



**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**  
*The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia*

**PLANNING COORDINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, November 17, 2016, 6:30 pm**  
**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**  
**3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200**  
**Fairfax, Virginia 22031**

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**I. Call to Order/Welcome** Chairman Foreman  
(absent)

- Supervisor Ralph Buona called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.
- Attendees:
  - **PCAC Members:** Chair Libby Garvey (Arlington County); Supervisor Ralph Buona (Loudoun County); Supervisor John Foust (Fairfax County); Council Member Paul Smedberg (City of Alexandria); Council Member Preston Banks (City of Manassas Park); Council Member Phil Duncan (City of Falls Church); Mayor David Butler (Town of Leesburg); Council Member David Kirby (Town of Herndon); Council Member Linda Colbert (Town of Vienna); Council Member Karen Jimmerson (Town of Purcellville).
  - **NVTA Staff:** Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Keith Jasper (Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming); Harun Rashid (Transportation Planner).
  - **Other:** Noelle Dominguez, (Fairfax County); Sarah Crawford (Arlington County); Mark Duceman (Town of Herndon); Walter Williams (Prince William County).

**Action**

**II. Meeting Summary Notes of October 26, 2016, PCAC Meeting**

- The October 26, 2016 Planning Coordination Advisory Committee meeting summary was unanimously approved, with abstentions from members not present.

**III. TransAction Update – Performance Measures** Mr. Jasper

- Mr. Jasper provided a summary of discussion on performance measures, from the October 26 PCAC meeting, which was followed by a brief discussion on other committees' inputs to date on the measures. A handout was provided with comments from the October 26 PCAC meeting for each candidate measure. Mr. Jasper outlined

the objective of this meeting – to make final recommendations for performance measures, and to assign evaluation weightage for each goal.

- Ms. Backmon explained the role of each committee for these performance measures, and how each committee’s recommendation will be summarized for the Authority meeting in December.
- The Committee decided to focus on the candidate measures that were not decided upon at the October meeting. The Committee provided final recommendations on each of these measures.

#### Candidate Measures for Goal 1 (Enhance quality of life and economic strength of NoVA through transportation)

- Measure 1.3.1: Supervisor Buona reiterated the discussion from the October meeting, that this measure put communities without transit services in a disadvantageous position. *The committee maintained the same position to delete this measure*
- The Committee recommended not to change measure 1.3.2.
- Measure 1.5.1: In reply to a question from the committee, Ms. Backmon explained how a project can be considered in the list of candidate projects in the TransAction planning process, which may not be identified in any jurisdiction’s comprehensive plans. The committee recommended retaining the measure with a change in wording “Aligned with”, in place of “Consistency with”.
- The Planning Coordination Advisory Committee recommended that candidate measure 1.5.1 be retained with a change in wording (8-0)
- Measure 1.6.1: The Committee recommended not to change this measure.

#### Candidate Measures for Goal 2 (Enable optimal use of the transportation network and leverage the existing network)

- Mr. Jasper explained VDOT’s new crash datasets, and methodologies to identify ‘hot spots’ along a highway corridor based on these datasets. This process can produce a scaled assessment of high/medium/low for candidate projects, with normalized values from a database of 3 years’ records.
- Measure 2.1.1: Council Member Smedberg questioned whether this measure is heavily weighted towards vehicular crashes only. Mr. Jasper explained that is not the case, since VDOT’s database covers most types of incidents. Supervisor Buona proposed a motion on table – recommended retaining the measure with language made to be consistent with VDOT’s methodology.
- The Planning Coordination Advisory Committee recommended that candidate measure 2.1.1 be retained with a change in wording (8-0)
- Measures 2.3.1 and 2.4.1: Mr. Jasper mentioned recommendations from the October meeting. Supervisor Buona reiterated the issue – this measure favors non-highway projects heavily, he then proposed a motion to maintain the October meeting recommendation.

- The Planning Coordination Advisory Committee voted unanimously to maintain October meeting recommendation for 2.3.1/2.4.1
- Measures 2.5.1 and 2.5.2: Mr. Jasper mentioned the recommendation from the October meeting. Supervisor Buona proposed a motion to maintain these recommendations.
- The Planning Coordination Advisory Committee voted unanimously to delete candidate measure 2.5.1.
- Measure 2.6.1: Mr. Jasper mentioned the recommendation from the October meeting – to use congestion reduction relative to cost methodology developed for the FY2017 Program. Supervisor Buona also explained why this measure is not associated with a weight, and proposed a motion to maintain the October meeting recommendation.
- The Planning Coordination Advisory Committee voted unanimously to maintain the October meeting recommendation for candidate measure 2.6.1.
- Measure 2.6.2: Mr. Jasper mentioned the October meeting discussion – a proposal that the rating process take into account the leveraging of private or other external (non-NVTA) funding. Ms. Backmon explained why this measure is important in ensuring the implementation of a project from funding perspective. Supervisor Buona proposed a motion to change the wording to include “leverage non-NVTA regional funds.”
- The Planning Coordination Advisory Committee voted unanimously to approve the change

Candidate Measures for Goal 3 (Reduce negative impacts of transportation on communities and the environment)

- Measure 3.1.1 thru 3.4.1: Mr. Jasper mentioned the recommendation from the October meeting – to combine all four measures into two broad categories; one general environmental measure and one related to air quality. Supervisor Buona proposed a motion to combine measures 3.1.1 and 3.4.1, and to combine measures 3.2.1/3.3.1 and address them qualitatively
- The Planning Coordination Advisory Committee voted unanimously to consolidate from four to two measures for Goal 3.
- A robust discussion occurred on how to address economic development benefits from transportation projects. Council Member Smedberg questioned the need to mention economic development benefits explicitly in Goal 1. Council Member Jimmerson stated that economic developments deriving from a transportation system improvement is speculative in nature, and very difficult to quantify. Council Member Preston and Mayor Butler suggested economic development may be omitted from the language of Goal 1.
- Mr. Jasper requested the committee to start the discussion for assigning weights for each goal. A question was asked whether there is an issue of any one goal having more than 50% of the weight. Committee members agreed that there is no such issue, and Supervisor Buona proposed a motion to assign a weight of 60-20-20 for goals 1,2, and 3 respectively. Instead of voting, Council Member Smedberg proposed a sub-

motion to assign a weight of 40-40-20 (equal weight to system upgrade versus system maintenance). This sub-motion was defeated by a 5-4 vote. Council Member Kirby then proposed another sub-motion with a weight of 50-25-25. This sub-motion was also defeated by a 5-4 vote. Council Member Jimmerson slightly modified this weightage by requesting more values to congestion reduction, and proposed a motion with weights of 55-25-20.

- The Planning Coordination Advisory Committee voted unanimously to assign a weight of 55-25-20 to goals 1,2, and 3 respectively.

#### **IV. NVTA Update**

Ms. Backmon

- Ms. Backmon informed the Committee of the dates of the upcoming NVTA Committee and Authority meetings, noting the funding discussion related to the FY2017 Program I-66/Route 28 interchange project. She also mentioned the response rate trends for the TransAction online survey, and the public hearings scheduled for NVTA-funded projects.

### **Adjournment**

#### **V. Adjourn**

- The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.