

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

### MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Monica Backmon, Executive Director

**DATE:** June 4, 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 Investment Conversation** – On a quarterly basis, NVTA coordinates a Regional Investment Conversation, which convenes Northern Virginia treasurers and institutional fund managers. The group met virtually on May 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss sustainable investing and pandemic response strategies. Keynote speakers included Scott Cantor and Houman Najafi, senior finance officers at the World Bank, who discussed various sustainable investing approaches, as well as an overview of the Bank itself, its activities, and its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional topics of discussion included NVTA's development of the first-of-its-kind forecasting/shock model, which blended top bank and research economist national forecasts with local data and analysis, to understand the potential scale of the emerging financial impacts of COVID-19 on Virginia, as well as how in an era of social distancing, digital strategies will become standard.
- 2. Annual Policymakers Event** – On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Authority members Chair Phyllis Randall and Delegate Vivian Watts along with Senator George Barker, were featured panelists during the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance's virtual Annual Policymakers Event. The conversation focused on the historic transportation funding package passed during the 2020 General Assembly Session, as well as how the current pandemic could affect the future of NoVA transportation funding.
- 3. WDMV-TV Interview** – As everyone continues to keep an eye on the economic impacts of the pandemic, Virginia Finance Secretary Aubrey Layne recently noted the state expects significantly reduced transportation funding in the Commonwealth. On May 26<sup>th</sup>, I interviewed with WDMV-TV about how the Authority is well-positioned to maintain funding of \$1.3 billion for the projects in our current Six Year Program covering FY2018 to FY2023. I

also discussed the Authority taking action during the May 14<sup>th</sup> business meeting to add an additional \$522 million to fund transportation projects for the FY2024 and FY2025 update to the Six Year Program, despite absorbing \$240 million in projected economic disruptions from COVID-19.

**1. NVTA Standing Committee Meetings:**

- **Finance Committee:** The NVTA Finance Committee is scheduled to meet next on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.
- **Planning and Programming Committee:** The NVTA Planning and Programming Committee is scheduled to meet on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. The meeting will be held electronically.
- **Governance and Personnel Committee:** The next meeting of the NVTA Governance and Personnel Committee is scheduled for the fall of 2020. Exact date TBD.

**2. NVTA Statutory Committee Meetings:**

- **Technical Advisory Committee:** The NVTA Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held electronically.
- **Planning Coordination Advisory Committee:** The NVTA Planning Coordination Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. The meeting will be held electronically.

**3. CMAQ-RSTP Transfers:**

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

**4. 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.

**Link to the Project Status Report:** <https://thenovaauthority.org/funded-projects/>

**Attachments:**

- A. CMAQ-RSTP Transfers
- B. Regional Projects Status Report

# Attachment A.1.



**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**  
*The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia*

June 11, 2020

Ms. Helen Cuervo  
District Administrator  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
4975 Alliance Dr. Suite 4E-342  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Reference: Request to Reallocate Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for Prince William County

Dear Ms. Cuervo:

On September 11, 2008, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) delegated the authority to approve requests to reallocate Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding between projects that were previously approved by the NVTA to the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC).

On May 28, 2020, Prince William County requested a transfer of \$7,842,812 in existing and future RSTP funds from the following projects:

- University Boulevard Widening and Extension- PE Only (UPC 104816): \$6,192,608
- Route 234/Route 1 Interchange- PE & ROW Only (UPC 13525): \$1,650,204

The receiver project is the Route 1 Featherstone Road to Mary's Way project (UPC 104303). This project widens 1.3 miles of Route 1 to six lanes with a five-foot sidewalk, ten-foot multimodal trail and improvements to intersections. The transfer of RSTP funds will fully fund the project and allow the project to stay on schedule for completion in 2022.

NVTA's delegation requires that the RJACC notify the NVTA of these requests. The RJACC approved the request on May 28, 2020, and the NVTA was informed at their June 11 2020, meeting. The NVTA has no objection to the requested reallocations.

Please take the necessary steps to reallocate these funds in the Transportation Improvement Program and the State Transportation Improvement Program. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Noelle Dominguez  
RJACC Chair

cc: Phyllis J. Randall, Chair, NVTA  
Monica Backmon, Executive Director, NVTA  
Ric Canizales, Director of Transportation, Prince William County



May 26, 2020

Monica Backmon  
Executive Director  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)  
3040 Williams Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22031

RE: Request to Transfer RSTP Funds to the Route 1 (Featherstone Rd to Mary's Way) Project.

Ms. Backmon,

Prince William County requests the approval of the NVTA RJACC for the transfer of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds.

