

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Meeting Summary

- Welcomed new member Ludwig Gaines from the city of Alexandria and honored Kerry Donley and Jim Almand who are leaving the commission.
- Authorized NVTC's executive director to execute a contract with VDRPT to receive \$75.7 million for FY 2004 on behalf of WMATA, local bus systems and VRE. This is \$7 million more than the previous year but \$82 million less than NVTC would have received if the state transit assistance programs were fully funded.
- Approved an allocation plan for NVTC's jurisdictions to share \$27 million of future state assistance for WMATA Series 6000 railcars.
- Held open for comments for two additional weeks a staff draft of a public information campaign regarding the transit financial crisis.
- Asked for a report from staff on the relative pollution savings of new buses equipped with exhaust gas filters compared to the diesel buses WMATA currently operates.
- For VRE, approved:
 - Award of a banking contract and \$1 million line of credit agreement with Sun Trust;
 - Amendments to the position classification plan for customer advocates;
 - Award of a task order to provide technical support on a RFP for VRE's contract operator;
 - An agreement to acquire property at Woodbridge station;
 - An extension of the access agreement with CSXT for up to one year; and
 - A recommendation of legal counsel in a civil lawsuit.