



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

PLANNING COORDINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 6:30 pm **(Electronic meeting only)** Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

SUMMARY NOTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome Chair Colbert

- Chair Colbert read a series of instructions in regards to protocol in conducting the online meeting, before calling the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
- Attendees:
 - **PCAC Members:** Chair Linda Colbert (Town of Vienna); Supervisor Koran Saines (Loudoun County); Board Chair Libby Garvey (Arlington County); Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin (Prince William County); Council Member Michelle Davis-Younger (City of Manassas); Council Member Preston Banks (City of Manassas Park); Council Member Phil Duncan (City of Falls Church); Council Member Selonia Miles (Town of Dumfries); Council Member Signe Friedrichs (Town of Herndon); Vice-Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker (City of Alexandria); Supervisor Walter Alcorn (Fairfax County).
 - **NVTA Staff:** Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Keith Jasper (Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming); Sree Nampoothiri (Senior Transportation Planner); Harun Rashid (Transportation Planner).

Action

II. Resolution to Conduct May 27, 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 February 26, 2020 Meeting

- The February 26, 2020, meeting summary was approved, with abstentions from members who did not attend the February 26 meeting.

Discussion/Information

IV. **FY2020-2025 Six-Year Program Update**

Mr. Nampoothiri

- Mr. Nampoothiri gave a broad outline of public comments received during the public comment period and the Public Hearing. At this point there are about 1000 comments being analyzed by staff. Broadly speaking, 3-5 candidate projects received the bulk of the comments. The NOVA Park Authority's project to enhance the W&OD trail in Arlington County, and Prince William County's application to construct an extension of Van Buren Road received the greatest number of comments. Out of 41 candidate projects, there were 5 projects which received no comments.
- In response to a question from Supervisor Saines, Mr. Nampoothiri mentioned that the comment summary, and all comments received, will be documented and shared with Committee members. In response to a question from Council Member Friedrichs, Mr. Nampoothiri confirmed that the total number of comments, and comments received for projects, was generally comparable to previous funding cycles.
- Supervisor Franklin verified the roadway project in the Rte. 1 corridor in Prince William County.
- Chair Colbert requested that the candidate project list be sent to Committee members given the number of new committee members in regards to this NVTA programming cycle update.

V. **TransAction Update**

Mr. Jasper

- Mr. Jasper provided an overview of recent activities to update the current plan (TransAction), and a context of the role of long-range planning at NVTA. NVTA staff is in the process of drafting a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure consulting services for this initiative. The following features of this update process were highlighted - as a part of this plan update, the selected consultant(s) will assist NVTA staff in implementing in-house travel model capabilities; the plan will be guided by a Transportation Technology Strategic Plan; and a recently approved task to quantify near and long-term transportation impacts of the ongoing pandemic situation.
- Arlington County Board Chair Garvey mentioned regional planning studies on regional travel demands and related congestion trends, and the role of tele-commuting to meet some of these demands. Mr. Jasper confirmed these trends citing statistics from TransAction, and stressed the need for a combination of various travel demand management approaches and transportation technology with traditional infrastructures to provide effective transportation solutions.
- Council Member Friedrichs also discussed recent transportation technology trends and potentials, especially the future impacts of connected and autonomous vehicles on local transportation network. Mr. Jasper confirmed that the Transportation Technology Committee has good representation from both public and private sectors, and the members cover a wide range of technological solutions in the transportation sector.

VI. NVT A Update

Ms. Backmon

- NVT A Executive Director Ms. Backmon, briefly described the 2020 legislative efforts to restore revenues diverted from the Authority to WMATA in 2018. Actual realization of some of these revenues will be affected by the current pandemic impact. She also highlighted an estimate of Pay-Go funds available for projects in the upcoming FY2020-2025 Six Year Program. She also mentioned two recent Authority member appointments from the Virginia General Assembly (House) – Delegate Vivian Watts and Delegate Danica Roem.

VII. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.