

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

FOR: Chairman Martin E. Nohe and Members
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: Mayor Foreman, Chairman, Planning Coordination Advisory Committee

DATE: October 6, 2016

SUBJECT: Report from the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee

- 1. Purpose.** To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority on recent activities of the NVTA Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC).
- 2. Background.** The PCAC met on September 28, 2016 attended with 7 members attending. The Committee discussed the development of the Authority's 2017 Legislative Program, and received a presentation on the development of the draft 2018-23 Six Year Program, including its relationship with TransAction. The Committee also received a briefing on candidate performance measures to be used in the evaluation of projects/packages of projects in TransAction.

This was the first meeting at which the Committee had an opportunity to discuss these topics, as the PCAC meetings in July and August were cancelled due to a lack of quorum. Consequently, per the NVTA Bylaws, the Committee was unable to consider any formal action items. The following provides a summary of the discussion.

- 3. 2017 Legislative Program.** While recognizing that the development of the Authority's 2017 Legislative Program is at a very early stage, two primary concerns were expressed by Committee members. The first concern is the impact on transit providers of the absence of a 'floor' on the gas tax. While the recent decline in the price of oil has resulted in lower fuel costs for transit agencies, this has been more than offset by the decline in tax revenues derived from the sale of gasoline. The second concern is the impact of recent legislation on the ability of local jurisdictions to apply revenues from development proffers to related transportation infrastructure improvements. The Committee also suggested potential enhancements to the Smart Scale process.
- 4. Development of FY2018-23 Six Year Program.** The Committee appreciates the opportunity to provide inputs on the development of the Six Year Program, and will be returning to this topic at a subsequent meeting.

5. **Candidate TransAction Measures/Weightings.** Members received a briefing on candidate performance measures to be used in the evaluation of projects/packages of projects in TransAction. The Committee plans to discuss this topic in more detail, and take action to provide recommendations, at its October meeting.
6. **Next steps.** I envision the PCAC will continue to be engaged in the process to update TransAction, and the development of NVTA's FY2018-23 Six Year Program.

The next meeting of the PCAC is scheduled for 6:30pm on October 26.