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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](http://thenovaauthority.org) (Authority) has released for public comment, 41 candidate projects and related information for its FY2020-2025 Six Year Program. The Public Comment Period opened on March 13, 2020 and lasts 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 facilities.

Submitted by 13 Northern Virginia localities and agencies, the candidate projects, which total approximately \$1.44 billion, are regional and multimodal in nature.

A detailed project list, individual project description forms, maps and analyses, as well as Frequently Asked Questions, are available at <https://thenovaauthority.org/fy2024-2025-six-year-program-update/>.

The Authority will be holding a Six Year Program Public Hearing on May 14, 2020 at NVTA's offices, located at 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22031. However, due to COVID-19 precautions and compliance with Governor Northam's Stay at Home Order outlined in Executive Order Fifty-Five, the public is strongly encouraged to stay home and provide comments on the candidate project list 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
- **First and Last Name, Contact Information, Comment on Project and Zip Code are required for the above submissions.*

Residents who do choose to attend the Public Hearing in-person should sign up in advance in one of three ways:

1. Email: SYPcomment@TheNoVAAuthority.org
 2. Phone: 703-642-4652
 3. In-person on May 14, 2020: Sign up between 6:55 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.
- **All speakers who are testifying in-person must be signed in by 7:15 p.m. and will be required to present in front of a laptop computer for live-streaming purposes. Safe social distancing practices will be enforced.*

The Authority will also hear real-time call-in testimony from Northern Virginians who signed up to provide public comment over the phone, in advance.

For the first time, the Public Hearing can be viewed remotely via Facebook Live on the Authority's page (@TheNVTA).

The Authority will not act on the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program after the Public Hearing on May 14th, but instead, will continue to receive comment through 11:59 p.m. May 24, 2020.

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 Public Comment Period, please visit www.thenovaauthority.org/syp-comment/ or call 703-642-4652.

The Authority is anticipated to adopt the Six Year Program Update at the Authority Meeting on July 9, 2020.

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The NVTA 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.

