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Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Seeks Public Comment on 41 Candidate Projects for FY2020-2025 Six Year Program

Northern Virginia, March 13, 2020 – The [Northern Virginia Transportation Authority](https://thenovaauthority.org) (Authority) has released for public comment, 41 candidate projects and related information for its FY2020-2025 Six Year Program. Today, through 11:59 p.m. May 24, 2020, the Authority invites the public to learn more about and comment on the candidate projects under consideration for funding. The projects being evaluated cover multiple modes of transportation, including roadways, transit and pedestrian/bicycle pathways.

Submitted by 13 Northern Virginia localities and agencies, the candidate projects, which total approximately \$1.44 billion, are regional and multimodal in nature. The Authority anticipates adoption of the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program this summer.

A detailed project list, individual project description forms, maps and analyses are available at <https://thenovaauthority.org/fy2024-2025-six-year-program-update/>, or at NVTA's offices on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., upon appointment request. Please contact NVTA at 703-642-4652 to schedule a time to meet with a NVTA staff member.

An Open House and Public Hearing on candidate projects will be held on May 14, 2020 at NVTA's offices, located at 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22031. The Open House will start at 5:30 p.m. and the Public Hearing will commence immediately following a 7:00 p.m. presentation on the Six Year Program Process.

The Authority will not act on the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program after the Public Hearing on May 14th, but will continue to receive comment through 11:59 p.m. May 24, 2020. The Authority is anticipated to adopt the Six Year Program Update at the Authority Meeting on July 9, 2020.

The Open House will give attendees an opportunity to meet with NVTA staff one-on-one and ask questions prior to the Public Hearing. Pre-registration is open for those who would like to speak at the Public Hearing and provide public comment to members of the Authority. Each speaker will have three minutes to provide comments on the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program candidate projects. Pre-registration is strongly recommended and can be done in one of three ways:

1. Email: SYPcomment@TheNoVAAuthority.org
2. Phone: 703-642-4652

3. In-person: On May 14, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

A complimentary shuttle courtesy of Fairfax County Department of Transportation, will be provided from the Dunn Loring-Merrifield Metro Station to NVTAs offices and back, for easy access to and from the Open House and Public Hearing. The pickup location from the Dunn Loring-Merrifield Metro Station will be at Bay B and signage will be displayed for those interested in taking the shuttle. Riders will be dropped off in front of NVTAs offices. Please visit www.TheNoVaAuthority.org/SYP-comment for shuttle schedule details as those are made available.

In addition to speaking at the Public Hearing, comments may be submitted in one of the following ways:

1. Email: SYPcomment@TheNoVAAuthority.org
2. Online: www.TheNoVaAuthority.org/SYP-comment
3. Mail: Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22031
4. In-person: NVTAs Public Hearing on May 14, 2020

***First and Last Name, Contact Information, Comment on Project and Zip Code are required for all submissions.*

Member jurisdictions of the Authority will be holding meetings and events throughout the region where the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program and candidate projects will be discussed. Please keep an eye on NVTAs website, events calendar and Facebook ([@TheNVTA](https://www.facebook.com/TheNVTA)) and Twitter ([@NVTAuthority](https://twitter.com/NVTAuthority)) pages, for the latest updates on Six Year Program activities and public comment period. You can also stay in the know by signing up for the NVTAs Update newsletter at <https://thenovaauthority.org/about/contact-us/>.

Public input is an important part of the Six Year Program Update process. Feedback is encouraged and all public comment provided will be reviewed and considered. For additional information on the Public Hearing and Open House on May 14, 2020, or public comment period activities, please visit www.TheNoVaAuthority.org or call 703-642-4652.

Please check www.TheNoVaAuthority.org for the latest information related to any potential impacts of COVID-19 on the schedule for the Open House and Public Hearing.

ACCESSIBILITY TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: The Public Hearing will be held at a public facility believed to be accessible to persons with disabilities. Questions regarding the accessibility of the facility should be directed to the NVTAs at 703-642-4652 or SYPcomment@TheNoVAAuthority.org. Requests for reasonable accommodations or interpreter services for the deaf should be made through the NVTAs at 703-642-4652, or through the Virginia Relay by dialing 7-1-1, no later than May 7, 2020.

ACCESSIBILITY TO PERSONS OF LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: Those who require interpreter services for languages other than English, or have any questions or requests for reasonable accommodations, must notify the NVTAs at 703-642-4652 or SYPcomment@TheNoVaAuthority.org no later than May 7, 2020.

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The NVTAs was created by the General Assembly on July 1, 2002, to offer a common voice for Northern Virginia on transportation issues confronting the region. The Authority is made up of nine jurisdictions including: the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William; as well as the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park. The Authority is responsible for updating Northern Virginia's long-range transportation plan, TransAction, and since 2014 manages approximately \$273 million annually in public funds for transportation projects designed to provide congestion relief throughout Northern Virginia. For more information visit www.thenovaauthority.org.

