



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

PLANNING COORDINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 6:30 pm (Electronic meeting only)
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SUMMARY NOTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome Chair Colbert

- Chair Colbert welcomed committee members and called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- Attendees:
 - **PCAC Members:** Chair and Mayor Colbert (Town of Vienna); Vice-Chair and Council Member Selonia Miles (Town of Dumfries); Board Chair Libby Garvey (Arlington County); Supervisor Walter Alcorn (Fairfax County); Supervisor Koran Saines; Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin (Prince William County); Vice-Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker (City of Alexandria); Council Member Phil Duncan (City of Falls Church); Council Member Jon Stehle (City of Fairfax); Council Member Michelle Davis-Younger (City of Manassas); Council Member Signe Friedrichs (Town of Herndon); Council Member Fox (Town of Leesburg).
 - **NVTA Staff:** Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Keith Jasper (Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming); Harun Rashid (Transportation Planner), Sree Nampoothiri (Senior Transportation Planner).

Action

II. Resolution to Conduct October 28, 2020 Meeting Electronically

- Chair Colbert read a summary excerpt of the resolution on the need for this PCAC meeting to be held electronically, and its permissibility under the recent passage of the amendments to the HB 29 – the FOIA Bill.
The resolution was unanimously adopted.

III. Summary Notes of September 23, 2020 Meeting

- The September 23, 2020, meeting summary was approved, with abstentions from members who did not attend the September 23 meeting.

IV. TransAction Vision & Goals

Mr. Jasper

- Continuing from the last PCAC meeting, Mr. Jasper presented more details on TransAction vision and goals. In this meeting, the objective is to reach a consensus on the vision statement, with more discussions on goals and objectives slated for upcoming meetings. Currently the vision statement highlights three new keywords – equity, sustainability, and resiliency, to read – *“Northern Virginia will plan for, and invest in, a **safe, equitable, sustainable, and integrated multimodal transportation system that enhances quality of life, strengthens the economy, and builds **resilience**”***.
- There are two complementary ways to incorporate the associated goals/objectives/performance measures in TransAction analytical framework – a. performance-based planning; and b. “Core-value” approach. These 2 approaches were discussed in some details, with associated examples. In the current plan, there are a total of 15 measures to quantify the objectives, which may be too many to present priorities.
- This presentation was followed by a discussion on the equity issue. Committee members refer to a number of local and regional initiatives to address equity issue in transportation, and the need to align TransAction planning process with that. Chair Colbert agreed to this thread of discussion, and stressed that the members approve the proposed vision statement, for NVTA staff to start research best practices to address all three focuses in the vision statement. With this discussion, the current vision statement was approved unanimously to recommend to Authority.

Discussion/Information

V. NVTA Update

Ms. Backmon

- NVTA Executive Director Ms. Backmon stated staff is closely monitoring the Commonwealth’s General Assembly Special Session, to determine fiscal impacts for transportation funding, especially the status of restoring funds back to NVTA, that were re-allocated due to 2018 WMATA Bill. Another budget impact, especially in the current pandemic situation, is the Revenue Sharing program where Commonwealth Transportation Board has expressed their interest to re-allocate some funds. Council Member Stehle, City of Fairfax, expressed his support to NVTA’s legislative efforts.

VI. Adjourn

- Chair Colbert adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.