

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

Thursday, April 3, 2003

Meeting Summary

- Authorized award of contract to PBGH, a CPA firm headquartered in Harrisonburg, Virginia, to audit NVTC and VRE for a three year period, with an option for two additional years.
- Authorized release of a Request For Proposals for consulting assistance in preparing National Transit Database reports. The commission will be asked to authorize award of contract at its June, 2003 meeting. The consultant will be asked to test new routes to revise sampling plans for collecting data for the federal reports; collect data using valid sampling plans, for up to six Northern Virginia bus systems; and prepare some or all of the required forms that comprise the report. As a result of filing the reports, WMATA will receive increased formula allocations of federal transit assistance.
- Reviewed a staff analysis of 2000 Census journey to work data. Transit use and jobs growth remain strong in NVTC's district, but one interest group is using the Census results to argue for much more funding of highways and bridges in the outlying areas of the region.
- Approved a resolution authorizing VRE's Chief Operating Officer to sign an agreement with Manassas Park to eliminate parking restricted to city residents in the city-owned lot at VRE's station. In return for agreeing to this requirement of the Federal Transit Administration, VRE will provide an extended platform and canopy and help the city obtain state assistance for sidewalk improvements. The city is expected to agree at a city council meeting on April 8th, after which VRE will drop its lawsuit against the city.
- Directed staff to request that Senator Warner write to CSXT on behalf of VRE to memorialize changes made by CSXT to improve its cooperation with VRE.