

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

7:00 p.m. EDT

2600 Park Tower Drive, Suite 601

Vienna, VA 22180

This meeting was held in person and virtually via Zoom and livestreamed via YouTube.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Call to Order/Welcome

- ✓ The meeting was held in person and virtually via Zoom. Chair Boice called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- ✓ **Attendees:**
 - i. **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members:** Chair Randy Boice, Michelle Cavucci, Amy Morris, and Frank Spielberg attended in-person. Karen Campblin and Armand Ciccarelli attended virtually.
 - ii. **Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVRTA) Staff:** Keith Jasper, Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming; Dr. Sree Nampoothiri, Senior Manager, Transportation Planning & Programming; Ashkan Gholamialam, Regional Transportation Modeler

2. Summary Notes of March 18, 2026, Meeting

- ✓ Chair Boice noted the absence of a quorum and therefore deferred the review of the summary notes and approval to the next meeting.

3. FY2026-2031 Six Year Program Update: Evaluation Results

- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri started the presentation with the review of the project selection process and the evaluation criteria presented on March 18, 2026.
- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri updated TAC members on the FY2026-2031 Six Year Program (SYP) public comments. He reviewed a summary of applications (i.e., 27 applications from eight jurisdictions) and their distributions among modes and jurisdictions. The increase in active transportation project applications received in this cycle compared to the previous ones was highlighted. The results of the qualitative and quantitative evaluation and the materials (i.e., project evaluation results and description forms) published on NVRTA website and shared with the public to comment. The comment period ran from April 2, 2026, through May 17, 2026. Outreach activities were performed on social media platforms and in coordination with jurisdiction partners to encourage public participation. NVRTA held a Public Hearing on May 14, 2026, before the official Authority meeting, where 20 individuals provided testimony both in person and virtually. After removing duplicate submissions, NVRTA identified approximately 265 unique commenters and approximately 700 project-level comments. Public participation trends from

previous Six Year Program cycles showed the volume of public engagement during the current cycle was generally consistent with last cycle.

- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri provided details on supporting and opposing comments on each project and reviewed project-level comment summaries, including two City of Falls Church projects which, received the highest number of comments, followed by several projects from Arlington County and one project from Prince William County. At the other end of the spectrum, several projects from Prince William County, one from the Town of Herndon, and another from Loudoun County received relatively few public comments. Most projects received more supportive than opposing comments, and all projects received at least some public feedback.
- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri presented maps showing the geographic distribution of comments and noted comments generally originated from locations near the project areas, although some opposition comments came from outside the immediate project areas. This pattern has been observed in previous funding cycles and may reflect comments from individuals who work in or travel through the project area. Many of these comments expressed general opposition to roadway projects rather than concerns specific to a particular project.
- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri emphasized public comment represents one of four factors considered during the project selection process and mentioned staff continue to review individual comments in detail to better understand the reasons for support and opposition and to determine how those comments should be considered when developing funding recommendations.
 - i. Mr. Spielberg noted the Finance Committee had recommended approximately \$775.8 million in available funding and asked how far down the Congestion Reduction Relative to Cost (CRR) rankings that funding level would cover. Dr. Nampoothiri responded that the NVTA finance team performed revenue forecasting for FY2030 and FY2031, separated the forecasts for Regional Revenues and Local Funds, and followed a multi-step process to determine the PayGo number. Based solely on CRR rankings, funding would likely reach only the sixth or seventh-ranked project. However, funding recommendations are not based exclusively on CRR and depend on various factors.
- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri noted that staff are preparing a public comment report, and all comments and supporting documentation will be published and shared with everyone. The public comment findings and related materials will be presented to the Authority at the June 11, 2026, meeting. He further noted the TAC will return to its regular meeting schedule on June 17, 2026, at which time staff will present the staff funding recommendations. Following TAC review and discussion, the committee may endorse the recommendations or suggest modifications before forwarding its recommendation to the Authority. Both the TAC and the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC) will receive the same staff recommendations, which will subsequently be reviewed by the Planning and Programming Committee (PPC). The PPC will consider the staff, TAC, and PCAC recommendations before forwarding a final recommendation to the Authority for action at the July 9, 2026, meeting.

