

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Mayor Wilson, Chair, Planning and Programming Committee

**DATE:** June 4, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Report from the Planning and Programming Committee

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**1. Purpose.** To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) on recent activities of the NVTA Planning and Programming Committee (PPC).

**2. Background.** The PPC met on June 1, 2020.

Due to the current public health emergency, the meeting was held via WebEX with all five members joining remotely. The Committee took action on following two items:

- a. A resolution to hold a remote electronic meeting was approved unanimously. This resolution was based on the recent passage of the amendments to HB 29 – the FOIA Bill, which allows regional bodies such as the Authority, and their committees to conduct business meetings electronically.
- b. The March 2, 2020 meeting summary was approved unanimously.

NVTA Staff presented the following information items:

**3. FY2020-2025 Six Year Program Update.** The public comment period for the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program (SYP) update of the Six Year Program ended on May 24. The Public Hearing was held on May 14, 2020. Staff presented a high-level summary of comments received during this period and the testimonies at the Public Hearing.

**4. TransAction Update.** Members were briefed on the leading activities to update the current TransAction Plan, and a context of the role of long-range planning process at NVTA. Staff is drafting a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure consulting services for this task. Following features of this update process were highlighted: as a part of this plan update, the selected consultant(s) will assist NVTA staff in implementing travel demand modeling capabilities; the plan will be guided by a Transportation Technology Strategic Plan; and a recent task to quantify near and long-term transportation impacts of the ongoing pandemic situation.

5. **NVTA Update.** NVTA Executive Director Ms. Backmon noted that the Authority will receive the summary notes and details of individual comments from the public at its upcoming meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The PPC will next meet on June 19<sup>th</sup> and receive staff recommendations for the SYP and recommendations from Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The PPC will develop its own recommendations for the Authority's consideration at that meeting.
6. **Next steps.** The PPC will continue to be engaged in the process to adopt NVTA's FY2020-2025 Six Year Program, and the update of its long-range plan TransAction.

The next meeting of the PPC is at 5:00 pm, Friday, June 19, 2020. The Committee will develop SYP recommendations to the Authority at that meeting.