

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chairman Randall and Members  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

**FROM:** Monica Backmon, Executive Director

**DATE:** January 2, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Report

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

1. **Regional Multimodal Mobility Program.** NVTA staff continues to work in partnership with the Commonwealth on the Regional Multimodal Mobility Program (RM3P). The project will address the region's congestion and accessibility challenges using a range of technologies. NVTA staff, together with numerous jurisdiction and agency staff members, are participating in five Program Element Guidance Teams. These teams are developing white papers that will be used to shape the procurements associated with each Program Element, scheduled for later in 2020. In addition, NVTA staff continue to participate in the Project Management Support Group and Communications Working Group. In the near future, NVTA staff will begin to coordinate with the RM3P independent evaluator (Virginia Transportation Research Council) on behalf of the RM3P team.
2. **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Virginia Transportation Roundtable.** This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. through noon at the NVTA offices. Once again, the event will be hosted by NVTA in conjunction with the Intelligent Transportation Society of Virginia (ITS-VA). Two expert panels, one from the public sector and one from the private sector, will provide perspectives on the region's preparedness for transportation technology. This year's Roundtable is especially timely given the work of the Transportation Technology Committee in developing a Transportation Technology Strategic Plan, and the ongoing ramp-up to the next TransAction update. ITS-VA is expected to announce registration details on January 30<sup>th</sup>, and the event is expected to be sold out, as it was last year.
3. **Joint Public Information Officer (PIO Meeting).** The Joint Public Information Officer group will meet on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the NVTA offices. This will be the third meeting for the PIOs. The PIOs will discuss regional collaboration, the

upcoming Six Year Program Update public comment period, transportation-related events and communication strategies. The Joint PIO Meeting will occur every three to four months.

- 4. The Transportation Technology Committee.** The Transportation Technologies Committee last met on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Proposals for the structure of, and topics for inclusion in, the Transportation Technologies Strategic Plan were presented to the Committee. Members provided thoughtful suggestions regarding the types of technologies proposed for consideration in the plan and how they could be grouped, as well as the linkages between said technologies and previously identified needs of the region. Opportunities and challenges faced by each grouping of technologies were also discussed.

NVTA Staff has begun the process of drafting the Transportation Technologies Strategic Plan, incorporating the input of the Committee and soliciting additional feedback when appropriate. The Committee's next meeting will be scheduled to review this document, a first draft of which is expected in March of 2020.

**5. NVTA Standing Committee Meetings**

- **Governance and Personnel Committee:** The next meeting of the NVTA Governance and Personnel Committee is TBD.
- **Finance Committee:** The NVTA Finance Committee is scheduled to meet next on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 1:00pm.
- **Planning and Programming Committee:** The NVTA Planning and Programming Committee is scheduled to meet in February 2020. The meeting date will be posted when confirmed.

**6. NVTA Statutory Committee Meetings:**

- **Planning Coordination Advisory Committee:** The NVTA Planning Coordination Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet in February 2020. The meeting date will be posted when confirmed.
- **Technical Advisory Committee:** The next meeting of the NVTA Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet in February 2020. The meeting date will be posted when confirmed.

**7. CMAQ-RSTP Transfers:**

- CMAQ and RSTP Transfers requested since the last Executive Director's report are presented in Attachment A.

**8. 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