



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 7:00pm

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MEETING SUMMARY

I. Call to Order/Welcome Chair Boice

- Mr. Boice called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- Attendees:
 - ✓ Members: Randy Boice; Armand Ciccarelli; Pat Turner; Shanjiang Zhu.
 - ✓ NVTA Staff: Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Keith Jasper (Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming); Sree Nampoothiri (Transportation Planner).
 - ✓ Other: Norman Whitaker (VDOT); Michelle Cavucci; Amy Morris.

Action

II. Approve Summary Notes of September 20, 2017 Meeting

- Due to lack of quorum, this action was postponed.

III. Approve Summary Notes of February 21, 2018 Meeting

- Due to lack of quorum, this action was postponed.

IV. CY2018 Meeting Schedule

- Members expressed interest to continue the current schedule of meeting on third Wednesdays at 7pm. Due to lack of quorum, this action was postponed.

V. CY2018 Chair/Vice Chair Nominations

- Members were in agreement to continue with the current Chair, Mr. Boice and appoint Dr. Zhu as Vice Chair. Due to lack of quorum, this action was postponed.

Discussion/Information

VI. FY2018-23 Six Year Program Update Mr. Jasper, Principal,
Transportation Planning & Programming

- Mr. Jasper gave a general update of the Six Year Program that included project selection criteria, long term benefit, public engagement activities, summary of key findings, and next steps.
- Project selection criteria:
 - ✓ Project eligibility (inclusion in and project scope match with TransAction, primary project location in Northern Virginia)
 - ✓ Congestion Reduction Relative to Cost (CRRC) Ratio
 - ✓ TransAction Project Ratings (TransAction-based 15 performance measures)
 - ✓ Qualitative considerations (modal/geographic balance, past performance, funding leverage, etc.), and,
 - ✓ Public comment
- Out of the 62 candidate projects, WMATA has withdrawn both its applications and 60 candidate projects remain under consideration
 - ✓ WMATA withdrew the projects since these projects will be covered under the dedicated WMATA funding bills approved by Virginia, Maryland, and District of Columbia.
- CRRC ratio is calculated for each project using the annual congestion reduction (person-hours of delay) summed between project opening year through 2040 and the total project cost to complete the project, regardless of phases requested for funding.
- TransAction Project Ratings is a weighted score of 15 performance measures considered under TransAction analyses. It does not incorporate project cost component.
- Qualitative considerations look at the non-numeric analyses to account for geographic/modal balance, past performance of the NVTAF-funded projects and jurisdictional performance, leveraging external funds, project readiness, local priority, impact on Metrorail/VRE core system, etc.
- The findings of these analyses were presented.
- The Authority requested staff to come up with a high level overview of long term benefits (LTB) based on the LTB Principles approved by the Authority in December 2014. Staff will present a draft of this to the TAC at its May meeting.
- Public comment period began on April 13, 2018 and will run till May 20, 2018. N open house and public hearing will be held on May 10, 2018, before the Authority meeting.

- Mr. Jasper informed that the staff expects about \$1.2 Billion PayGo funds available for the SYP based on the General Assembly bills. If strictly following the CRRC ranks, top 27 projects could be funded with that amount. Out of those 27 projects, 21 of them could be fully funded while others could get funds for certain phases. 19 of the top 27 highest ranked projects by CRRC ratio are also ranked in the top 27 highest ranked projects by TransAction ratings. If follow the same set of projects for funding, 10 of the top 27 projects (by CRRC) are continuation projects.
- The next stapes include:
 - ✓ May 2, 2018: Finance Committee considers budget for Regional Revenue Fund,
 - ✓ May 16, 2018: TAC makes SYP recommendations,
 - ✓ May 20, 2018: Public engagement period ends,
 - ✓ May 23, 2018: Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC) makes SYP recommendations,
 - ✓ June 6, 2018: Planning and Programming Committee (PPC) considers public comments, TAC/PCAC and staff recommendations, and
 - ✓ June 14, 2018: Authority adopts FY2018-23 SYP (tentative)
- In response to Dr. Zhu’s question on any of these projects applied for SmartScale funds, Mr. Jasper noted that the SmartScale and SYP are staggered and the next SmartScale application cycle just started and the application deadline is August 1, after the SYP adoption.
- In response to Dr. Zhu’s question on the weightage of past drawdown performance of continuation projects, Mr. Jasper replied that there is no decision yet but may be used as tie-breaker.
- In response to Dr. Zhu’s question on the question of any preference on qualitative criteria, Mr. Jasper noted that there is no preference at this point but the PPC could decide on any such directions at its June 6, 2018 meeting.
- In response to Mr. Boice’s question on the expectation from TAC at its May meeting, Mr. Jasper noted that the TAC is expected to provide project funding recommendations to the Authority in May. He added that the recommendations could be specific to projects or a process for selection, or anything else the Committee prefers.
- In response to Mr. Boice’s question on the possibility of getting a sense of public comments at the next TAC meeting, Mr. Jasper noted that the next TAC meeting is before the public comment deadline but staff can provide a high level summary of comments till date.
- Mr. Ciccarelli pointed out that if the Committee is expected to provide recommendations, it would be prudent to get all information including public engagement results before making recommendations.
- The Committee decided to meet on May 30, 2018 instead of its scheduled May 16 meeting.

VII. NVTA Update

Ms. Backmon, Executive Director

- Ms. Backmon informed the Committee that the General Assembly veto session was held today. The Senate passed Governor's amendments to the WMATA funding bill in order to reduce the financial impact on NVTA but the House passed by the amendments 51-48.
 - ✓ This means, the Authority will lose all of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and two-thirds of the Grantors Tax that used to come to the Authority.
 - ✓ The Authority needs to decide on how to deal with the impacts of these on its SYP and other activities since the annual revenue will now be considerably reduced.
 - ✓ Two credit rating agencies (S&P and Fitch) noted that NVTA's credit ratings will not be affected by the General Assembly action but are concerned with the precedence it creates.
- In response to Mr. Boice's question on any potential legal challenges by the public, Ms. Backmon noted that many of the constitutionality issues that were present in Governor McAuliffe's budget were removed in the General Assembly bill.
- Ms. Backmon informed the Committee that the next Authority meeting is on May 16, 2018 right after the SYP Open House (5:30PM) and Public Hearing (7:00PM) at the NVTA offices.

Adjournment

VIII. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.