

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2016

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Albo

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Consolidation of the NOVA Transportation Authority, the NOVA Transportation Commission.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would consolidate the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC). The bill would expand the duties of the NVTA to include the assumption and oversight of the NVTC and the PRTC administrative activities, bus and commuter rail transit planning, programming, funding, and operation activities that occur in the areas embraced by the NVTA. Upon enactment, which is delayed until July 1, 2012, the NVTC and the PRTC are to be dissolved. Additional technical changes are made throughout the Code to account for the consolidation.

The NVTC and PRTC were created by the General Assembly to administer the Northern Virginia Transportation District and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation District. An additional two percent sales tax on gasoline is charged within the districts and used by the two entities to pay for transit services. The bill transfers all powers, duties and responsibilities of the NVTC and the PRTC to the NVTA. The bill also directs the NVTA to assume and update all bonds, debts and agreements of the NVTC and PRTC, as well as all administrative positions held by the entities.

The NVTC is directed by a 20-member board and the PRTC has a 17-member board. The bill directs the 17-member NVTA to be expanded to incorporate all the members of the NVTC and PRTC. Upon consolidation, the NVTA board will contain 54 members. The bill specifically adds the Director of Department of Rail and Public Transportation as a voting member of the NVTA. The bill also adds the Secretary of the Virginia Department of Transportation as a voting member.

NVTa Membership Following Consolidation	
Prince William County	7
Fairfax County	6
Arlington County	4
Stafford County	2
Spotsylvania County	2
Loudoun County	2
City of Alexandria	3
City of Fairfax	2
City of Falls Church	2
City of Manassas	2
City of Manassas Park	2
City of Fredericksburg	1
Virginia House of Delegates	8
Virginia Senate	4
Governor-appointed citizen	1
Commonwealth Transportation Board member	1
Secretary of Transportation or designee	2
DRPT Director	1
VDOT Commissioner - nonvoting	1
Town representative - nonvoting	1
TOTAL	54

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Item 264 I. and Item 265 C. need to be amended to reflect the consolidation of the PRTC and NVTC.
7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.
8. **Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation would consolidate three political subdivisions into one body overseeing transportation needs in Northern Virginia. Any savings realized through the consolidation will remain with the NVTa, although some savings could be realized by VDOT and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation through streamlined planning processes. The additional sales tax on gasoline, while considered a local revenue source, is collected by the Department of Taxation, but any changes required to transfer the funding to the NVTa should be minimal.
9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Counties of Prince William, Fairfax, Arlington, Loudoun, Stafford, Spotsylvania; Cities of Fairfax, Alexandria, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park; VDOT, DRPT, Department of Taxation
10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** §15.2-4831 sets out the localities which are embraced by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. This Code section is not amended to include the expanded membership following consolidation.

Line 212 refers to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, although no such position exists. It is not clear if the bill is referring to the Secretary of Transportation or the Commissioner of VDOT. The Secretary will be a member of the NVTa through his position

on the NVTC and PRTC. The Commissioner of VDOT is listed as a non-voting member of the NVTa on line 228.

11. Other Comments: It is not clear if property or equipment owned by NVTC and PRTC, including the Virginia Railway Express, are to transfer to the NVTa as well.

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