

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Phyllis J. Randall and Members
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: Michael Longhi, Chief Financial Officer

DATE: February 6, 2020

SUBJECT: FY2020 Regional Revenue Fund Appropriation Cancellation – Fairfax County Parkway Widening from Ox Road to Lee Highway

1. **Purpose:** To seek Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) budget de-appropriation action for the Fairfax County Parkway Widening from Ox Road to Lee Highway Project. This action does not change the project's status as an adopted project in the Authority's FY2018-2023 Six Year Program.
2. **Suggested Motion:** *I move the Authority cancel the FY2020, \$67 million appropriation for the Fairfax County Widening from Ox Road to Lee Highway Project, reclassifying the funds in the Regional Revenue Fund from appropriated to restricted.*
3. **Background:**
 - a. The Authority adopted the FY2018 – 2023 Six Year Program on June 14, 2018.
 - b. The Authority appropriated \$67 million for this project on April 5, 2019.
 - c. To maintain compliance with Policy 29 – Project Activation, Monitoring and De-Appropriation, projects are expected to execute a Standard Project Agreement (SPA) within three months of appropriation.
 - d. NVTa projects with appropriations are expected to start drawing project funds in the year of appropriation.
 - e. At this time, Fairfax County reports schedule changes related to project phasing and addressing public comments.
 - f. To better match appropriations with expenditures, Fairfax County requests to defer the FY2020 appropriation. This will allow the project the greatest amount of timing flexibility.
 - g. The project will remain an adopted project in the Authority's FY2018-2023 Six Year Program, with secure funding pending a future appropriation.

Coordination: Fairfax County, Department of Transportation

Attachment: Fairfax County Request Memo Dated January 13, 2020



County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County

January 13, 2020

Ms. Monica Backmon
Executive Director
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Re: FY2020 Funding for Fairfax County Parkway Widening Ox Road to Lee Highway,
including a grade-separated interchange at the intersection of Popes Head Road

Dear Ms. Backmon:

I am writing to request that the FY 2020 funding appropriation for the Fairfax County Parkway Widening be cancelled and the funding be re-appropriated in future years. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) approved its FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program (SYP) on June 14, 2018. The program included \$67,000,000 for the project.

This project provides for the widening of Fairfax County Parkway from Ox Road (Route 123) to just north of Lee Highway (Route 29) from four to six lanes, and a grade separated interchange at the intersection of Fairfax County Parkway and Popes Head Road. Improvements will also be made to the existing Fairfax County Parkway Trail. Where there is no trail currently, a new shared-use path will be constructed to make the trail continuous within the project limits.

The interchange will provide significant congestion relief as well as improve safety at the signalized intersection at Popes Head Road. The project will provide for the future connection to Shirley Gate Road to the east, which was identified to improve regional north/south travel in this area of the County and alleviate congestion along the parallel Route 123 to the east. It is anticipated that the Shirley Gate Road extension will be built as a separate project after the interchange project is completed; however, the portion of the roadway from Fairfax County Parkway to the future Fairfax County Park Access Road entrance would be built as part of the interchange project.

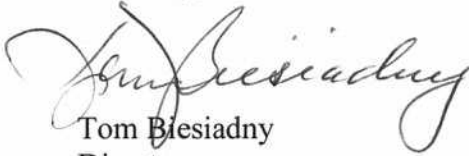
At the time of the SYP adoption, it was expected that Preliminary Engineering would occur through FY 2020; with right-of-way occurring in FY 2019-2020 and construction occurring after FY 2021. Utilizing this timeline, Fairfax County requested that the Authority appropriate funding for the project in FY 2020. However, due to phasing of the project and to allow additional time to address public comments on the interchange design at Popes Head Road and the intersection design at Burke Centre Parkway, this funding will be needed slightly later than

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originally expected. The project continues to move forward, but we are requesting that the funding appropriation be cancelled in FY 2020 and will be seeking re-appropriation in a future year.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (703) 877-5663 or Noelle Dominguez at (703) 877-5665.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Biesiadny".

Tom Biesiadny
Director

CC: Gregg Steverson, Deputy Director, Fairfax County Department of Transportation
(FCDOT)
Todd Wigglesworth, Division Chief, Coordination and Funding Division, FCDOT
Noelle Dominguez, Section Chief, Coordination Section, FCDOT
Ray Johnson, Section Chief, Funding Section, FCDOT