



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 7, 2017, 1:00 pm

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200

Fairfax, Virginia 22031

SUMMARY NOTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome

- Chairman Bulova called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm.
- Attendees:
 - **PPC Members:** Chairman Nohe (Prince William County); Chairman Bulova (Fairfax County); Chair Fiset (Arlington County); Mayor Rishell (City of Manassas Park).
 - **Authority Members and other Elected Officials:** Helen Cuervo (VDOT); Jim Kolb (Gubernatorial Appointee).
 - **NVTA Staff:** Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Keith Jasper (Principal); Carl Hampton (Investment & Debt Manager); Michael Longhi (CFO); Sree Nampoothiri (Transportation Planner); Peggy Teal (Assistant Finance Officer).
 - **Council of Counsels:** Ellen Posner (Fairfax County)
 - **Staff:** Sarah Crawford (Arlington County); Noelle Dominguez, Sung Shin (Fairfax County); James Davenport (Prince William County); Pierre Holloman (City of Alexandria); Wendy Sanford (City of Fairfax); Chloe Delhomme (City of Manassas Park); Sonali Soneji (VRE); Maria Sinner (VDOT); Tim Roseboom, Ciara Williams (DRPT); Cynthia Porter-Johnson (PRTC); Dan Goldfarb (NVTC).

Action

II. Meeting Summary Notes of May 31, 2017, PPC Meeting

- The May 31, 2017 Planning and Programming Committee meeting summary was unanimously approved.

III. NVTA Staff Project Recommendations for I-66 Outside the Beltway Concessionaire Payment

- Ms. Backmon reminded the Committee that Secretary Layne had requested NVTA to recommend projects to be funded using the \$500 million I-66 Outside the Beltway Concessionaire Payment. Recommended projects must benefit users of the corridor.

- Ms. Backmon informed the Committee that 26 applications for a total of \$1.17 billion were received in response to the Call for Projects. She added that NVTA staff, in consultation with the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC) had developed the eligibility criteria and prioritization criteria prior to the Call for Projects.
- Ms. Backmon briefed the Committee about the selection process, which included basic eligibility screening, prioritization evaluation, consideration of sponsor priority, and legal standing with the Concessionaire agreement between the Commonwealth and the Concessionaire.
- Ms. Backmon noted that according to Deputy Secretary Donahue, the criteria of Utilization by Toll Day 1 does not necessarily mean spending all funds by Toll Day 1 but substantial completion by Toll Day 1.
- Ms. Backmon presented a synopsis of all 26 projects, project justification, and the staff recommendation, which included 14 projects for a total of \$496.3 million.
- Ms. Cuervo suggested Fairfax County discuss the Median widening for future extension of Orange Line Metro with VDOT in order to ensure coordination of work activities.
- In response to Chairman Nohe's question on inclusion of "end of the line storage" in the VRE application for Manassas Line Capacity Expansion, Ms. Soneji noted that this application does not include "end of the line storage."
- In response to Chairman Nohe's question of 2030 build-out vs 2040 build-out, Ms. Soneji noted that the application is for 2030 build-out and the main additional work for 2040 build-out will be expansion of tracks (new tracks).
- In connection with the exclusion of the PRTC request of \$5.86 million for 31 replacement buses, Ms. Porter-Johnson requested the Committee consider a scaled down request for five replacement buses.
- Mayor Rishell suggested to keep the staff recommendation since the buses are expected to be used for the entire PRTC service area, not exclusively on I-66 corridor.
- Chairman Nohe directed NVTA staff to explore the PRTC request for bus replacement with the office of the State Secretary of Transportation and present the conclusions to the Authority at its July 13, 2017 meeting for further consideration.
- In response to Chairman Nohe's question on these projects requiring final approval by the federal agencies, Ms. Cuervo noted that the Transform 66 project will be "federalized" since it has federal loan money involved and as such will need final approval from federal agencies.
- Ms. Backmon informed that a draft Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between the Commonwealth and NVTA regarding the utilization of funds is currently being reviewed by the Secretary's office. She added that this draft with any changes will be presented to the Authority when available.
- The Planning and Programming Committee unanimously recommended the Authority approve the staff-recommended list of projects for recommendation to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for funding. The Committee directed the NVTA staff to explore the PRTC request for bus replacement with the office of the State Secretary of Transportation and present to the Authority at its July 13 meeting for further consideration.

Discussion/Information

IV. NVTA Update

- Ms. Backmon informed the members that the next Authority meeting is scheduled on July 13th and will be preceded by an Open House at 5:30 pm and a Public Hearing at 7 pm regarding the draft TransAction Plan.
- Ms. Backmon noted that the Open House will include an interactive mapping station. She added that the public comment period runs through midnight on July 23.
- Ms. Backmon noted that Town Hall meetings are optional and at the discretion of jurisdictions. She added that the NVTA staff had already presented to the Alexandria Transportation Commission, Arlington Transportation Commission, and City of Fairfax and plan to present at three meetings in Fairfax County and one meeting in Loudoun County.
- Ms. Backmon further noted the schedule of events for the Authority including compilation of public comments by staff and review by various committees through September, adoption of TransAction by the Authority as well as release of Call for Regional Transportation Projects for the Six Year Program (SYP) in October, evaluation of applications by NVTA staff through Winter and Spring, followed by adoption of the SYP in June 2018.
- Ms. Sinner noted that the timing of this process will overlap with that of the Revenue Sharing update by the Commonwealth.

Adjournment

V. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.