The request is to transfer a total of \$7,842,812 in existing and future RSTP funds. The RSTP donor projects are the following:

- University Boulevard Widening and Extension- PE Only (UPC 104816): \$6,192,608
- Route 234/Route 1 Interchange- PE & ROW Only (UPC 13525): \$1,650,204

The receiver project is the Route 1 Featherstone Road to Mary's Way project (UPC 104303). This project widens 1.3 miles of Route 1 to six lanes with a five-foot sidewalk, ten-foot multimodal trail and improvements to intersections. The transfer of RSTP funds will fully fund the project and allow the project to stay on schedule for completion in 2022.

The Route 1 Featherstone Road to Mary's Way project has been previously approved for RSTP and NVTA Regional funding. As a result, only NVTA RJACC approval is necessary. If you have any questions or comments regarding this request, please contact me at (703) 792-6825.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Canizales  
Director of Transportation

cc: Woodbridge District Supervisor  
Angel Tao, Prince William Preliminary Engineering Manager, VDOT  
Jan Vaughn, Programming Manger, VDOT

# CMAQ/RSTP Transfer Request Form

(One Sheet Needed Per Donor Project)

Date: 5/26/2020

Name of Jurisdiction/Agency Requesting: Prince William County Department of Transportation

Current Balance of CMAQ/RSTP Funds Currently Allocated to Donor Project (Prior to this Transfer): \$2,050,204

From (Donor):

To (Recipient):

UPC	Project Description	Type of Funds	Transfer from Previous Fiscal Years	If No, Year Requested	Transfer Amount	UPC	Project Description	Previously Approved by NVTA	If Yes, Year Approved	JACC Approval (NVTA)	Authority Approval (NVTA)	Funds Verified (VDOT)	Completed (VDOT)
13525	Route 234/Route 1 Interchange (PE& ROW Only)	RSTP	Y	2020	\$1,650,204.00	104303	Route 1 (Featherstone to Mary's Way)	Y	2014				

TOTAL OF TRANSFER - \$1,650,204.00

Attach Signed Request of Transfer Letter

# CMAQ/RSTP Transfer Request Form

(One Sheet Needed Per Donor Project)

Date: 5/26/2020

Name of Jurisdiction/Agency Requesting: Prince William County Department of Transportation

Current Balance of CMAQ/RSTP Funds Currently Allocated to Donor Project (Prior to this Transfer): \$6,192,608

From (Donor):

To (Recipient):

UPC	Project Description	Type of Funds	Transfer from Previous Fiscal Years	If No, Year Requested	Transfer Amount	UPC	Project Description	Previously Approved by NVTA	If Yes, Year Approved	JACC Approval (NVTA)	Authority Approval (NVTA)	Funds Verified (VDOT)	Completed (VDOT)
104816	University Boulevard Widening and Extension (PE Only)	RSTP	N	2021	\$6,192,608.00	104303	Route 1 (Featherstone to Mary's Way)	Y	2014				

TOTAL OF TRANSFER - \$6,192,608.00

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# Attachment A.3.

**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**  
*The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia*

June 11, 2020

Ms. Helen Cuervo  
District Administrator  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
4975 Alliance Dr. Suite 4E-342  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Reference: Request to Reallocate Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for Fairfax County

Dear Ms. Cuervo:

On September 11, 2008, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) delegated the authority to approve requests to reallocate Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding between projects that were previously approved by the NVTA to the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC).

On May 28, 2020, Fairfax County requested the following transfer:

- Fairfax County requests the approval of the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC) to transfer a total of \$3,493 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds from FY 2008 and FY 2009 Bus Shelters (UPC 89133) Balance Entry Account to Soapstone Drive Trail (UPC 70716). According to recent construction estimates, Soapstone Drive Trail is in need of additional funds. The Balance Entry Account receives funds generally from completed projects that have not been previously transferred but need to be transferred for administrative reasons.

NVTA's delegation requires that the RJACC notify the NVTA of these requests. The RJACC approved the request on May 28, 2020, and the NVTA was informed at their June 11 2020, meeting. The NVTA has no objection to the requested reallocation.

Please take the necessary steps to reallocate these funds in the Transportation Improvement Program and the State Transportation Improvement Program. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Noelle Dominguez  
RJACC Chair

cc: Phyllis J. Randall, Chair, NVTA  
Monica Backmon, Executive Director, NVTA  
Tom Biesiadny, Director of Transportation, Fairfax County

# Attachment A.4.



## County of Fairfax, Virginia

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

May 21, 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 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds

Dear Ms. Dominguez:

Fairfax County requests the approval of the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC) to transfer a total of \$3,493 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds from FY 2008 and FY 2009 Bus Shelters (UPC 89133) Balance Entry Account to Soapstone Drive Trail (UPC 70716). According to recent construction estimates, Soapstone Drive Trail is in need of additional funds. The Balance Entry Account receives funds generally from completed projects that have not been previously transferred but need to be transferred for administrative reasons.

