

**JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE TO STUDY
CREATING A REGIONAL RAPID TRANSIT NETWORK.**

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November 16, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Prince William County Development Services Building
Woodbridge, Virginia

Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:13 a.m., and a quorum was found to be present.

The Chairman distributed to the members a lists of suggested recommendations, which served as the basis for a general discussion. In the course of this discussion, the following recommendations were agreed to:

1. Have Virginia move toward the stated aim of funding 95 percent of eligible transit operating costs;
2. Maximize Transit Oriented Development (TOD);
3. Involve the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT) in "527 Reviews" of local development plans;
4. Limit "527 Reviews" for TOD projects consistent with comprehensive plan provision for a TOD, if such comprehensive plan provisions have been subject to "527 Review";
5. Encourage use of urban district areas and other tools to promote TOD and to develop enhanced transit in such areas;
6. Develop extensive Greater Northern Virginia multi-modal transit capacity in TransAction 2040;
7. Identify funding to meet needs identified in TransAction 2040;
8. Promote incentives for transit use, such as employer-financed fare payments;

9. Encourage Transportation Demand Management (TDM), including telework and flex-time, and more to implement technological incentives for transit use, such as real-time information and WiFi capability on transit;
10. Have VDRPT work with local governments, transportation commissions, and existing transit systems to develop coordination among local and regional transit systems;
11. Move to implement technology incentives for transit use, such as real-time information and WiFi capability on transit;
12. Provide incentives/requirements for investments for pedestrians, bicyclists, sluggers, park-and-riders, and others to increase transit use and decrease reliance on single occupancy vehicles;
13. Oppose extension of the "sunset" on use of hybrid vehicle on I-95, I-395, and I-66 during HOV hours;
14. Urge the federal government to consider transit capacity and highway limitations in future BRAC decisions
15. In extension of HOT lanes on I-95 and I-395, include a requirement that public funds be used to provide mass transit support;
16. Continue the present study for one additional year, primarily to assess and, as necessary, react to the impact of these recommendations.

Thereupon, the meeting was adjourned.

Members

Sen. George L. Barker, Chairman
Del. Vivian E. Watts, Vice Chairman
Sen. Charles J. Colgan
Del. Jeffrey M. Frederick
Del. Timothy D. Hugo
Del. Joe T. May
Sen. Toddy Puller
Del. Thomas Davis Rust
Del. James M Scott
Sen. Richard H. Stuart