



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 7:00pm
NVTA Office
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SUMMARY NOTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome Chairman Boice

- Chairman Boice called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.
- Attendees:
 - Members: Chairman Randy Boice; Vice Chairman Doug Fahl; Pat Turner; Agnes Artemel; Meredith Judy; Kathy Ichter; Shanjiang Zhu; Bob Dunphy; Armand Ciccarelli.
 - NVTA Staff: Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Sree Nampoothiri (Program Coordinator); Keith Jasper (Program Coordinator).
 - Other Staff: James Davenport (Prince William County); Tom Biesiadny (Fairfax County).
 - Other: Jason Mumford (AECOM).

II. Meeting Summary of March 18, 2015, Meeting

- Summary not available

Discussion/Information

III. NVTA Update Ms. Backmon

- Ms. Backmon provided the Authority update.

IV. TransAction 2040 Update: Status Mr. Jasper

- Mr. Jasper introduced Mr. Mumford-TransAction project manager from AECOM, who provided an overview of technical approach and schedule for the update to TransAction 2040. Mr. Mumford reviewed the vision and goals for TransAction 2040, indicating these are under review for the update.
- Chairman Boice noted, and Ms. Turner agreed, that although the goals do not explicitly state congestion reduction, the supporting measures clearly indicate congestion reduction is a priority.

- Mr. Mumford outlined the corridor-based approach to the technical evaluation, with the intent being to evaluate multiple strategies for addressing congestion in each corridor over the long term. Strategies that perform well under various scenarios for possible alternate futures will likely be selected when projects are evaluated and prioritized for future funding and deployment.
- In response to a question from Ms. Artemel regarding the definition of ‘regional’ in the context of projects, Mr. Mumford indicated that an early task will be to address this so that projects can be appropriately screened. Vice Chairman Fahl suggested that functional classification be considered in the definition of regional.
- Ms. Ichter noted, and Vice Chairman Fahl concurred, that potential new goal #10 (slide #10) is comprised of two connected yet different components that could be separated into two goals (*Sustains regional economy by providing cost effective transportation solutions.*) Ms. Backmon emphasized that congestion reduction relative to cost is a priority for the Authority.
- In response to a question from Mr. Dunphy regarding the corridor-based approach, Mr. Mumford confirmed that the proposed technical approach will seek to optimize each corridor over the long term.
- Ms. Backmon noted that in addition to corridor optimization, the Authority will have to take account of factors such as geographic balance to ensure that regional revenues are invested in a way that meets the long term benefits requirement of the law.
- Mr. Mumford provided an overview of the proposed approach to public involvement. Ms. Artemel asked how ‘stakeholder’ is defined for the purposes of the update. Mr. Mumford explained that the term stakeholder includes a broad spectrum of groups and individuals, but with a particular emphasis on reaching out to citizens especially those who do not typically participate in traditional public hearings. Social media will be an important tool to support public engagement that was not widely available when TransAction 2040 was developed.
- Chairman Boice asked what the update would be called – this will be announced at the time of the virtual kick-off, scheduled for mid-November 2015.
- Mr. Jasper indicated that he would provide a list of deliverables to be reviewed at future TAC meetings.

V. NVTA FY2017 Program: Status

Mr. Jasper

- Mr. Jasper provided an overview of the status, schedule, and project selection process for the Authority’s upcoming FY2017 Program. Authority approval will be requested at its meeting on September 24th to issue the Call for Projects.
- He presented a summary of the initial NVTA staff recommendation for the FY2017 Program. The purpose of the presentation is to get initial feedback

from TAC members on the staff recommendation, specifically the proposed approach to calculating congestion reduction relative to cost.

- A similar presentation had been made to the Project Implementation Working Group (PIWG) earlier that day.
- It is anticipated that the Public Hearing will be held in June 2016, and the program will be adopted in July 2016.
- Mr. Dunphy requested a clarification on the meaning of 'PayGo' funds. In response to a question from Vice Chairman Fahl regarding bond finance, Mr. Jasper explained that the Authority has capacity to increase the available funds for appropriate projects.
- With respect to the NVT A staff recommendation for a congestion reduction relative to cost methodology, Mr. Jasper requested TAC member feedback. One specific topic to be considered is the cost basis that should be used (requested NVT A share versus full project cost). Ms. Ichter considered full project cost is preferable, as it demonstrates the overall impact of the project.
- Dr. Zhu suggested that consideration should be given to the inclusion of maintenance costs.
- Mr. Jasper confirmed that a list of candidate projects would be shared with the TAC as soon as possible after the proposed November 30th deadline for responding to the Call for Projects.

Adjournment

VI. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.