

PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

2600 Park Tower Drive, Suite 601

Vienna, VA 22180

This meeting was held in person and livestreamed via YouTube.

MEETING SUMMARY

✓ **Call to Order/Welcome**

✓ The meeting was held in person. Chair Mayor Davis-Younger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

✓ **Attendees:**

✓ **Planning and Programming Committee (PPC) Members:** Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger (City of Manassas); Chair Deshundra Jefferson (Prince William County); Board Member Takis Karantonis (Arlington County); Mayor Catherine S. Read (City of Fairfax) attended in person.

✓ **Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) Staff:** Monica Backmon (CEO); Sree Nampoothiri (Senior Manager, Transportation Planning & Programming); Starla Couso (Manager, Transportation Planning & Programming).

✓ **Summary Notes of July 2, 2025, Meeting**

✓ A motion to approve the summary notes of the July 2, 2025, meeting was made by Chair Jefferson and seconded by Mayor Read. The motion passed unanimously.

✓ **FY2026-2031 Six Year Program (SYP) Update: Evaluation Results**

✓ Dr. Nampoothiri provided a brief overview of the SYP process to PPC members. After the closing of public comment, NVTA staff will prepare a recommendation. The recommendation goes to the two statutory committees, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC). After reviewing the recommendations from NVTA staff, TAC, and PCAC, the PPC will make a recommendation to the Authority.

✓ He gave an overview of the four major components: eligibility, quantitative analyses, qualitative considerations, and public comment. For eligibility, the project and project description must be consistent with TransAction. The project location must also be primarily in Northern Virginia. The application must include Governing Body resolutions. All 27 applications were deemed eligible. The quantitative analysis is conducted using a series of computerized models with three measures. The qualitative considerations primarily come from the project application. The last component is public comment.

✓ Dr. Nampoothiri reviewed the calculation for Congestion Reduction Relative to Cost (CRRC). By law, NVTA must give priority to projects that achieve the greatest congestion reduction relative to cost.

- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri then explained the components that are included in TransAction Rating calculations. There are ten performance measures and associated weights used to calculate the TransAction Rating.
- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri reviewed Long Term Benefit (LTB). The code requires that, over the long term, the allocated benefit to member jurisdictions must be approximately equal to the share of revenues attributed to the jurisdictions. In some cases, LTB considerations might impact which projects are recommended. However, LTB is not expected to be balanced in a single cycle, as it depends on a variety of factors including the number and type of projects that are applied for, project costs, the project sponsors, as well as available funding.
 - i. Chair Jefferson asked a clarification question on the process for towns applying for funding. Ms. Backmon explained that a town can submit an application with a Governing Body Resolution of Support from the county within which the town is located in.
 - ii. Chair Jefferson asked about how the towns receive local distribution funds (30%). Ms. Backmon explained that county is responsible for distributing the local distribution funds. The local distribution fund is based on school-aged children.
- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri reviewed the findings of the qualitative evaluation. He explained which criteria staff evaluate and how they are summarized. The criteria include past performance, policy compliance, reimbursement status, alignment with NVTA Core Values, among others.
- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri provided a summary of the 27 applications. The total requested funding amount for the FY2026-2031 program is \$1.26 billion. The PayGo amount projected by the Finance Team and approved by the Finance Committee is about \$780 million.
 - i. Board Member Karantonis asked if the SYP process accounts for fluctuations in modal project applications. Dr. Nampoothiri explained there is not a separate evaluation for different modes.
- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri showed the projects by CRRC rating. He highlighted that technology projects typically score well.
 - i. Board Member Karantonis noted the Court House Metro Station Access Improvements scored last. Dr. Nampoothiri noted that this project is not an additional access project and the cost is high. Ms. Backman noted that the projects are scored relative to the other projects submitted.
- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri reviewed the LTB for the previous cycle (FY2024-2029 SYP) and the current cycle (FY2026-2031 SYP). Dr. Nampoothiri highlighted the revenue share for each jurisdiction relative to trip-based and performance-based benefits.
 - i. Board Member Karantonis asked for clarification on the jurisdictions that are underperforming or where the revenue share is higher than the benefits. Ms. Backmon noted that NVTA staff shares this information to highlight how jurisdictions are performing over time.
- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri reviewed the results of the qualitative considerations.

- ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri showed an example of a project description form, indicating that all project description forms are available on the website if the members of the public wish to review them. The public comment period lasted from April 2, 2026, to May 17, 2026.
- ✓ Lastly, Dr. Nampoothiri reviewed the SYP schedule. At the committee's June meeting, staff will request PPC to review and endorse their funding recommendations. The Authority will be briefed on public comments in June and requested to adopt FY2026-2031 SYP.

- ✓ **NVTA Update**
 - ✓ Ms. Backman provided the NVTA update. She noted that NVTA is holding the Opening Ceremony for the Best Workplace for Commuters (BWC) at NVTA's office on June 17, 2026, from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The ceremony will also be live streamed across the nation and Canada. Ms. Backman also noted that the June Authority Meeting will be held virtually.
 - ✓ Dr. Nampoothiri noted that after the committee takes action on the Six Year Program in June, future PPC meetings will focus on information and action items related to TransAction.

- ✓ **Adjourn**
 - ✓ The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.
 - ✓ The next scheduled meeting for the PPC is on June 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in person at NVTA's office.