

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Martin E. Nohe and Members
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: Randy Boice, PE, Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee

DATE: March 14, 2017

SUBJECT: Report from the Technical Advisory Committee

1. Purpose. To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) on the recent activities of the Authority's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

2. Background. The TAC met on February 15, 2017. The Committee was briefed on the Authority's actions and discussions at the January 12, 2017, Authority meeting including the adoption of the weightings of performance measures.

The Committee discussed a draft framework for the FY 2018-FY 2023 Six Year Program. The Committee's thoughts are:

- Use a combination of call for projects and collaborative approach to identify candidate regional projects.
- Focus on projects that perform well at the regional scale in the TransAction analysis process.
- Targets for performance measures may not be realistic and the most efficient use of limited staff resources.
- In general, studies should not be studies unless it is truly regional in nature.
- In terms of leveraging NVTA funds for federal funds, being the regional entity, NVTA should not pursue applying for federal funds.
- While debt can be used for moving projects quickly, the decision to use debt capacity must be a recommendation of the Finance Committee if a need arises.

3. Next steps. The Committee will continue to be engaged with the TransAction update, as well as the Six Year Program framework development, providing technical input and advice as needed. The March meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee is cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2017, 7:00 pm at the NVTA offices.