

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY **XVI.**

MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Monica Backmon, Executive Director

**DATE:** March 5, 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 Multi-Modal Mobility Program (RM3P).** The VDOT-led project team is developing detailed concepts for each of the initiative's five program areas. NVTA staff continues to play key technical, programmatic, and communications roles with the project team. Recently, NVTA staff participated in the kick-off meeting for the independent RM3P evaluation. Upcoming activities include the inaugural meeting of the RM3P Stakeholder Advisory Group, and 'Industry Days' to explore ways in which the private sector can participate in RM3P deployment.
- 2. 5th Annual Northern Virginia Transportation Roundtable.** This event, which NVTA organizes and hosts in collaboration with the Intelligent Transportation Society of Virginia, is once again SOLD OUT. One hundred attendees are expected, comprising a mix of Authority members and other elected officials, jurisdiction/agency staff, NVTA stakeholders, industry thought-leaders, private sector, and others. The roundtable features two panels. The first panel will consider whether the DC metro region is ready for connected, autonomous, shared, and electric vehicles from the perspective of public agency representatives across the region. The second panel will provide a perspective on how the private sector would like the region to embrace transportation technologies. Jointly with Cathy McGhee, the Commonwealth's Director of Transportation Innovation and Research, I will provide a high-level overview on the current status of our Commonwealth-funded Regional Multimodal Mobility Program (RM3P) initiative.

- 3. 2020 Town's Funding Opportunities Workshop.** On February 28<sup>th</sup>, I presented at the 2020 Town's Funding Opportunities Workshop held at the VDOT Northern Virginia District offices in Fairfax. The event was coordinated by Mary Hynes, Authority and CTB member, and gathered elected officials and staff together. Topics of discussion included: Transportation funding opportunities, application timeline and description of transportation funding programs.
- 4. OmniRide Mentorship Program-Transportation Forum.** On February 28, 2020, Mike Longhi, NVTA Chief Financial Officer, participated in the OmniRide Mentorship Program-Transportation Forum, which is a career development effort by OmniRide to enrich the professional perspectives and experiences of their employees. In addition to Mr. Longhi, the panel included participants from Prince William County, VDOT, NVTC, Alexandria's DASH bus system and the private industry. Mr. Longhi noted "a public service career in transportation is an opportunity to positively influence the lives of millions of people over decades of service."
- 5. Presentation to the World Bank.** On Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, I presented before the World Bank's Urban Mobility GSG. The presentation titled, "From Vision to Reality: Northern Virginia Transportation Authority – A Case of Innovating Urban Transport Financing," covered several topics including NVTA's structure, past and present legislation, regional planning and programming, and the importance of cross-jurisdictional collaboration. A roomful of World Bank staff attended in-person, as well as via teleconference from across the globe.
- 6. Connected and Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) Forum.** The Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is hosting the first of three CAV Forums on March 31, 2020. The initial forum will include subject matter expert panel discussions and breakout groups, to prioritize related topics for future TPB activities. A second forum is planned in spring 2020, followed in late spring by a leadership forum with the Board. NVTA staff (and other NoVA region representatives) have served on a TPB advisory committee supporting the development of this initiative, and will participate in the upcoming forums.
- 7. Regional Joint Public Information Officer (PIO Meeting).** The Regional Joint Public Information Officer Meeting, which the NVTA coordinates on a quarterly basis, will meet on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the NVTC offices. This will be the second meeting of the year. The PIOs will discuss regional collaboration, FY 2020-2025 Six Year Program public comment period updates, transportation-related events and communication strategies.

**8. NVTA Standing Committee Meetings:**

- **Governance and Personnel Committee:** The next meeting of the NVTA Governance and Personnel Committee TBD.
- **Finance Committee:** The NVTA Finance Committee is scheduled to meet next on Thursday, April 16, at 1:00pm.
- **Planning and Programming Committee:** The NVTA Planning and Programming Committee is scheduled to meet in Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

**9. NVTA Statutory Committee Meetings:**

- **Technical Advisory Committee:** The NVTA Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.
- **Planning Coordination Advisory Committee:** The NVTA Planning Coordination Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**10. CMAQ-RSTP Transfers:**

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

**11. 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



# Attachment A1.

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Infrastructure and Environmental Quality  
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February 18, 2020

Noelle Dominguez, Chairwoman  
Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC)  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)  
3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200  
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Reference: Request to Modify Funding and Request for New Project for the City of Alexandria

Dear Ms. Dominguez:

The City of Alexandria requests the Regional Jurisdictional and Agency Coordinating Committee's (RJACC)'s approval for the following funding modification request:

- Transfer \$150,605 of allocated CMAQ ITS Integration Phase II funding from UPC 103932 to ITS Integration Phase IV, UPC 106592.

