

## Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

Thursday, October 2, 2003

### Meeting Summary

- Authorized release to the public of NVTC's revised Transit Funding Resource Guide, which is available on NVTC's web-site at [www.thinkoutsidethecar.org](http://www.thinkoutsidethecar.org). The guide describes approximately 100 potential funding sources for transit projects and explains the levels of effort of transit's funding partners.
- Deferred action on a demonstration of a web-based performance measurement system for investments in new transit technologies. A consultant has recommended the approach to be tested. If it is successful in measuring the results of NVTC projects (and perhaps some of VRE and other transit system volunteers) it could be expanded to encompass the region. More input from local staffs will be obtained before the item is returned to the commission.
- Approved technical amendments to NVTC's employees pension trust that are required to comply with revised IRS regulations.
- Discussed draft elements of a preliminary NVTC legislative agenda, HOV enforcement policies, and a new congestion estimate by the Texas Transportation Institute that shows this region's investments in transit are saving a billion dollars annually in congestion costs.
- Noted that NVTC staff has submitted an application to continue the regional free bus fares program on forecast Air Quality Code Red Ozone Alert days. Funds (\$290,000) have been requested from the FY 2005 CMAQ program.
- Reviewed plans for the November 6, 2003 joint meeting with PRTC, including a possible invitation to Delegate Leo Wardrup to tour Northern Virginia.

- For VRE, approved:
  - Forwarding the preliminary FY 2005 budget to the jurisdictions for comment;
  - Exercising an option for an additional year of facilities maintenance work;
  - Revising a lease agreement for two locomotives;
  - Contracting for uniformed security services; and
  - Providing additional funding for strategic plan consulting.
- Following a closed session, acted to:
  - Accept the resignation of VRE's Chief Operating Officer.
  - Accept the recommendation of NVTC's Executive Committee regarding the performance evaluation of NVTC's executive director.