



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Friday, September 30, 2016, 10:00 am

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200

Fairfax, Virginia 22031

SUMMARY NOTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome

Chairman Nohe

- Chairman Nohe called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.
- Attendees:
 - **PPC Members:** Chairman Nohe; Chairman Bulova (Fairfax County); Board Member Fisette (Arlington County); Chair Randall (Loudoun County); Council Member Rishell (City of Manassas Park).
 - **Authority Members and other Elected Officials:** Jim Kolb; Helen Cuervo (VDOT).
 - **NVTA Staff:** Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Mike Longhi (CFO); Carl Hampton (Debt and Investment Manager); Keith Jasper (Principal); Sree Nampoothiri (Transportation Planner), Harun Rashid (Transportation Planner).
 - **Staff:** Rick Canizales (Prince William County); Noelle Dominguez, Mark Thomas, Karyn Moreland (Fairfax County); Bob Brown (Loudoun County); Sarah Crawford (Arlington County); Pierre Holloman (City of Alexandria); Wendy Block Sanford (City of Fairfax); Maria Sinner, Norman Whitaker (VDOT); Kate Mattice, Dan Goldfarb (NVTC); Sonali Soneji (VRE); Rich Roisman (MWCOG/TPB).
 - **Other:** Rob Whitfield (Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance).

Action

II. Meeting Summary Notes of July 1, 2016, PPC Meeting

- The July 1, 2016 Planning and Programming Committee meeting summary was unanimously approved.

Discussion/Information

III. Development of the FY2018-23 Six Year Program

- Mr. Jasper gave a presentation on the development of the Authority's FY2018-23 Six Year Program. While the adoption of the Program will not occur until some months after the adoption of TransAction which is scheduled to be adopted in the fall of 2017, NVTA staff is seeking a broad range of inputs on the Six Year Program framework. It is envisioned that this framework will be approved by the Authority at its February 2017 meeting.
- Chairman Bulova asked about a Call for Projects for the Six Year Program. Ms. Backmon responded that the TransAction plan will evaluate projects at the corridor level, and it is appropriate for future funding decisions to reflect this. In practice, a core group of projects will likely be developed collaboratively using both TransAction, evaluation results and NVTA qualitative criteria.
- Chairman Nohe stated that the allocation of long term benefit needs to be considered in the longer term, and attention should be given as to how to address this over the next 18 months. Ms. Backmon reminded the Committee that the Authority has taken action (December 2014) regarding the principles associated with estimation of long term benefit. An important consideration is that the principles allow for some flexibility in the development of a detailed approach. However, the calculation of long term benefits is based on completed projects rather than all projects adopted and programmed by the Authority. Chairman Nohe was concerned that, for the purposes of estimating long term benefit, ignoring taxes spent on projects that had not yet been constructed may be misinterpreted. This was not taken into consideration when the principles were developed and subsequently adopted.
- Regarding the frequency of updating TransAction, Mr. Roisman noted that while the Transportation Planning Board updates its regional planning forecasts annually, it also performs a major update every 5-10 years.
- In response to the NVTA staff recommendation that studies not be funded with regional revenues, Ms. Mattice suggested that studies should be considered that cross jurisdictional boundaries. Studies cannot be evaluated in the same way as an infrastructure investment. Chairman Nohe indicated that some studies, such as the Route 28 Study, are appropriate to be considered for funding by NVTA. However, he agreed that studies that may result in nothing being built should be funded by jurisdictions and agencies, not NVTA.
- In response to a question by Chairman Bulova, Chairman Nohe stated that for projects that perform well in TransAction but which jurisdictions may not wish to implement, NVTA's voting rules prevent implementation if the member for the jurisdiction in which the project is located votes against the project. Chairman Nohe gave the example of the Bi-County Parkway which the Prince William Board of County Supervisors voted to remove from their Comprehensive Plan.

IV. TransAction: Performance Measures

- Mr. Jasper provided an overview of how performance measures will be used during the TransAction update. A handout was provided listing candidate measures related

to each of the three goals that had been previously adopted by the Authority. Mr. Jasper also asked each Committee member to consider responses to each of the three questions related to the handout on performance measures. The intention is for this subject to be the primary topic of discussion at the October PPC meeting.

- Mr. Canizales cautioned that highway widening should not be viewed as a negative consideration in the context of storm water runoff. Mr. Jasper responded that the Technical Advisory Committee considered this type of measure to be more appropriate at the project development stage as detailed comparative information is generally unavailable during long range planning. Consequently, this measure may be a candidate for deletion during evaluation of the TransAction plan.

V. TransAction Scope Change

- Ms. Backmon reported that staff is working with the AECOM consultant team on a scope change necessitated to accommodate the principals of HB 599 (2012) into the analytical work associated with TransAction. Ms. Backmon noted that this would require Authority action in the near future. Both the PPC and Finance Committee would be briefed prior to making a recommendation.

VI. NVTA Update

- Ms. Backmon provided a brief update. Groundbreakings for two projects had recently occurred; the West Ox Bus Facility in Fairfax County, and Belmont Ridge Road in Loudoun County.
- For the NVTA 2016 Annual Report, member jurisdictions were requested to provide details of the projects that had been allocated 30% Local Distribution Funds. While this information is not needed for NVTA's formal reporting requirements, it is nonetheless very helpful to summarize the extent to which these funds are allocated by member jurisdictions.
- The NVTA Auditor's Report is expected to be submitted shortly.
- Governance and Personnel Committee will meet at 6pm on October 13, prior to the Authority meeting. Finance Committee will meet at 2pm on October 27.

Adjournment

VII. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.