

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chairman Martin E. Nohe and Members  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

**FROM:** Monica Backmon, Executive Director

**DATE:** October 3, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Report

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**1. Purpose:** To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) of items of interest not addressed in other agenda items.

**2. Ribbon Cuttings and Groundbreakings.**

- On October 9<sup>th</sup>, NVTA and Prince William County co-hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the completion of the Route 28 (from Linton Hall Rd to Fitzwater Dr) road-widening.

As a result of the completion of this Route 28 improvements project, which broke ground more than two years ago, both the community and commuters will benefit from the widened roadway from two lanes undivided to four lanes divided; the relocation and realignment of Route 215 (Vint Hill Road); a new multi-use trail and sidewalk on both sides of a widened roadway; and traffic signal reconstruction.

These improvements will alleviate traffic on this regionally congested corridor and allow for better connectivity from the Bristow/Nokesville area in Prince William County to the City of Manassas, the City of Manassas Park, and ultimately, into Fairfax and Loudoun Counties through the Route 28 corridor, as well as improve safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists alike.

- **On October 15<sup>th</sup>, NVTA, the Town of Leesburg, VDOT and Loudoun County** are likely co-hosting a groundbreaking event for the Route 7/Battlefield Parkway Interchange project. Upon completion, the project will improve safety and pedestrian/vehicle flow by building a grade-separated interchange which will allow Route 7 to become a limited access freeway through the Town of Leesburg Corporate Limits. Additionally, the interchange will help pedestrians and cyclists cross Route 7 safely by providing a bike trail connection to residential and commercial/retail areas in Leesburg.

**3. Transportation Technology Committee Meeting.** The Transportation Technology Committee (TTC) will hold their fifth meeting of the year at 8:30am on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at NVTA's office.

**4. Upcoming I-95 Study Public Information Meetings.** The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) invites the public to share feedback on transportation initiatives at nine meetings across Virginia this fall. Representatives from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) will highlight transportation programs, discuss ideas and answer questions about the Commonwealth's multimodal transportation network.

Participation is welcome by attending public meetings or submitting comments online, by email, or by mail.

The public will have an opportunity to learn and share feedback about:

- Adjustments to the statewide project prioritization process, known as SMART SCALE, which allocates limited funding to the most critical transportation needs.
- Virginia's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, which identifies transportation projects that will utilize federal transportation funding or require approval from federal partners.
- A draft Mid-term Transportation Needs assessment for VTrans, Virginia's statewide, multimodal transportation plan that outlines a vision and goals for transportation in the Commonwealth. The plan will identify transportation investment priorities and guides transportation agencies' strategies and programs.
- Adjustments to Virginia's Highway Safety Improvement Program, which aims to link infrastructure improvements across highway travel modes to performance outcomes outlined in Virginia's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- Additionally, the meeting in the Richmond District will include information about the I-95 Corridor Study.

**The Northern Virginia meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at Freedom High School located at 15201 Neabsco Mills Road, Woodbridge, VA. 22191 from 6:00pm-8:00pm.**

**5. VRE-MARC run-thru study.** NVTA staff is participating in the VRE-MARC run-thru study led by the Transportation Planning Board. This study is exploring the operational issues associated with running MARC service into Virginia, and VRE service further into Washington DC and Maryland. The study also seeks to better understand the potential demand for run-thru service.

- 6. Metrorail Blue/Orange/Silver Lines Capacity Study and the Bus Transformation Project.**  
NVTA staff is participating in the Metrorail Blue/Orange/Silver Capacity Study and the Bus Transformation Project – both initiatives being led by WMATA. The former study is identifying a range of possible options to address track capacity limitations between Rosslyn and Foggy Bottom stations. The latter study is exploring approaches to enhance the role of bus services in meeting transportation needs across the Washington DC metropolitan area.
- 7. TransAction Listening Session.** This Listening Session on the update to TransAction is tentatively scheduled prior to the start of the January 2020 Authority meeting. This will provide Northern Virginians and regional stakeholders an opportunity to suggest topics that should be considered in the next update of TransAction, the long range, multi-modal transportation plan for Northern Virginia. The TransAction update is scheduled to be adopted by the Authority at the end of calendar year 2022.
- 8. NoVA Transportation Roundtable.** The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual NoVa Transportation Roundtable is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday March 11, 2020 at 7:30am. Once again hosted by NVTA in conjunction with the Intelligent Transportation Society of Virginia, this event will include two plenary sessions on subjects related to disruptive transportation technologies and emerging travel trends. Authority members are invited to participate.
- 9. NVTA Standing Committee Meetings**
  - **Finance Committee:** The NVTA Finance Committee is scheduled to meet next on October 17, 2019 at 1:00pm.
  - **Governance and Personnel Committee:** The next meeting of the NVTA Governance and Personnel Committee October 10, 2019 at 5:30pm.
  - **Planning and Programming Committee:** The NVTA Planning and Programming Committee is not scheduled to meet again until late 2019/early 2020 as part of the update of the Authority's Six Year Program covering fiscal years FY2020-2025.
- 10. NVTA Statutory Committee Meetings:**
  - **Planning Coordination Advisory Committee:** The NVTA Planning Coordination Advisory Committee is not scheduled to meet again until late 2019/early 2020 as part of the update of the Authority's Six Year Program covering fiscal years FY2020-2025.
  - **Technical Advisory Committee:** The next meeting of the NVTA Technical Advisory Committee is not scheduled to meet again until late 2019/early 2020 as part of the update of the Authority's Six Year Program covering fiscal years FY2020-2025.
- 11. CMAQ-RSTP Transfers:**
  - CMAQ and RSTP Transfers requested since the last Executive Director's report are presented in Attachment A.

**12. Regional Projects Status Report:**

- Please note the updated Regional Projects Status Report (Attachment B), which provides a narrative update for each project and the amount of project reimbursements requested and processed to date.

**Attachments:**

- A. CMAQ-RSTP Transfers
- B. Regional Projects Status Report