



**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**  
*The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia*

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 7:00pm**  
**NVTA Office**  
**3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200**  
**Fairfax, Virginia 22031**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**I. Call to Order/Welcome** Chairman Boice

- Mr. Boice called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
- Attendees:
  - ✓ Members: Randy Boice; Pat Turner; Armand Ciccarelli; Meredith Judy; Shanjiang Zhu; Kathy Ichter.
  - ✓ NVTA Staff: Keith Jasper (Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming); Sree Nampoothiri (Transportation Planner); Camela Speer (Clerk).
  - ✓ Other: Noelle Dominguez (Fairfax County).

**Action**

**II. Approve Summary Notes of May 17, 2017 Meeting**

- Mr. Boice moved approval of the May 17, 2017 meeting summary; seconded by Ms. Turner. The motion carried unanimously with abstentions from those who were not present at the May meeting.

**Discussion/Information**

**III. TransAction: Public Comments** Mr. Jasper, Principal, Transportation Planning & Programming

- Mr. Jasper briefed the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on the public comments received for the Draft TransAction Plan. He noted several of the comments were supportive of projects or process and these comments were acknowledged. He reviewed the additional comments.
  - ✓ Several comments were received regarding the planning process, some requesting additional details that were not available in the planning process. It was noted that more details will be available in the final Technical Report. The Technical Report was discussed briefly, noting that while it will be made available, the Authority will not be asked to

- officially adopt it. There was consensus that it is also unnecessary to have the Committee review and provide feedback on the report.
- ✓ In response to questions regarding multilingual access, Mr. Jasper mentioned that options are being considered to provide translation for the final TransAction Plan.
  - ✓ In response to comments on the Draft TransAction Plan document, NVTA staff and the TransAction subcommittee are reviewing options to enhance the final draft.
  - ✓ There were a number of roadway comments, most voicing strong opposition to the Bi-County Parkway and the proposed new river crossings. Additionally, there were several comments in support of the Hillsboro traffic calming project.
  - ✓ Other project specific comments, only a few per project, were received and were a mixture of support and opposition.
  - ✓ Several comments on the Route 28 Study were shared with the study team.
  - ✓ The Town of Herndon requested adding two projects. It was noted that the projects were analyzed in early rounds of TransAction, but were not included in final list due to being filtered out in the process. The projects have been reinstated and do not require additional modeling work.
  - ✓ Several jurisdictions requested clarifications of specific project descriptions and the TransAction subcommittee has provided editorial comments for clarity and consistency. These modifications and clarifications will be made to the Draft Project List and do not impact the technical analysis.
  - ✓ Several comments were received in support of bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- Mr. Jasper noted that projects must be included in TransAction to be eligible to receive NVTA 70% funding. He added that inclusion does not commit the Authority to fund any project in the Plan. Mr. Jasper stated that the NVTA staff recommendation is to retain all projects in the Draft TransAction Project list. He explained that this provides project selection options to the Authority until the next update of TransAction. He acknowledged that there are many more projects in the Plan than can be funded.
  - Mr. Jasper reviewed the Six Year Program process.
  - Ms. Turner informed the Committee that Loudoun County is updating its comprehensive plan and much public comment has been received.
  - Dr. Zhu inquired as to whether the public comments received for TransAction will be reflected in the Authority's funding process. Mr. Jasper responded that the Six Year Program will have its own extensive public comment period. He suggested that the comments received for TransAction are an indication of what could be expected in the Six Year Program, noting that jurisdictions may take these into consideration when choosing which projects to submit for funding.

- Mr. Jasper briefly reviewed the Six Year Program schedule and the proposed funding considerations.

**IV. NVTA Update**

Mr. Jasper, Principal, Transportation  
Planning & Programming

- In response to Mr. Boice's question regarding the need for new TAC member appointments, Committee members were requested to provide recommendations for new TAC members. Mr. Jasper added that NVTA staff will contact existing members to determine skill sets of current members in an effort to identify what skills are needed in new members. He stated that NVTA staff would like to fill the vacancies as soon as possible.
- Mr. Jasper informed the Committee of upcoming Authority meetings and events.
  - ✓ The Authority meeting on October 12, 2017 will start early at 6:30pm.
  - ✓ The next Planning and Programming Committee meeting will be on October 4, 2017 at 10am.
  - ✓ There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Route 28 on October 4, 2017 at 1pm.
  - ✓ The Authority's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be held on November 9, 2017, following a brief Authority business meeting at 6:30pm at the Sherwood Community Center in the City of Fairfax.
- Mr. Jasper stated that based on work flow, it is unlikely there will be a need for the TAC to meet prior to January 2018. He advised the Committee he will inform them of meeting changes as they are confirmed.

**Adjournment**

**V. Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.