

## **APPENDIX H**

# **STATE AND REGIONAL AGENCIES ENGAGED IN PLANNING AND FUNDING TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

AGENCY	FUNCTION	INTERACTIONS
<p><b>STATE:</b></p> <p>Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)</p>	<p>Policy-making board governing VDOT and VDRPT. Chaired by the Secretary of Transportation.</p>	<p>Apportions state and federal funds using state formulas and, in the cast of same state and federal programs, uses discretionary allocations. Approves six-year plan with specific projects and funding sources each year. Recommends to Governor approval of state Transportation Improvement Program (TIP's) and regional TIP's. Northern Virginia's CTB member chairs TCC.</p>
<p>Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)</p>	<p>Directed by commissioner (who sits on CTB). Statewide transportation planning is performed by VDOT. The Northern Virginia District Office performs planning and administrative functions and directs construction and maintenance.</p>	<p>VDOT serves as staff to CTB. VDOT is a voting member of TPB. The Northern Virginia District serves as staff to TCC. The Northern Virginia District Administrator chairs TCC's Technical Committee.</p>
<p>Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT)</p>	<p>Formerly a division of VDOT. Came into existence on July 1, 1992. Administered by a director. Administers statewide transit assistance programs.</p>	<p>Director is a member of NVTC, PRTC and TCC. Cooperates with VDOT on TPB. Provides grants to PRTC and NVTC. Administrative funds come from VDOT.</p>
<p><b>REGIONAL:</b></p> <p>Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)</p>	<p>Created by the Virginia General Assembly. Consists of 16 members, including nine local government officials. Sets priorities for regional transportation projects. Has a technical committee of local transportation staff.</p>	<p>Forwards priorities for federal and state funding to TPB.</p>
<p>Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)</p>	<p>Created in 1964 by General Assembly. Allocates over \$100 million of regional, state and federal assistance to six member jurisdictions and serves as a forum for regional transit and ridesharing policymaking. Financial resources including state and commission transit bonds and a two percent regional motor fuels tax.</p>	<p>Appoints WMATA Board members from Northern Virginia. All members serve on TCC. Staff serves on TCC and TPB Technical Committees. Co-manages the Virginia Railway Express with PRTC.</p>
<p>Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)</p>	<p>Created in 1986. Operates commuter bus system known as CommuteRide and a successful ridesharing program. Serves five jurisdictions. Also receives a two percent regional motor fuels tax.</p>	<p>Many members serve on TCC. Staff serves on TCC and TPB Technical Committees. Co-manages VRE with NVTC.</p>

\* For a more detailed listing of agencies, names, addresses and telephone numbers, refer to Appendix A of NVTC's Annual Transportation Update.

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<b>REGIONAL cont'd:</b> Virginia Railway Express Operations Board (VRE)	Created in 1988 by NVTC and PRTC to direct day-to-day activities of commuter rail project. The commissions employ a staff Chief Operating Officer who reports to the VRE Board.	Major policy decisions continue to be made by NVTC and PRTC.
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA or Metro)	Operates regional bus and subway systems.	NVTC appoints Northern Virginia WMATA Board members. WMATA applies for federal Section 9 grant each year on behalf of NVTC. NVTC co-sponsors WMATA public hearings on fares and service changes. WMATA's six-year Capital Improvement Program is included as part of TPB's TIP. WMATA has a board member on TPB.
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG)	Serves as policy forum for suburban Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia on issues such as transportation and air quality, among others. Provides extensive databases and modes for population, employment, and transportation forecasts. Operates Ridefinders network, a regional ridematching program providing a centralized database and coordinated marketing.	In 1966, recognized by federal government as agency responsible for comprehensive regional planning and agreed with TPB to use that agency as its Transportation Policy Committee.
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB)	Serves as Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for region. Now includes representatives of 17 cities and counties, plus several states and regional transportation agencies.	MWCOG's Director of Transportation is lead staff for TPB. Produces Long Range Transportation Plan. Produces annual updates of six-year Transportation Improvement Program, for which air quality conformity analysis is now required. Has a technical and several other committees on which local and regional staff actively participate. Provides transportation input to the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee which produces the region's clean air plans and conformance strategies.
Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)	Formerly named Northern Virginia Planning District Commission (NVPDC). State planning review (A-95) agency (coordinating comments on federally funded projects). Forum for resolution of land use and environmental issues.	Conducting land use study of VRE. Staffs TCC's Citizens Advisory Committee. Conducts annual land use/transportation conference. A 1971 contract with MWCOG recognizes TPB's official transportation responsibilities and avoids duplication with TPB and NVTC.
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA)	Board oversees National and Dulles Airports under a long-term lease from Congress, with congressional review.	Controls access to Dulles Corridor and participates actively on regional study groups involved in Dulles Corridor Planning. Has refused to allow carpools to use the Dulles Access Road in lieu of the Dulles Toll Road, although transit buses are permitted on the Access Road.





