

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

FOR: Chair Phyllis J. Randall and Members
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: Mayor-Elect Colbert, Chair, Planning Coordination Advisory Committee

DATE: June 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Report from the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee

1. Purpose. To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) on recent activities of the NVTa Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC).

2. Background. The PCAC met on May 27, 2020.

Due to the current public health emergency, the meeting was held via WebEX with 11 members participating. The Committee took action on the following items:

- A. A resolution to hold a remote electronic meeting was approved unanimously. This resolution was based on the recent passage of the amendments to HB 29 – the FOIA Bill, which allows regional bodies such as the Authority, and their committees to conduct business meetings electronically.
- B. The February 26, 2020 meeting summary was approved, with abstentions from members who did not attend the February 26 meeting.

NVTa Staff presented the following information items:

3. FY2020-2025 Six Year Program Update. As a part of the evaluation process for the Six-Year Program (SYP) update, the Committee was briefed on the significance of public input and the-ongoing public comment period, which ended on May 24, 2020. The Committee was informed that 26 people provided a phone testimony and 1 in-person testimony on the day of the public hearing. A brief update on the influx of comments was also relayed.

4. TransAction Update. Members were briefed on the activities leading to the update of the current plan, and a context of the role of long-range planning process at NVTa. Staff is drafting a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure consulting services for this task. 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 recent task to quantify near and long-term transportation impacts of the ongoing pandemic situation.

5. **NVTA Update.** NVTA 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 are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. She also highlighted an estimate of Pay-Go funds available for projects under funding consideration for the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program.
6. **Next steps.** I envision the PCAC will continue to be engaged in the process to adopt NVTA's FY2020-2025 Six Year Program, and the update of its long-range plan TransAction. The PCAC will be asked to make a recommendation on the FY2020-2025 SYP at their next meeting.

The date for the next meeting of the PCAC is Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at 5:00pm.