- i. Mr. Spielberg asked whether the Authority can partially fund projects rather than provide the full amount requested. Dr. Nampoothiri responded that partial funding is permitted and has been used in previous funding cycles. He explained that projects may receive funding for specific phases, such as preliminary engineering or right-of-way acquisition, while additional phases may be funded later.
- ii. Ms. Cavucci asked what factors are considered when determining whether a project should receive partial funding. Dr. Nampoothiri responded that one key factor is the amount of funding available. If remaining funding is insufficient to support all requested project phases, NVTA may fund only an initial phase, such as preliminary engineering, while deferring right-of-way acquisition or construction to a future funding cycle. Public comments also may influence partial funding decisions. In some cases, public feedback indicates that stakeholders have concerns regarding project scope, design, or potential impacts and would like additional opportunities to provide input. In such situations, NVTA may recommend funding only the design phase so that project sponsors can further evaluate alternatives, address public concerns, and incorporate community feedback before seeking funding for subsequent phases.
- iii. Ms. Morris asked whether the decline in public participation relative to some earlier cycles was a concern. Dr. Nampoothiri responded that participation levels have remained relatively stable in recent cycles and noted high participation in earlier cycles was associated with the launch of the first SYP, a larger number of project applications, increased public awareness, and major regional transportation initiatives occurring at that time.
- iv. Mr. Spielberg asked about the Van Buren Road project in Prince William County and whether it was the same project that had generated significant public discussion during a previous funding cycle. Dr. Nampoothiri confirmed that it is the same project and noted that NVTA ultimately funded only the design phase at that time. Chair Boice noted that some opposition to the project stems from concerns about potential visual and environmental impacts on a nearby age-restricted residential community, including the possible loss of existing trees. Dr. Nampoothiri explained the project is intended to address cut-through traffic and related safety, noise, and air quality concerns in one community, while opposition has largely centered on potential visual, environmental, and neighborhood impacts to an adjacent community.

4. NVTA Update

- ✓ Mr. Jasper provided an update on the upcoming June Authority meeting, noting that it is expected to be held virtually and may be abbreviated due to scheduling conflicts among Authority members. He explained that the proposed PayGo funding amount of approximately \$775.8 million must first be approved by the Authority before final funding recommendations can be advanced. As a result, staff

recommendations included in the TAC packet will likely be contingent upon Authority approval of the funding amount, although the final approved amount is expected to be known by the time the TAC meets.

- ✓ Mr. Jasper also provided an update regarding efforts to fill one of the TAC vacancies. He stated that staff interviewed several candidates and expect to present a recommendation to the Authority at the July meeting.
 - i. Chair Boice asked if this is a new candidate recruitment process. Mr. Jasper explained that this was the first appointment process conducted under recently revised legislation that clarified how committee members are appointed. The law confirmed that although the committee has nine members representing nine jurisdictions, there is no requirement that each jurisdiction nominate a member because only six of the nine positions are appointed by the NVTA, with the remaining three appointed by the Secretary of Transportation. The clarification established that the NVTA, as a body, selects its representatives rather than assigning seats to specific localities, resolving past confusion.
 - ii. Mr. Spielberg inquired about the candidate recruitment process. Mr. Jasper explained that candidates were identified through multiple channels, including the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC) and TAC members, and professional associations such as American Planning Association (APA) and Women’s Transportation Seminar (WTS).
- ✓ Mr. Jasper noted that there may not be a TAC meeting in July depending on the outcome of the June meeting and subsequent Authority actions on SYP. If a new TAC member is appointed in July, participation would likely begin in September.
- ✓ The committee discussed quorum requirements for the June meeting. Members noted potential attendance conflicts and discussed the possibility of holding the meeting virtually to have a quorum.

5. Adjourn

- ✓ The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.
- ✓ The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. virtually.