



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

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 7:00pm**  
**NVTA Office**  
**3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200**  
**Fairfax, Virginia 22031**

**SUMMARY NOTES**

- I. Call to Order/Welcome** Chairman Boice
  - Chairman Boice called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
  - Attendees:
    - Members: Chairman Randy Boice; Agnes Artemel; Bob Dunphy; Meredith Judy; Pat Turner.
    - NVTA Staff: Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Keith Jasper (Program Coordinator); Sree Nampoothiri (Program Coordinator).
    - Other: Noelle Dominguez (Fairfax County); Dalia Leven (AECOM)

- II. Meeting Summary of October 21, 2015 Meeting** Chairman Boice
  - Ms. Artemel moved to approve the minutes of October 21, 2015 meeting; seconded by Mr. Dunphy. Motion carried unanimously (with abstention from Ms. Judy and Ms. Turner who were not present at the October 21, 2015 meeting.)

**Action**

- III. Chair/Vice-Chair positions** Chairman Boice
  - The Committee unanimously approved the continuation of Mr. Boice as Chairman and Mr. Fahl as Vice-Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee. These recommendations will be communicated to Chairman Nohe, NVTA, who will be responsible for making the appointments.

- IV. Calendar Year Meeting Schedule** Chairman Boice
  - For the 2016 calendar year, the Committee unanimously approved to schedule meetings on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM at the NVTA offices.

**Discussion/Information**

- V. NVTA Update** Ms. Backmon
  - Ms. Backmon provided a summary of the December 10<sup>th</sup> NVTA meeting

- The Authority approved the FY2017 Program preliminary candidate list that included 24 projects.
- The Authority adopted the 2016 calendar and will meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month at 7:00PM at the NVTA offices.
- The Authority approved a non-binding resolution expressing its willingness to consider providing funding to one or more I-66 Outside the Beltway projects that are included in the NVTA's TransAction 2040 Plan, following a due selection process and in accordance with the Chapter 766 and the NVTA Act.
- The Authority adopted the Vision and Goals of the TransaAction update.
- In response to Chairman Boice's question, Ms. Backmon further explained that the Route 28/I-66 project submitted for the FY2017 program will be considered part of the I-66 project and will go through the HB599 evaluation and the NVTA selection process.

**VI. NVTA FY2017 Program**

Mr. Jasper

- Mr. Jasper presented the preliminary project list of the FY2017 Program approved by the Authority on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- There are a total of 24 projects for a total request of nearly \$668 million.
- The available PayGo fund is about \$230 million with the option of issuing bonds at the discretion of the Authority.
- Nearly half of the projects are continuation projects from past programs.
- Projects are a mix of road, transit, and non-motorized modes.
- All projects will be evaluated through the HB599 process.
- In response to Ms. Judy's question, Mr. Jasper explained that the HB599 process will start soon and actual evaluations will happen mostly in January and February of 2016, at the same time as the NVTA analysis process. The initial results will be shared with the Technical Advisory Committee in April 2016. The results are expected to be released for public hearing at the May Authority meeting, with the hearing taking place in June 2016.
- Mr. Jasper informed the Committee that the Project Implementation Working Group (PIWG) and the Authority considered the project selection criteria recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) before finalizing the criteria.
- In response to Mr. Boice's request, Mr. Jasper confirmed that the project details will be published on the NVTA website after processing the list and adding more information sometime in January.

**VII. TransAction**

Mr. Jasper

- Mr. Jasper presented the results of Benchmark Survey conducted in October. The survey results are published on the TransAction website: [www.NVTATransAction.org](http://www.NVTATransAction.org).
- Mr. Jasper presented the Vision and Goals, as approved by the Authority at its December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, as well as sample objectives. Objectives and

corresponding performance measures will be developed in the coming weeks/months.

- Ms. Artemel stated that Goal #1 Objective #4 reads more like a way to achieve the objectives. Ms. Artemel suggested reversing the order of the wording of the objective. Ms. Leven explained that this is a preliminary list only and will be reviewed and revised.
- Ms. Artemel suggested to include specific language about transportation assets such as Dulles Airport since Dulles Airport is planning on increasing its profile on freight transport, which can have considerable impact on our transportation system.
- Mr. Jasper pointed out that there are some objectives that address markets and their performance measures can directly deal with the impacts.
- Ms. Judy inquired about the incorporation of language on concentrated growth that can have high impact on travel time. Ms. Leven mentioned that land use planning decisions are made by member jurisdictions, not NVTA. Mr. Nampoothiri pointed out that there are some objectives that directly support concentrated growth and activity centers.
- Ms. Backmon emphasized that projects should be consistent with the local plans for smooth implementation and the NVTA follow the latest CLRP land use scenario that is vetted with local jurisdictions.
- Mr. Boise suggested to incorporate ‘balanced approach on modal distribution’ into the goals.
- Ms. Artemel pointed out that the ‘fiscal sustainability’ in the vision is not reflected in the goals. Mr. Jasper informed that this language was added by the Authority and consideration will be given to incorporating this into goals and objectives.
- In response to Mr. Boice’s inquiry, Mr. Jasper mentioned that the goals/objectives/measures must be finalized by March 2016 in time for the public engagement activities. However, there will still be flexibility for modifications based on public comments.
- Mr. Dunphy mentioned that the congestion reduction is the most important factor for the public and public expectations need to be managed. The public will need to be educated since congestion depends a lot on life styles.
- Mr. Dunphy requested that the Committee discuss how congestion is measured. Ms. Leven indicated the team had compiled an extensive list of congestion measures. These will be discussed at the January 2016 TAC meeting.

### **Adjournment**

#### **VIII. Adjourn**

Chairman Boice

- Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.