

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

FOR: Members, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

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

DATE: May 5, 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 March 27, 2017 and May 3, 2017.

The Committee discussed the draft Six Year Program Framework and received a briefing on the 2040 TransAction baseline conditions. The Committee also took action on the date of the Public Hearing for the draft TransAction Plan.

3. Draft Six Year Program Framework. The PPC unanimously approved a recommendation that the Authority approve the draft Six Year Program Framework, developed by NVTA staff.

The Committee acknowledged that NVTA staff had addressed feedback to include a Call for Regional Projects, and agreed with the proposed approach to synchronize future Calls with the Commonwealth's Smart Scale cycles. The Committee noted the proposed schedule to issue the Call for Regional Projects associated with the FY2018-23 Six Year Program at the same time as TransAction is adopted, currently scheduled for October 12, 2017.

4. TransAction Public Hearing. The PPC unanimously approved a recommendation that the Authority approve July 13, 2017 as the date for the TransAction Public Hearing.

Subject to Authority approval, the Public Hearing will take place at 7:00pm on the evening of the regular Authority meeting. It will be preceded at 5:30pm by an Open House that allows for one-on-one discussions with NVTA staff, jurisdiction and agency staff volunteers (Ambassadors) and the TransAction Consultant Team.

Subject to Authority approval, the Public Comment period for the draft TransAction Plan will commence on June 9, 2017 and end at midnight on July 23, 2017. Jurisdiction-led Town Hall meetings and briefings are being scheduled during the Public Comment period, subject to available resources.

- 5. TransAction Update Preview.** The Committee received a briefing from NVTA staff on the 2040 TransAction baseline conditions, and a summary of the draft TransAction Plan.

The Committee noted the forecast travel conditions for 2040, including worsening delay and transit crowding across the region. The Committee provided feedback related that will enhance communications during the public comment period.

- 6. Next steps.** The PPC will continue to be engaged in the process to update TransAction, and the development of NVTA's FY2018-23 Six Year Program.

The date for the next meeting of the PPC is Wednesday, May 31, 2017.