

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: Martin E. Nohe, Chair, Planning and Programming Committee

DATE: January 30, 2017

SUBJECT: Report from the Planning and Programming Committee

- 1. Purpose.** To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) on recent activities of the NVTA Planning and Programming Committee (PPC).
- 2. Background.** The PPC met on Monday, January 30, 2017. The meeting was well attended with four of the five members present. The Committee received a presentation on the results of the TransAction Tracking Survey, conducted in December 2016. This presentation provided insights regarding the transportation perceptions of Northern Virginians, including trends since the corresponding Benchmark Survey that was conducted in October 2015.

The Committee also discussed the weightings for the previously approved performance measures to be used in the evaluation of projects/packages of projects in TransAction.

The following provides a summary of the discussion at the January 30, 2017 meeting.

- 3. Weightings for TransAction Measures.** Members discussed the NVTA staff recommendations for weightings of the performance measures to be used in the evaluation of projects/packages of projects in the TransAction update. NVTA staff recommendations took into account recommendations made in January by the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC), the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and the TransAction Subcommittee comprising jurisdiction and agency staff.

The NVTA staff recommendations were based on the mean value of the three committees' recommendations for each measure. Mean values were then rounded to the nearest multiple of 5. For the 15 TransAction measures, five measures had a weighting of 10 and ten measures had a weighting of 5.

While the rounding process meant that some measures were adjusted by a greater amount than would normally be the case when rounding to the nearest integer, Committee members agreed that this approach facilitates transparency and future messaging with citizens and stakeholders. It was generally considered that the overall evaluation of project packages would be insensitive to the use of these slightly larger rounding adjustments.

The Committee's recommendations on weightings of TransAction performance measures will be presented for action at the Authority's meeting on February 9th.

- 4. Visualization of TransAction Weightings.** As part of its recommendation, the Committee requested that NVTA staff prepare a visualization showing how many of the measures support multiple goals. This visualization was provided electronically to PPC members on February 2, 2017.
- 5. Next steps.** The PPC will continue to be engaged in the process to update TransAction, and the development of the Authority's FY2018-23 Six Year Program.

The next meeting of the PPC is scheduled for 10am on March 1, 2017 at the NVTA offices.