The ITS Integration Phase II project is complete, closed out and the final invoice has been received and paid. The remaining funding balance is \$150,605. Since this money is not needed for Phase II, the City requests that the balance can be transferred to ITS Integration Phase IV. Design on Phase IV will start later this year.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to contact me at [hillary.orr@alexandriava.gov](mailto:hillary.orr@alexandriava.gov) or 703.746.4017 should you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Orr", written over a white background.

Hillary Orr  
Deputy Director  
Transportation & Environmental Services

cc:

Yon Lambert, Director  
Bob Garbacz, Division Chief of Traffic Engineering  
Tarrence Moorner, Division Chief of Strategic Management Services



## Attachment A2.

### Department of Community Development

February 27, 2020

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

RE: Request to Transfer Regional Surface Transportation Program funds

Dear Ms. Backmon:

The City of Manassas requests the approval of the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC) for the transfer of \$1,273,852 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds.

The funds will be transferred from the Liberia Avenue widening (PE only) project to NOVA Balance Entry Account. The City 2040 Comprehensive Plan adopted on February 24, 2020 does not include widening of the entire section and the future recommended improvements will be implemented in or after FY26. Consequently, this project is cancelled and VDOT requested transfer of the remaining funds to the NOVA Balance Entry Account.

If you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact Chloe Delhomme at (703) 257-8235.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth S. Via-Gossman  
Community Development Director

cc. Bryan Foster, City of Manassas  
Sung Chung, City of Manassas  
Michelle Brickner, VDOT  
Carol Bondurant, VDOT





# Attachment A3.

## Department of Community Development

February 27, 2020

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

RE: Request to Transfer Regional Surface Transportation Program Funds

Dear Ms. Backmon:

The City of Manassas requests the approval of the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC) for the transfer of \$2,131,433 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds.

The funds will be transferred from the Liberia Avenue widening (PE only) project to the Route 28/Nokesville widening project (UPC 96721). The City 2040 Comprehensive Plan adopted on February 24, 2020 does not include widening of the entire Liberia Avenue corridor from Centreville Road to Richmond Avenue and future recommended improvements to a smaller portion of the road will be implemented in or after FY26. The Route 28/Nokesville widening project is over budget and, with this transfer, can proceed to be advertised for construction in Spring 2020. Improvements to Route 28 are a priority for the City.

If you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact Chloe Delhomme at (703) 257-8235.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth S. Via-Gossman  
Community Development Director

cc. Bryan Foster, City of Manassas  
Sung Chung, City of Manassas  
Michelle Brickner, VDOT  
Carol Bondurant, VDOT







# County of Fairfax, Virginia **Attachment A4.**

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

February 20, 2020

Ms. Noelle Dominguez, Chairman  
Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority  
3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200  
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Re: Reallocation of Regional Surface Transportation Program Funds

Dear Ms. Dominguez: *Noelle*

Fairfax County requests the approval of the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC) to transfer a total of \$1,605,000 in federal funding as follows:

- \$1,080,000 in previous year Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds from the parent Reston Metrorail Access Group (RMAG) account (UPC 100470) to RMAG project Wiehle Avenue & W&OD Trail (UPC 107439).
- \$525,000 in previous year RSTP funds from the Preliminary Engineering RMAG account (UPC 104294) to RMAG project Wiehle Avenue & W&OD Trail (UPC 107439).

The funding, which is being transferred from other RMAG projects that are nearly complete, helps provide additional funding for the Wiehle Avenue & W&OD Trail. The Authority has previously approved funding for the project.

If you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact Christina Farrar at (703) 877-5629.

Sincerely,

Tom Biesiadny  
Director

cc. Todd Wigglesworth, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT)  
Brent Riddle, FCDOT  
Carole Bondurant, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
Bethany Mathis, VDOT  
Jan Vaughan, VDOT

**CMAQ/RSTP Transfer Request Form**  
(One Sheet Needed Per Donor Project)

Date: 2/20/2020

Name of Jurisdiction/Agency Requesting: Fairfax County

Current Balance of CMAQ/RSTP Funds Currently Allocated to Donor Project (Prior to this Transfer): \$1,080,000; \$525,000

From (Donor):

To (Recipient):

