

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

### MEMORANDUM

**FOR:** Members, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

**FROM:** Monica Backmon, Executive Director

**DATE:** October 3, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Status of the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program

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- 1. Purpose.** To provide the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) with a current status for the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program (SYP), including an overview of total applications received.
- 2. Background.** At its June 14, 2018 meeting, the Authority adopted its inaugural SYP, using revenues for FY2018-2023. The SYP is updated on a two-year cycle alternating with the Commonwealth's Smart Scale Program, which is also on a two-year cycle. Development of the Authority's FY2020-2025 SYP will follow an enhanced version of the process used for the inaugural SYP, initiated by a Call for Regional Transportation Projects (CfRTP) that was posted on July 1, 2019.
- 3. Status.** The deadline for eligible jurisdictions and agencies to respond to the CfRTP was September 27, 2019. 59 staff from 17 jurisdictions and agencies registered to use NVTA's new online application system. This streamlined and enhanced the submittal of project applications, providing time savings to jurisdiction, agency, and NVTA staff compared to the former paper-based process.

Table 1 provides a summary of project applications and funding requests by each jurisdiction/agency. 13 jurisdictions/agencies submitted 46 applications to NVTA, with a combined request of approximately \$1.7 billion. Almost 40 percent of applications are referred to 'continuation' projects, meaning they have previously received regional revenues from an earlier NVTA funding program. A more detailed candidate project list, showing individual project titles, will be shared at the Authority's meeting on December 12, 2019, following completion of eligibility reviews.

Table 2 provides a comparison of funding requests for the FY2020-2025 SYP with the Authority's previous four funding programs. Based on current estimates of available regional revenues, the current program will be more oversubscribed than any previous NVTA funding program. The average ratio of amount approved to amount requested was 55 percent for previous programs, whereas this may be as low as 24 percent for the current program.

**Table 1: Summary of Applications by Jurisdiction/Agency**

Jurisdiction/ Agency	Applications (#)	Continuation Projects (percent)	Funding Request (\$)
<b>Counties</b>			
Arlington	5	20	68,884,000
Fairfax	10	70	846,895,330
Loudoun	4	0	96,599,000
Prince William	11	27	237,500,000
<b>Cities</b>			
Alexandria	1	100	75,000,000
Fairfax	5	60	26,320,000
Falls Church	2	0	15,200,000
<b>Towns</b>			
Dumfries	1	100	78,000,000
Leesburg	1	100	120,400,000
Vienna	2	0	5,982,400
<b>Commonwealth</b>			
DRPT	1	0	100,000,000
<b>Regional Agencies</b>			
NOVA Parks	1	0	5,646,000
VRE	2	50	18,051,537
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,694,478,267</b>

**Table 2: Comparison of Requested and Approved Funding (all NVTAs Funding Programs)<sup>1</sup>**

Funding Program	Amount Requested (\$)	Amount Approved (\$)	Approved/Requested (percent)
FY2014	339,693,000	185,884,185	55
FY2015-2016	467,124,215	336,944,000	72
FY2017	297,949,000	166,043,951	56
FY2018-2023	2,470,139,861	1,285,273,281	52
	<b>3,574,906,076</b>	<b>1,974,145,417</b>	<b>55</b>
FY2020-2025	1,694,478,267	400,000,000 <sup>2</sup>	24

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted for approved projects subsequently withdrawn

<sup>2</sup> Current estimated regional revenues available for the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program

4. **Six Year Program Evaluation Process.** All projects considered for regional revenues are subject to a comprehensive regional evaluation process that uses multiple inputs and does not rely on a single metric:
  - a. **Eligibility.** Projects must be included in TransAction (may be a subset), and must be wholly (or substantially) located in Northern Virginia;
  - b. **TransAction Analyses.** Includes technical analyses from TransAction such as project level ratings. These ratings have previously been referred to as HB599 project ratings. The FY2020-2025 SYP will be the first funding program for which NVTA has full autonomy over HB599 project ratings, following passage of SB1468 (2019);
  - c. **Congestion Reduction Relative to Cost (CRRC).** As required by Virginia Code, the Authority must give priority to projects with the highest CRRC ratios;
  - d. **Long Term Benefit (LTB).** The FY2020-2025 SYP will be the first funding program that will consider Long Term Benefit as a factor. NVTA staff will apply the LTB Principles approved by the Authority in December 2014. The LTB analysis will complement, but not replace, 'geographic balance' that has been used as a qualitative consideration in previous funding programs;
  - e. **Qualitative Considerations.** Takes into account factors that cannot easily be considered in a formula, such as geographic and modal balance; leveraging of other funding sources, project readiness, and past performance;
  - f. **Public Comment.** An NVTA Public Hearing/Open House will be held, with a period for public comment, Town Hall meetings, etc.
  
5. **Next steps.** Development of the FY2020-2025 SYP remains on schedule. Upcoming milestones include:
  - a. **November 29, 2019 at 5:00pm:** deadline for Governing Body and any supporting resolutions;
  - b. **December 12, 2019:** status update, including full list of eligible candidate projects;
  - c. **February 2020:** commence Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Planning Coordination and Advisory Committee (PCAC), and Planning and Programming Committee (PPC) reviews;
  - d. **March 2020:** release candidate project list and evaluations;
  - e. **April 2020:** public comment period, NVTA Public Hearing/Open House, jurisdictional Town Hall meetings;
  - f. **May 2020:** finalize regional revenues available for FY2020-2025 SYP; release NVTA staff project recommendations for review by TAC, PCAC, and PPC;
  - g. **June 2020:** adoption of SYP

Attachments:

- None