

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment Committee
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FROM: Glenn Orlin, Deputy Council Staff Director

SUBJECT: Panel discussion—innovative transportation funding mechanisms

The Chair has requested convening a panel to discuss means by which local governments have raised significant revenue for major transportation capital projects within their respective jurisdictions. The context for this discussion is the County's need for several such projects to promote its economic health and quality of life, particularly the Purple Line, the Corridor Cities Transitway, potential bus rapid transit lines, and certain major highway and interchange improvements. In this same vein, Councilmember Leventhal has requested that the Committee be briefed on the funding arrangement for Northern Virginia's Silver Line, which is under construction to Dulles International Airport.

The panel includes:

- **Arthur Guzzetti**, Vice President-Policy, American Public Transit Association (APTA). He is responsible for APTA's extensive policy research agenda, policy analysis and development, transportation information and statistics. Prior to coming to APTA in June 1997, Mr. Guzzetti had 16 years in management at New Jersey Transit and the Port Authority of Allegheny County (Pittsburgh), plus two years at the New Jersey Department of Transportation. Duties focused on transportation policy, government affairs, capital programming, grants development and grants management and advocacy. In short, his career focus has been on generating support for public transportation and the benefits it provides to communities and regions. Mr. Guzzetti will provide case studies of counties and municipalities that have raised funds for major transportation projects.
- **Deborah Lipman**, Manager of Government Affairs, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), which is constructing the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. Previously, Ms. Lipman served as Director of the Office of Policy and Government Relations at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and was a Senior Analyst with the U.S. Senate Budget Committee, and also held positions with the U.S. House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee, and the U.S. Department of Transportation. Ms. Lipman will describe the evolution of the financing for Metrorail's Silver Line extension to Dulles Airport.

- **John Lynch**, Regional Transportation Program Director for the Virginia Department of Transportation's Northern Virginia Megaprojects. In this role he provides oversight for a transportation program in excess of \$5 billion. Formerly he served as the Assistant District Administrator for Construction in VDOT's Northern Virginia District and in other capacities. Prior to joining VDOT he worked in the private sector for over 20 years as a Department Head, Section Manager, Project Manager and Design Engineer for several consulting engineering firms.
- **Steven Titunik**, Communications Director, Virginia Megaprojects, Regional Transportation Program, VDOT. He is responsible for public outreach/communications for Virginia Megaprojects, focusing on projects including: I-495 Capital Beltway Express Lanes, I-95 Express Lanes, and coordination on the Silver Line.

Messrs. Lynch and Titunik will describe the details of the public/private partnership between VDOT and Transurban regarding the financing, construction, and operation of the recently opened I-495 HOT lanes and the extension of the I-95 HOT Lanes.