<u>UPC</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Type of Funds</u>	<u>Transfer from Previous Fiscal Years</u>	<u>If No, Year Requested</u>	<u>Transfer Amount</u>	<u>UPC</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Previously Approved by NVTA</u>	<u>If Yes, Year Approved</u>	<u>JACC Approval (NVTA)</u>	<u>Authority Approval (NVTA)</u>	<u>Funds Verified (VDOT)</u>	<u>Completed (VDOT)</u>
100470	RMAG - Parent Account	RSTP	Y		\$1,080,000.00	107439	Wiehle Avenue & W&OD Trail	Y	2016				
104294	RMAG - PE Account	RSTP	Y		\$525,000.00	107439	Wiehle Avenue & W&OD Trail	Y	2016				

TOTAL OF TRANSFER \$1,605,000.00

Attach Signed Request of Transfer Letter

As of March 2020		
<b>NVTA's Regional Fund Program FY2014 - FY2023</b>		<b>Upcoming Public Information Meeting(s):</b> 1. Loudoun County: Route 9 Traffic Calming (March 6, 2020) 2. Prince William County: Route 234/Brentsville Road Interchange (March 25, 2020)  <b>NOTE:</b> For the latest information on upcoming public events, please refer to the "Events and Meetings" section on our home page - <a href="https://thenovaauthority.org/">https://thenovaauthority.org/</a>
Total Revenue Allocated	\$1,974,145,417	
Total Number of Individual Projects	94	
SPAs	121	
Currently Active	73	
Closed Out	33	
Not Yet Appropriated	15	
<b>Significant Status Updates (during January - March 2020)**</b>		
<b>Project Title (program year)</b>	<b>Updated Status</b>	<b>% Reimbursed</b>
<b>Arlington County</b>		
Columbia Pike Multimodal Improvements (FY 2014)	Construction has started, as a part of local traffic management plan, traffic signal changes and turn restrictions are in place in locations.	33.4%
Ballston-MU Metrorail Station West Entrance (FY2015-16)	The county has signed a design support agreement with WMATA. Project consultant is preparing documents to request for a design requirement waiver from WMATA (number of elevators).	0.3%
Pentagon City Multimodal Connections and Transitway Extension (FY2018-2023)	Transitway Extension - Project consultant submitted 90% design for architectural, structural and electrical engineering design of the stations.	0.0%
<b>Fairfax County</b>		
VA Route 28 Widening - Prince William County Line to Route 29 (FY2016-16 and FY 2017)	FHWA approved the Categorical Exclusion as revised on October 30, 2019. The County is reviewing Alternative Technical Concepts submitted by the design-build team.	72.9%
Route 286 Fairfax County Parkway Widening: Route 123 to Route 29 (FY2015-16 and FY2017)	County Board of Supervisors will review the concept plans on April 14, 2020 for endorsement.	40.0%
<b>Loudoun County</b>		
Route 28 NB Widening Between Dulles Toll Road and Sterling Blvd. (FY2018-23)	Project expected to reach final completion by end of March 2020.	73.6%
Leesburg Park and Ride (FY2014)	Construction is completed in February 2020.	100.0%
Northstar Blvd - Shreveport Drive to Tall Cedars Parkway (FY2018-23)	Expecting location approval for Phase I at CTB March meeting.	0.0%
Route 9 Traffic Calming: Town of Hillsboro (FY2018-23)	Construction commenced on February 2020.	12.9%
<b>Prince William County</b>		
Route 28 (Manassas Bypass) Study - Godwin Drive extended (FY2015-16 and FY2018-23)	The County is working with the US Army Corps of Engineers on obtaining a permit for the bypass. A response is anticipated to be received by late spring/early summer, 2020.	58.6%
Construct Interchange at Prince William Pkwy and University Blvd (FY2018-23)	60% design plan was submitted to VDOT in February 2020.	1.7%
<b>City of Alexandria</b>		
Alexandria ITS Projects (FY2018-23)	City received approval to proceed with the procurement process in February 2020. The Bid opened on February 26, 2020.	0.0%
<b>City of Fairfax</b>		
Roadway Network Northfax West (FY2018-23)	The PE phase has started in February 2020.	0.2%
<b>City of Falls Church</b>		
Enhanced Regional Bike Routes (W&OD Trail) (FY2018-23)	Project consultant revising the 90% Plan based on inputs from the City staff.	6.0%
<b>City of Manassas</b>		
Route 28 Widening South to City Limits (FY2015-16)	PE plans at 100%; waiting for VDOT authorization for project advertising.	11.4%

\*\*Significant changes: SPA appendices A/B, Project administration, Start/completion of phases, Groundbreaking/ribbon-cutting ceremonies, Public information meetings, major engineering progress.