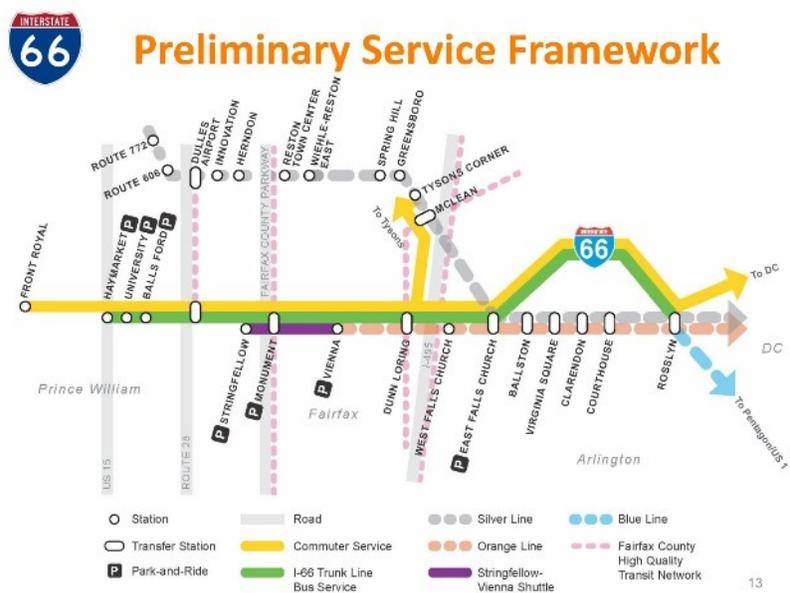
Update on Development of New Project Selection Framework This month the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) received a briefing on the status of developing the prioritization framework called for in HB2 passed by the General Assembly this session. The legislation calls for all projects considered for highway construction funds for new expansion to be rated according to a common set of factors. The CTB is expected to adopt templates for the way these factors may be weighted at the regional level later this year. In addition, they will be briefed on progress in identifying the metrics to be used for the various factors. NVTC is working closely with the Office of the Secretary, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, and transit systems and localities across the state to ensure that the metrics offered present a level playing field for transit projects.

SYIP Hearing Chairman Paul Smedberg testified before the CTB's fall hearing on the transportation needs of the region. Mr. Smedberg represented both the NVTC and the VRE Ops Board. His testi-

Coordination with NOVA CTB Representatives CTB Members from Northern Virginia are working closely with NVTC on a range of matters including the development of the goals of the new state long range plan, VTRANS, transit funding needs for WMATA, VRE, and other regional transit investments, and the implementation of HB 2. In addition, NVTC is attending the relevant portion of CTB's monthly workshops and business meetings.

I-66 Corridor Improvements Project

The Transit/TDM Advisory Group (TTAG) met on October 15th to review existing conditions and a framework for access points, park & ride lots, and rapid bus service in the corridor. The group also discussed the development of possible transit/TDM scenarios for 2040 and possible measures of effectiveness. The next meeting of the TTAG will be held on November 19th, and the next meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Group (STAG) will be held in early



Planning: Regional & State Initiatives

DRPT Southeast High Speed Rail from Richmond to Washington, DC

DRPT is conducting a study to evaluate the potential environmental impacts for a high speed passenger rail corridor for the 115-mile segment from Richmond to DC.

I-66 Inside the Beltway Bus on Shoulder (BOS) Pilot

The I-66 Inside the Beltway Bus on Shoulder (BOS) Pilot will open in mid-November in four locations along I-66 inside the Beltway. The pilot program will last one year.

TPB 2013 Regional Air Passenger Survey

The TPB received a briefing on the result of the bi-annual Regional Air Passenger Survey in October

Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis

Executive Steering Committee endorses Route 1 Study recommendations.

Bus Stops and Pathways Accessibility Update

The WMATA Board received an update on the status of a plan to identify and improve inaccessible bus stops with the goal of reducing demand for MetroAccess service.

WMATA'S Pedestrian, Bicycle Access Plan Update

In October, the WMATA Board was briefed on progress made towards implementing the recommendations of the *2010 Metrorail Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Improvements Study*. Metro estimates that its \$1.8M investment in pedestrian and bicycle projects in the region between 2009 and 2012 contributed to a \$15M revenue increase due to new walk and bike trips to Metrorail stations.



Is it worth it?

Return on Investment

- \$1.8 M capital cost for pedestrian/bicycle projects

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- \$15 M annual revenue from new walk/bike trips

Avoided Costs

- Parking space construction: \$17,000/space
- Additional buses: \$750,000/bus

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KEY DATES



NOVEMBER

- 6 NVTC Commission Meeting
- 9-11 VACO Conference
- 12-14 Governor's Transportation Conference
- 13 NVTA Meeting

DECEMBER

- 4 NVTC Commission Meeting
- 11 NVTA Meeting

NEPP

WMATA continues to gear up for the NEPP pilot, which will officially begin in January 2015. Gate installation has begun and will continue through November. Installation of devices on buses will begin in early November. WMATA's marketing team has set up a website to begin to register customers for the pilot and so far over 1,000 people have signed up. WMATA is in the process of scheduling a meeting for the Regional NEPP "Finance/Contract" committee and they continue to provide regular NEPP updates on the SmarTrip regional partner calls.

On Monday October 27th, the Northern Virginia regional partners held their monthly meeting and discussed options for how the region can move forward

and contract with Accenture for the regional adoption and roll-out of NEPP. The regional partners, through the working group, continue to request additional details from Accenture on pricing and in the coming weeks they hope to further evaluate contracting options with the intent of bringing a more detailed update to the Commission in



VRE Management Audit

Parsons Brinckerhoff, the consultant for the VRE Management Audit, presented the Draft Phase II Interim Report to the Executive Directors of NVTC and PRTC and VRE's CEO. The report will be discussed by the Joint Audit Committee in November before the final report is presented to the VRE Operations Board in January 2015.

Key Dates	Activity
October 17	Interim Report
October 22	PB meeting with EDs/CEO re: Interim Report
November 7	Revised Interim Report
November 10	PB meeting with EDs/CEO re: Revised Report
November 21	Joint Audit Committee Meeting
December 10	Final Report
December 19	Operations Board Meeting
January 8, 2015	NVTC and PRTC Meetings (tentative)