

**POTOMAC AND RAPPAHANNOCK
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION

MOTION: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 07-04-___

OFFICIAL COMMISSION MEETING

SECOND: _____

APRIL 5, 2007

**RE: PROSPECTIVE VIRGINIA MILITARY STRATEGIC RESPONSE FUND
APPLICATIONS FOR BUS SHETLERS**

WHEREAS, the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority (VNDIA) manages a grant program called the Virginia Military Strategic Response Fund that is intended to assist local governments mitigate the impacts of BRAC relocations; and

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia is slated to receive some of the subject funding to mitigate the impacts associated with the Fort Belvoir and Quantico BRAC plans; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Belvoir draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) calls for traffic demand management measures (TDM) to contain the traffic impacts stemming from Fort Belvoir-related BRAC plans, including prospective transit service; and

WHEREAS, bus shelters positioned to serve those that will be traveling between Prince William County and Fort Belvoir by transit are seen by Prince William County management (and PRTC management) as an excellent candidate for VNDIA funding; and

WHEREAS, transit services linking Prince William County and Fort Belvoir are envisioned along Route One in PRTC's strategic plan, and Route One is already well served by bus services that lend themselves to extension to Fort Belvoir; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County rather than PRTC would have to be the applicant for VNDIA funding for qualifying reasons; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County management will be seeking approval by the Prince William County Board of Supervisors (PWCBS) to apply for \$99,000 of VNDIA funding for bus shelters as described, at the PWCBS meeting on April 17, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, an endorsement of this prospective application by the Commission to confirm the Commission's intent to collaborate with the County on the implementation of grant-funded shelters assuming the VNDIA grant is awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby endorse the prospective grant application that the Prince William Board of Supervisors will be asked to approve on April 17, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission will provide the 50% match to the VNDIA grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and sign the partnership agreement with Prince William County to access the grant.

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TO: Chairman Gibbons and Commissioners

FROM: Alfred H. Harf
Executive Director

RE: Prospective Virginia Military Strategic Response Fund Application for
Bus Shelters

Recommendation:

Endorse the idea of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors applying for grant funding for the acquisition and installation of bus shelters associated with future, Fort Belvoir-related bus service and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and sign a partnership agreement to access the funding.

Background:

Prince William County Planning and Transportation Department staff have informed PRTC management of the existence of a grant program managed by the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority (VNDIA) to help local governments impacted by BRAC to mitigate such impacts. PRTC management understands that this is a competitive grant program with several million dollars of grant funding slated for Northern Virginia jurisdictions. Prince William staff suggested that bus shelters would seem like an excellent candidate for a grant application, and they suggested an application for \$99,000, which would need to be matched by an equivalent amount.

As the Commission knows, PRTC budgets funding for its “bus shelter” program every year, sized in accordance with conventional grant resources that are anticipated to be available. If a VNDIA grant were forthcoming for this purpose, the bus shelter program could be expanded commensurately, which would be necessary since the VNDIA grant funding cannot supplant funds already available. It continues to be a PRTC Board priority to increase the incidence of bus shelters in our service area, so a VNDIA grant would be wholly consistent with this stated aim.

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PRTC management also understands from its discussions with Prince William staff that Prince William County would need to be the applicant for this grant funding, since PRTC is not directly eligible. PRTC Management further understands that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors will be asked to authorize an application for this grant at its April 17, 2007 meeting, in order for the application to be filed prior to the end of April deadline.

If the grant is awarded, the funds would be used for a minimum of seven, but no more than 18 shelters along Route One, with one shelter to be placed at the entrance to Quantico Marine Base, to be implemented within one year. . Route One is already well served by PRTC bus service within Prince William County and bus service connecting Prince William County and Fort Belvoir would be via Route One. PRTC's strategic plan envisions the Route One bus service being extended northward to serve Fort Belvoir though this prospective service improvement is not yet a part of Prince William County's five-year plan. By Prince William staff's telling, it would be permissible to use VNDIA funding for new shelters situated in locations that would be served by both existing service and prospective, Fort Belvoir-related service, which shelters along Route One would do.

Fiscal Impact:

Since PRTC's FY 2007 and FY 2008 budgets have \$230,000 and \$ 150,000 for bus shelters, respectively (funded by a combination of federal, state, and local funds), available funding can be deployed to satisfy the 50% match requirement for the VNDIA grant, thereby growing the bus shelter program by a commensurate amount without the need for any additional local funding. If the VNDIA grant is awarded, the additional funding would be added to PRTC's budget, either before the FY 2008 budget adoption or after as part of the mid-year revision, depending on the timing of the award.