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Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 7:00pm

NVTA Office

3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200

Fairfax, Virginia 22031

SUMMARY NOTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome Mr. Boice

- Mr. Boice called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
- Attendees:
 - Members: Randy Boice; Agnes Artemel; Doug Fahl; Kathy Ichter; Pat Turner; Shanjiang Zhu.
 - NVTA Staff: Monica Backmon (Executive Director, NVTA); Keith Jasper (Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming); Sree Nampoothiri (Transportation Planner).
 - Other: Noelle Dominguez (Fairfax County); David Roden (AECOM).

Action

II. Meeting Summary of April 19, 2017 Mr. Boice

- Mr. Fahl moved approval of the April 17, 2017 meeting summary; seconded by Ms. Turner. The motion carried unanimously with abstentions from those who were not present at the April meeting.

Discussion/Information

III. TransAction: Preview of Findings and Recommendations Mr. Jasper

- Mr. Jasper presented the draft findings and staff recommendations of the TransAction Update.
- In response to Ms. Turner's question on why the total cost of transit projects is higher than that of road projects, while the number of transit projects is lower than that of road projects, Mr. Jasper noted that the transit projects include some mega projects such as a new Rosslyn tunnel.
- Mr. Jasper responded in the negative regarding Ms. Artemel's question as to whether the Draft Plan included the extension of the Metro Yellow Line to Hybla Valley.

- Mr. Fahl opined that there should be more projects on US 15 north of the Town of Leesburg.
- In response to Mr. Fahl’s request for clarification of the Scenario A definition, Mr. Roden noted that Scenario A includes technology changes that makes driving easier, which potentially can make some of the road projects redundant.
- Ms. Ichter suggested changing the expression “quick-fix” to “shorter term” under recommendation #3.
- Mr. Boice opined that research, as noted in recommendation #6, may not be something NVTA should carry out. Ms. Backmon noted that it does not mean NVTA will spend money and do research on its own, but that it could be a collaboration with other researchers or activities similar to the NVTA-ITS Virginia Transportation Symposium that the NVTA has been hosting for the past two years.
- Mr. Boice suggested combining recommendations #5 and #6.
- In response to Dr. Zhu’s question on considering long-term benefits as base line, Ms. Backmon noted that a very high level analysis might be carried out as part of this Six Year Program cycle, but that full-fledged analysis will need more time to have a robust analysis.

IV. NVTA Update

Ms. Backmon

- Ms. Backmon informed the Committee that the Authority met on May 11, 2017, and approved the TransAction Open House and Public Hearing date as July 13, 2017, (before the Authority meeting) and the public comment period from May 12 until July 21, 2017.
- Ms. Backmon noted that Mr. Boice and Mr. Canizales presented the current status of the Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study to the Authority. The project looked at ten different alternatives, and based on a number of performance criteria, narrowed them down to six alternatives for further evaluation.
- Ms. Backmon informed the Committee that the next Authority meeting will be on June 8, 2017, where the TransAction findings and recommendations, with appropriate revisions as per comments from various committees, will be presented.

Adjournment

V. Adjourn

Mr. Boice

- Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.