

# **Correspondence Section**



# Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

*The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia*

December 14, 2015

Ms. Wendy Block-Sanford  
Transportation Director  
10455 Armstrong Street  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030-3630

Dear Ms. Block-Sanford,

I am responding to your letter dated December 3, 2015 requesting determination eligibility status utilizing 30% funds for the following:

- **Hiring of personnel (transportation planner):** The City would like to utilize 30% funding to fund a new transportation planner position. This position would assist with transit planning, management of capital projects and other work in the Transportation Division (i.e. regional meeting attendance, traffic calming cases, development review). The City would like clarification as to whether all work named above (i.e. on-going transportation projects) is eligible for 30% funding or only the portion directly related to new transportation capital projects and transit planning.
- **Modification of the Main Street access to the Pickett Shopping Center:** The City would like to utilize 30% funding to match Revenue Sharing funding (if received) to make modifications in the public right of way to convert the Main Street entrance of the existing shopping center on the corner of Main Street and Pickett Road (Pickett Shopping Center) to both ingress/egress. This shopping center has only one signalized egress point, which is on Pickett Road (and no egress points on Main Street). Any driver wishing to access Main Street must use the signalized exit on Pickett Road. As a result, there are long queues at this exit which places tremendous pressure on the intersection. In the summer of 2013, pedestrians were struck by motorists on three separate occasions. The City has taken corrective action to improve sight lines and driver visibility of pedestrians in the crosswalk. More significant relief to this intersection could occur by shifting some of the traffic volume from Pickett Road to an exit on Main Street. The City would like to utilize 30% (and Revenue Sharing) funding to make the improvements in the public right of way to construct the new ingress/egress point. The City will request that the property owner fund any associated improvements that would occur on private property.

According to the identified request, the NVRTA staff have concluded that the request appears to be consistent with the use of 30% funds identified in the legislation.

As stated in the HB2313, 30% funding can be used for the purposes identified below:

1. additional urban or secondary road construction;
2. for other capital improvements that reduce congestion;
3. for other transportation capital improvements which have been approved by the most recent long range transportation plan adopted by the Authority;
4. or for public transportation purposes.

Please be reminded that the City must be vigilant in ensuring that the person being paid with 30% funds is truly performing only public transportation related functions.

If you have any additional questions concerning the appropriateness of a specific potential use or expenditure, please let me know and the NVTA will be glad to work through the question with the City.

Best regards,



Monica Backmon  
Executive Director

cc: NVTA Council of Counsels  
Mayor R. Scott Silverthorne  
Robert Sisson, City Manager  
David Hodgkins, Assistant City Manager/CFO  
Brian Lubkeman, City Attorney  
David Summers, Public Works Director  
Michael Longhi, NVTA, CFO



## *City of Fairfax*

*10455 Armstrong Street  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030-3630*

December 3, 2015

Ms. Monica Backmon  
Executive Director  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority  
3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200  
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Re: Request for determination about Project Eligibility Utilizing 30% Funding

Dear Ms. Backmon:

The City of Fairfax requests a determination from the NVTA Council of Counsels about eligibility for two expenses utilizing 30% funding.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Block Sanford".

Wendy Block Sanford  
Transportation Director

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David Hodgkins, Assistant City Manager/CFO  
Brian Lubkeman, City Attorney  
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