



NVTA Funding Fact Sheet:

What NVTA Can Fund With Regional Revenues

When HB 2313 was passed by the General Assembly in 2013 it provided a source of revenue for transportation projects and specific requirements to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority about the selection of projects for funding. The Authority strictly adheres to these requirements. Failure to do so can result in the loss of the entire transportation funding package for the region.

HB 2313 (2013): What NVTA can fund with Regional Transportation Revenues

NVTA Regional Transportation Projects are funded with Regional Revenues (commonly referred to as 70% regional revenue). In order to qualify for Regional Revenue Funding:

- Projects must be in the NVTA's Long Range Transportation Plan (current plan is TransAction 2040).
- Projects must be rated and evaluated as part of HB 599.

HB 599 (2012): Agency Coordination

HB599 requires the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to coordinate with the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), the Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to evaluate all significant transportation projects. The legislation requires:

- VDOT to rate and evaluate a minimum of 25 projects for congestion reduction and homeland security mobility; and
- Conduct the rating and evaluation process at least once every 4 years.

NVTA Project Selection Process

The Authority has an established process for selecting projects for each funding Program. This process includes:

- A Call for Projects from jurisdictions and agencies.
- Evaluation and Rating of eligible projects (see NVTA Project Selection Criteria).
- Selection of a proposed list of projects for funding by the NVTA.
- A Public Comment Period and Public Hearing on proposed projects.
- Final project selection and adoption.

IMPORTANT FACT:

NVTA can ONLY consider projects for funding that are rated as part of HB 599 AND are included in TransAction 2040.

NVTA Project Selection Criteria

To help the Authority prioritize projects, the NVTA approved 11 Project Selection Criteria, based on the Project Selection Criteria developed for TransAction 2040. These 11 criteria were used to prioritize the projects submitted for consideration in the FY2015-16 Two Year Program, in addition to using the HB 599 ratings for highway projects. The Project Selection Criteria were re-evaluated and refined for the FY2017

Program project evaluations. These 9 Project Selection Criteria will be used to prioritize the projects submitted for consideration in the Draft FY2017 Program, in addition to using the HB 599 ratings for all projects.

It is important to note that in addition to giving priority to the projects that provide the greatest level of congestion reduction relative to cost, the Authority's enabling legislation *ALSO* requires that the Authority consider the following performance-based criteria when selecting projects.

SB576, the Authority's enabling legislation, states:

“The Authority shall be responsible for long-range transportation planning for regional transportation projects in Northern Virginia. In carrying out this responsibility, the Authority shall, on the basis of a regional consensus, whenever possible, set regional transportation policies and priorities for regional transportation projects. The policies and priorities shall be guided by performance-based criteria such as the ability to improve travel times, reduce delays, connect regional activity centers, improve safety, improve air quality, and move the most people in the most cost-effective manner.”

Next Steps

- The NVTA will adopt FY2017 Program in the spring/summer 2016.
- The NVTA is updating TransAction, Northern Virginia's Long Range Transportation Plan. This two year planning process will culminate in the adoption of the updated TransAction Plan in fall 2017.
- Following the adoption of TransAction, the NVTA will develop its first Six Year Program FY2018-23.

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