NVTC Commission Meeting

JUNE 4, 2020

The meeting will start momentarily

Meeting materials available at [www.novatransit.org](http://www.novatransit.org)
Welcome by the NVTC Chair

• Virtual Meeting Guidelines
• Commissioner Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
  ▶ Identify Staff Participating in Meeting
• Overview of Agenda
• Opening Remarks
NVTC June 2020 Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Remarks
2. Oath of Office
3. Electronic Participation
   A. Resolution #2410 Finding Need to Conduct June 4, 2020 Meeting Electronically
   B. Public Comments Received during Declared Emergency
4. Approval of May 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes
5. Consent Agenda
6. VRE
7. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
8. Department of Rail and Public Transportation
9. Virginia Passenger Rail Authority
10. Transit Technology Program
11. Transit Resource Center
12. Executive Director Report
2. Oath of Office

Eileen Filler-Corn  
Speaker of the House

Paul Krizek  
House of Delegates

David Reid  
House of Delegates

Rip Sullivan  
House of Delegates
3. Electronic Participation

A. ACTION ITEM: Approve NVTC Resolution #2410: Finding Need to Conduct the June 4, 2020 Meeting Electronically

• The declared emergency makes it both impracticable and unsafe for the Commission to assemble in a single location on June 4, 2020, to discuss and transact the business of the Commission.

B. Staff have provided Commissioners with written comments received prior to 3PM on June 4
4. Approve May 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**ACTION ITEM:**
Approve the Meeting Minutes from the May 7, 2020 Commission Meeting
5. Consent Agenda

A. Authorize the Executive Director to Send a Letter Certifying Receipt of Certain Documents from WMATA Required by State Code

B. Appoint Matt de Ferranti to the NVTC WMATA Committee
6. Virginia Railway Express

A. VRE COVID-19 Response

B. VRE CEO Report and Minutes from the May 15, 2020 VRE Operations Board
6. Virginia Railway Express Action Items

C. Resolution #2411: Operating/Access Agreement with CSX Transportation

D. Resolution #2412: Access and Storage Agreement with Amtrak

E. Resolution #2413: Contract for the Operating Services for Commuter Rail

F. Resolution #2414: Contract for Maintenance Services for Commuter Rail

G. Resolution #2415: Agreement with the City of Manassas for the Operations and Maintenance of the Parking Facility

ELIZABETH BENNETT-PARKER
VICE CHAIR, VRE OPERATIONS BOARD
7. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

A. Report on WMATA COVID-19 Response

PAUL SMEDBERG
COMMONWEALTH APPOINTEE TO THE WMATA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MATT LETOURNEAU
NVTC APPOINTEE TO THE WMATA BOARD OF DIRECTORS LOUDOUN COUNTY
B. Report from the Chair of the 3% Cap Working Group

• Budget amendment to Commonwealth’s FY2020 budget

• NVTC chair to convene a working group to study the impact of the 3% operating cap on the Virginia WMATA subsidy

• 3% operating cap established in 2018 WMATA dedicated funding legislation

• Report due November 10
7. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

C. Report from the Chair of the NVTC WMATA Committee

• Next Committee meeting is July 16

CANEK AGUIRRE
NVTC VICE CHAIR
NVTC WMATA COMMITTEE CHAIR
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
D. Report from Virginia WMATA Board Members

PAUL SMEDBERG  
COMMONWEALTH APPOINTEE TO THE WMATA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MATT LETOURNEAU  
NVTC APPOINTEE TO THE WMATA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LOUDOUN COUNTY
8. Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Report from DRPT Director
Jennifer Mitchell
9. Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

• Virginia Passenger Rail Authority has 15 board members, including three members who reside within the NVTC district

• NVTC forwarded Commissioner recommendations earlier last month

• Non-legislative citizen members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the General Assembly

KATIE CRISTOL
NVTC CHAIR
ARLINGTON COUNTY
10. Transit Technology Program

Presentation by
NVTC Transit Technology Program Manager Patricia Happ
10 A. Regional Fare Collection Strategic Plan Update

Strategic Plan

• Establishes goals and objectives for NVTC’s support of regional partners in maintaining and modernizing fare payment and collection technology

• Provides a shared vision with local flexibility for regional fare collection in the region

• Considerable changes in the region since original plan
10 A. Regional Fare Collection Strategic Plan Update

Establish long-term plans related to COVID-19 public health emergency, e.g.
• “Contactless” Fare Payment
• Rear-Door Fare Payment
• Pass Products
• Back-End Technologies

Integrate with WMATA’s Fare Collection Modernization Initiatives, including alignment and collaboration between NVTC partners and WMATA.

Review ongoing efforts identified in the original Fare Collection Strategic Plan and recommend changes to align with new and emerging transit agency needs.

Funding: Within NVTC’s existing and fully funded DRPT technical assistance grant
Schedule: Completion in September, with a Commission briefing in the fall
As the COVID-19 public health emergency continues to affect all aspects of travel in the region, NVTC and regional partners are working to protect the health and safety of transit employees, customers and the public.

**Current Transit Fare Collection Public Health Measures**

**Northern Virginia Transit Agencies**
- Rear-Door Boarding
- Temporary Fare Elimination

**Other Transit Agencies**
- Cash Suspension
- Free Transit to/from Essential Workplaces
- Fare Inspection Suspension
- Free Cancellation of Transit Passes

**Monitoring & Communication**

NVTC continues to monitor the evolution of fare collection recommendations, challenges and opportunities related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

We will provide regular updates to Northern Virginia transit providers and jurisdictional stakeholders.
11. Transit Resource Center

A. 3rd Quarter Transit Ridership and Parking Utilization Report

Presentation by Transit Resource Center Program Manager Dan Goldfarb, PE
11. Transit Resource Center

NVTC and Northern Virginia transit operators collect ridership data

Data is submitted to FTA and DRPT

Why is ridership data collection so important to transit?

FTA: allocates federal formula funds to WMATA

DRPT: allocates operating assistance to operators across the Commonwealth
Overall the 3rd Quarter showed a modest drop in ridership of approximately 10%.
March ridership decreases ranged from 30% to 50% compared to last year.
3rd Quarter Metrorail ridership increased for the months of January and February, but decreased by over 50% in March.
11. Transit Resource Center

FY 2020 YTD
WMATA Virginia Parking Utilization Rate (Average Weekday)

Legend
% FY2020 YTD Utilized Parking by Station

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* East Falls Church overutilization caused by parking usage turnover
12. Executive Director Report

Report from NVTC Executive Director Kate Mattice
Commissioner Comments

Chair Cristol will open the floor for any final questions and comments from Commissioners