



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 6, 2018, 10:00 am

**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200
Fairfax, Virginia 22031**

SUMMARY NOTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome

- Chairman Nohe called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.
- Attendees:
 - **PPC Members:** Chairman Nohe (Prince William County); Chairman Bulova (Fairfax County); Chair Cristol (Arlington County); Chair Randall (Loudoun County); Mayor Rishell (City of Manassas Park).
 - **Authority Members and other Elected Officials:** Mayor Meyer (City of Fairfax); Mayor Parrish (City of Manassas); Mayor Silberberg (City of Alexandria); Selected Black; Ms. Hynes (Governor's Appointee, CTB Member); Mr. Kolb (Governor's Appointee); Ms. Cuervo (VDOT); Council Member Smedberg (City of Alexandria); Mayor Vance, Vice Mayor Amy Marasco (Town of Hillsboro).
 - **NVTA Staff:** Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Keith Jasper (Principal); Carl Hampton (Investment & Debt Manager); Sarah Camille Hipp (Communications Manager); Michael Longhi (CFO); Sree Nampoothiri (Transportation Planner); Harun Rashid (Transportation Planner); Peggy Teal (Assistant Finance Officer).
 - **Council of Counsels:** Ellen Posner (Fairfax County); Steve McIsaac (Arlington County).
 - **Staff:** Sarah Crawford (Arlington County); Noelle Dominguez (Fairfax County); Bob Brown, Meseret Argaw (Loudoun County); Paolo Belita (Prince William County); Yon Lambert, Tarrence Moorer (City of Alexandria); Wendy Sanford (City of Fairfax); Christine Hoeffner, Mark Schofield (VRE); Paul Gilbert (NOVA Parks); Dan Goldfarb (NVTC).
 - **Other:** Stewart Schwartz (Coalition for Smarter Growth)

Action

II. Approve Summary Notes of March 28, 2018 PPC Meeting

- The March 28, 2018 Planning and Programming Committee meeting summary was unanimously approved.

III. Draft FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program

- Ms. Backmon presented the NVTA staff recommendation for the FY2018-2023 Six Year Program. She reminded the members project selection criteria that included:
 - Eligibility (included in TransAction and primary location in NOVA),
 - Congestion reduction relative to cost (CRRC) ratio,
 - TransAction project ratings,
 - Qualitative considerations, and,
 - Public comments.
- Ms. Backmon gave an overview of the public engagement process (Open House/Public Hearing, jurisdictional town hall meetings/briefings, pop up events, and social media) and the public comments received (website, emails, mail). NVTA received comments from a total of more than 1,200 citizens/organizations including 62 testimonies at the public hearing, comments from more than 800 citizens/organizations, and other sources. Approximately 85 percent of all comments addressed nine projects.
- Ms. Backmon informed the Committee that sponsors provided updates to specifics of 11 projects during the evaluation process. These included reduced funding request, update to ongoing project activities, revised project schedule, etc.
- Ms. Backmon reminded the Committee about the modal and geographic distribution of requested project funding.
- Ms. Backmon presented the staff recommendations that gave priority to CRRC ratio but also considered other factors mentioned in the selection criteria. The recommendation utilizes the full \$1.285 billion PayGo funds available for the Six year Program. She encouraged jurisdictions to submit projects that received partial or no funding to SmartScale process, which is underway.
- Ms. Backmon informed the Committee that the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) have already endorsed staff recommendations as it is.
- Ms. Backmon reminded the Committee that the next SYP update will start in July 2019 with Call for Regional Transportation Projects with an anticipated adoption in June 2020.
- Ms. Backmon went through the recommended list and explained the rationale for full, partial or no funding for each project.
- In response to Chair Cristol's question on additional revenue for future SYPs, Ms. Backmon informed that it could potentially include funds from any de-allocation of funded projects.
- In response to Chair Bulova's request for explaining the color-coding in the recommended project list, Ms. Backmon noted that green represents full funding, yellow partial funding, and orange no funding due to either the project getting other funds, not requiring funds at this time, or not recommended for funding. She added that for example, Route 28 Widening project (ID 2018-019-0) received Route 28 Tax District funds and do not require funds from NVTA at this time. Shirely Gate Road Extension project (ID 2018-020-0) on the other hand cannot begin until the Fairfax County Parkway Widening project (ID 2018-016-2) is substantially completed.

- Mayor Silberberg requested the Committee to take a second look at the West End Transitway funding as that is the top priority for the City among the project applications though the City's top focus currently is Potomac Yard.
- Chairman Nohe noted that the staff recommendation utilized the full available PayGo amount and therefore, any additional funding could happen only if we take away funds from another project.
- Committee Members and other NVTA members present applauded the full funding for the Route 9 Traffic Calming project.
- Committee Members and other NVTA members present commented that the SYP evaluation and project selection process including the public engagement process was very thoughtful and commended the staff for their work.
- Chair Bulova moved a motion to accept the staff recommendation, supported by Chair Randall.
- Mayor Meyer requested to amend the recommendation by moving \$5 million from the City's Jermantown Road Corridor Improvements project (ID 2018-046-0) in the outer years to the City's second priority project Old Lee Highway Multimodal Improvements project (ID 2018-048-0). He explained that the funding situation for the Old Lee Highway project has changed since it has received \$5 million in Revenue Sharing and this adjustment would provide the matching funds for the project and the project can move ahead while utilizing the Revenue Sharing funds. Chair Bulova and Chair Randall accepted the amendment.
- Chairman Nohe requested to amend the recommendation by moving \$11 million from the County's Construct Interchange at Prince William Parkway and Clover Hill Road (ID 2018-039-0) to another County project Summit School Road Extension and Telegraph Road Widening project (ID 2018-036-0). He explained that while the grade separation at Clover Hill is important, there are four such project within a relatively short segment of Prince William Parkway and constructing all of them simultaneously may not physically be possible. On the other hand, the Summit School Road project is critical in providing a better connection to the largest commuter parking lot in the Commonwealth, which also provides a high number of commuter buses currently and will increase with the Transform 66 project. In response to Mayor Parrish's question on the funding gap that will be created by this move, Chairman Nohe noted that the County will be applying to SmartScale. Chair Bulova and Chair Randall accepted the amendment.
- Chair Cristol and Mayor Silberberg noted that there should be a renewed focus on projects that can reduce single occupancy vehicles and increase transit usage in the new constrained funding situation since the legal requirement solely focus on congestion reduction.
- Chairman Nohe confirmed that the motion to accept the staff recommendation with four different amendments (reduce funding on two projects and increase funding on two other projects) and recommend the Authority the same. He requested the NVTA staff to evaluate the four changes and provide any additional information that may adversely impact the two projects from which the funds are removed.
- The motion moved by Chair Bulova, supported by Chair Randall, with four amendments as described above, was passed unanimously.
- Ms. Backmon noted that the three-year TransAction update process flowed right into the inaugural SYP process and thanked the Authority support and support from jurisdiction and agency staff throughout the process.

Discussion/Information

IV. NVT A Update

- Ms. Backmon informed the members that the next Authority meeting is scheduled on June 14th.

Adjournment

V. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.