If you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact Michael Cuccias at (703) 877-5722.

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: 5/21/2020

Name of Jurisdiction/Agency Requesting: Fairfax County

Current Balance of CMAQ/RSTP Funds Currently Allocated to Donor Project (Prior to this Transfer): \_\_\_\_\_ \$3,493

From (Donor):

To (Recipient):

UPC	Project Description	Type of Funds	Transfer from Previous Fiscal Years	If No, Year Requested	Transfer Amount	UPC	Project Description	Previously Approved by NVTA	If Yes, Year Approved	JACC Approval (NVTA)	Authority Approval (NVTA)	Funds Verified (VDOT)	Completed (VDOT)
89133	FY2008 & FY2009 Bus Shelters	CMAQ	Y		\$3,493.00	70632	Soapstone Drive Trail	Y	2007				

TOTAL OF TRANSFER \$3,493.00

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NVTA Funding Program Project Status  
Summary Report

# Attachment B.

As of June 1, 2020.		
<b>NVTA's Regional Fund Program FY2014 - FY2023</b>		<b>Upcoming Public Information Meeting(s):</b>
Total Revenue Allocated	\$1,974,145,417	1. City of Fairfax, Roadway Network Northfax West project - Design Public Hearing , June 23, 2020.
Total Number of Individual Projects	94	<b>NOTE:</b> For latest information on project events, please refer to the "Events and Meetings" section on our home page - <a href="https://thenovaauthority.org/">https://thenovaauthority.org/</a> For full status information, please check NVTA web page on regional fund projects - <a href="https://thenovaauthority.org/funded-projects/">https://thenovaauthority.org/funded-projects/</a>
SPAs	121	
Currently Active	72	
Closed Out	34	
Not Yet Appropriated	15	
<b>Substantive Status Updates (during March - May 2020)**</b>		
<b>Project Title (program year)</b>	<b>Updated Status</b>	<b>% Reimbursed</b>
<b>Arlington County</b>		
Boundary Channel Drive Interchange (FY2014)	VDOT is scheduled to submit updated Design Plan on 7/30/2020, public hearing is anticipated in September, 2020.	50.7%
Lee Highway Corridor ITS Enhancements (FY2017)	ITS equipment installation - procurement is delayed, project completion is delayed.	8.5%
Glebe Road Corridor ITS Improvements (FY2015)	ITS equipment installation - completed. TSP equipment installation - procurement is delayed by a year.	31.1%
<b>Fairfax County</b>		
Innovation Center Metrorail Station (FY2014/FY2015-16)	Major construction completion is delayed, anticipated by late June 2020.	FY2014: 92.2% FY2015-16: 99.4%
Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit - Phases I & II (FY2018-23)	Environmental study at 70%; Design Plan at 30%; public engagement ongoing. Project schedule is being revised, anticipated construction completion will be delayed by a year.	0.0%
<b>Loudoun County</b>		
Dulles West Boulevard Widening: Loudoun County Parkway to Northstar Boulevard (FY2018-23)	County Board has approved the contract for design.	0.0%
<b>Prince William County</b>		
Summit School Rd Extension and Telegraph Rd Widening (FY2018-23)	Anticipated date for construction completion is delayed, from 2022 to 2023. Coordination ongoing with VDOT for design criteria.	0.0%
<b>City of Alexandria</b>		
West End Transitway (FY2015-16/FY2018-23)	The procurement process (RFQ) is delayed due to prevailing public health emergency, project design is anticipated to begin in 2nd quarter 2021.	FY2015-16: 36.6%
Alexandria Bus Network ITS (FY2018-23)	Project completion is delayed, to be completed by June 2020.	73.9%
DASH Transit Service Enhancements and Expansion (FY2018-23)	Implementation Plan is delayed, from June 2020 to late summer 2020. Contract award is expected by late 2020.	0.0%
<b>City of Fairfax</b>		
Roadway Network Northfax West (FY2018-23)	60% Design Plan is completed; public hearing is scheduled for June 23, 2020.	0.4%
<b>VRE</b>		
VRE Lorton Station Second Platform (FY2014)	Design is under revision in coordination with DRPT Corridor Improvement Project (construction of 4th track) - construction schedule is indefinitely deferred.	10.1%
Franconia-Springfield Platform Improvements (FY2015-16)	Design is under revision in coordination with DRPT Corridor Improvement Project. Anticipated construction completion is delayed from 2022 to 2026.	4.3%
Rippon Station Expansion and Second Platform (FY2015-16)	Design is under revision in coordination with DRPT Corridor Improvement Project. Anticipated construction completion is delayed from 2023 to 2030.	0.4%
VRE Gainesville-Haymarket Extension Project Development (FY2014)	PE/NEPA (NVTA-funded phase) is completed. Final CE under development for FTA approval.	100.0%

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