



AGENDA ITEM #6

TO: Chairman Hudgins and NVTC Commissioners
FROM: Rick Taube
DATE: August 26, 2010
SUBJECT: Proposed Government Reform Commission Recommendation to Consolidate NVTC/PRTC/NVTA

At a hearing of the Simplification and Operations Committee of the Government Reform Commission on August 4, 2010 in Richmond, Assistant Virginia Transportation Secretary Matt Strader presented proposed legislative changes. Included in his list of recommendations to the Reform Commission was a call to consolidate NVTA, NVTC and PRTC to achieve greater efficiencies, create a more unified approach and save staff and legislator time preparing for meetings. NVTC, PRTC, NVTA and VRE all previously opposed this suggestion in comments submitted to the Reform Commission, and Fairfax County expressed concern.

Staff will provide materials that examine the subject in detail.

After discussion, the commission will be asked to authorize Chairman Hudgins to communicate NVTC's position to Secretary Connaughton and/or the Reform Commission.





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Reform Process

- **Following the completion of the 2010 General Assembly Session, the Secretary of Transportation's Office began soliciting reform proposals from a variety of sources.**
 - **State agencies that fall within the SOT, stakeholders, legislators, and the general public.**
- **All of the proposals fall into one of four categories: state code initiatives, federal initiatives, administrative/regulatory initiatives, and funding reform.**
- **In June, once the reforms were compiled, the transportation agencies began submitting the reform ideas to the various boards and commissions that govern transportation in the Commonwealth, and then to stakeholders for comments and feedback.**
 - **The state code initiatives were submitted for comment first, followed by the federal initiatives.**
 - **The administrative/regulatory matrix was recently completed and will be submitted for comment later this week.**
 - **The funding reform initiatives are still in the development process and will be completed later this fall.**
 - **All of the reforms are or will be posted on the Secretary's website as the process continues (www.transportation.virginia.gov).**

Process Cont.'d

- **Moving forward, the Secretary's Office will be reviewing the comments and feedback with the goal of finalizing a list of reforms to present to the Governor later this fall.**
- **Based on our initial review of these comments and feedback, the Secretary's Office offers the following proposed reforms for the Commission's consideration and recommendation.**
- **While not unanimously supported in the comments, the majority of these proposals enjoyed widespread support, and they are all geared towards generating new efficiencies and reducing costs to better enable the Commonwealth's transportation agencies to address our transportation challenges.**
- **It is also important to note, that these are just ideas at this point – they have not yet been vetted through the normal legislative drafting process.**

Initiative 15

- **Northern Virginia Transportation Group Consolidation**
- **Code Section: §15.2-4829 – 4840 and 15.2-4501.1**
- **Currently Administered:** Within Planning District 8, there are three separate organizations carrying out similar tasks: the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Potomac Rappahannock Transportation Commission and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. All three are tasked with developing a transportation plan, and they all may construct, acquire, contract, etc. for transportation facilities. They may all also issue debt in the form of bonds.
- **Proposed Change:** Consolidate these three organizations into one group tasked with addressing transportation challenges in Northern Virginia.
- **The consolidation would create greater efficiencies and a more unified approach to addressing transportation in Northern Virginia. It would also reduce the amount of time and money spent on staffs and legislators preparing for meetings.**