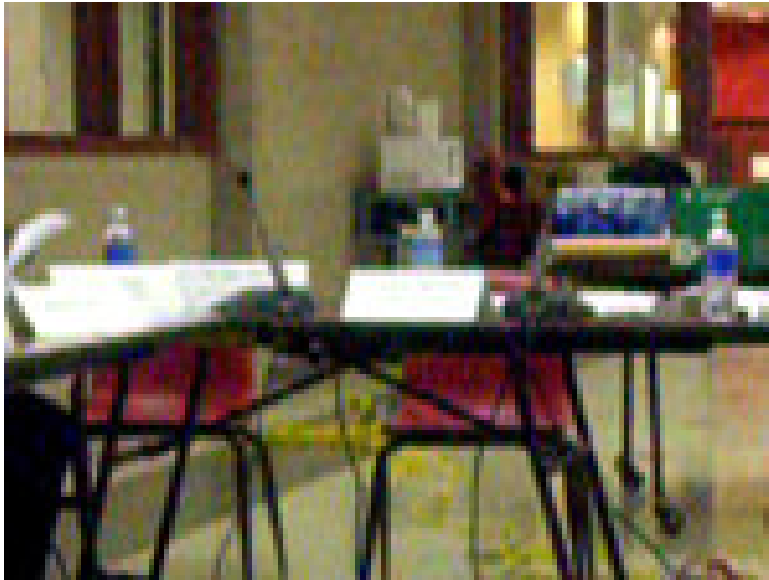


NEW DPVA REPORT: Devolites Davis MIA on Transportation

*Self-Proclaimed “Architect” of Transportation Plan Shows Up to
Work on the Issue Less Than 50 Percent of the Time*



Where is Jeannemarie?

In her campaign mailings this year, Jeannemarie Devolites Davis has been quick to point out that she is the only state senator with a seat on the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. This is the board that decides what transportation projects get funded.

What Jeannemarie doesn't tell her constituents is she has only bothered to show up for meetings about half the time! Her poor attendance record was compiled in a new report by the DPVA below.

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Since Sen. Jeannemarie Devolites Davis has been spending so much on campaign mailings touting her “clout” on transportation, the DPVA thought it would be a good idea to look into how invested she really is in fixing Northern Virginia’s transportation woes.

Her attendance record for the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) seemed like a good place to start. Devolites Davis was appointed to the NVTC in July 2004, and first began attending meetings in October 2004. She has served on the NVTA since June 2006.

According to NVTC meeting minutes as of June 2007, she has managed to attend a grand total of eight meetings and missed 22, racking up a dismal 26% attendance record – the worst of any commissioner except her fellow Republican, Loudoun County Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio (who hasn’t attended any at all since April 2005).

Devolites Davis’ longest streak was ten absences in row from June 2005 to May 2006, during which time the 2006 regular session of the General Assembly adjourned mired in gridlock over transportation funding.

She’s fared slightly better in her time on the NVTA, attending fully half of the meetings as of May 2007. That’s the third worst attendance record on the Authority.

Minutes of all meetings can be viewed at thinkoutsidethecar.org (NVTC) and thenovaauthority.org (NVTA), or you can view a tabulation of Devolites Davis’ attendance here below.

Given her lack of interest, it’s no surprise that Devolites Davis appeared unaware of any local elected officials supporting this year’s transportation bill prior to Gov. Tim Kaine’s amendments, saying, “I have not had discussions with the particular people” when asked directly by Sen. Janet Howell which local officials were supportive of the original plan.

Had she attended that month’s joint meeting of the NVTA and NVTC, she would have been able to talk with representatives from Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Falls Church, Loudoun, and Prince William, all of whom were in attendance that evening. [*NVTA minutes, 2/1/07; NVTC minutes, 2/1/07.*]

THE FACTS: Devolites Davis Attendance Records

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

Meeting	Present	Absent
October 2004	X	
November 2004		X
December 2004		X
<i>2004 subtotal</i>	1	2
January 2005		X
February 2005	X	
March 2005		X
April 2005		X
May 2005	X	
June 2005		X
July 2005		X
September 2005		X
November 2005		X
December 2005		X
<i>2005 subtotal</i>	2	8
January 2006		X
February 2006		X
March 2006		X
April 2006		X
May 2006		X
June 2006	X	
July 2006		X
September 2006	X	
October 2006	X	
November 2006	X	
December 2006		X
<i>2006 subtotal</i>	4	7
January 2007	X	
February 2007		X
March 2007		X
April 2007		X
May 2007		X
June 2007		X
July 2007	N/A	N/A
<i>2007 subtotal</i>	1	5
TOTAL	8	22

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Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

Meeting	Present	Absent
June 2006		X
September 2006		X
October 2006	X	
November 2006	X	
<i>2006 subtotal</i>	2	2
February 2007		X
March 2007	X	
April 2007	X	
May 2007		X
June 2007	N/A	N/A
July 2007	N/A	N/A
<i>2007 subtotal</i>	2	2
TOTAL	4	4

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