

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Monica Backmon, Executive Director

DATE: July 2, 2020

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

Purpose: To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) of items of interest not addressed in other agenda items.

- 1. Women's Council of Realtors – NoVA Metro Presentation.** I participated in a virtual event hosted by the Women's Council of Realtors – NoVA Metro organization. The event was held on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 12:30pm. I presented on the Authority's Six Year Program portfolio and initiatives, the Six Year Program Update, impacts of COVID-19 on transportation, and economic impacts of the Authority's transportation investments.
- 2. Six Year Program Virtual Press Briefing.** On Friday, July 10, 2020, NVTA staff will host a virtual press briefing on the Six Year Program Update, just one day after the anticipated adoption of the Program. Media will be invited to join the WebEx event during which Chair Randall and I will be presenting and answering reporters' questions. This will be the first time NVTA is hosting a virtual press briefing.
- 3. Program Information Monitoring and Management System (PIMMS).** In November 2018, the Authority approved a task for HDR to develop PIMMS, funded through the FY2019 and FY2020 operating budgets. NVTA staff coordinated with staff at selected jurisdictions early in the PIMMS development process. The consultant is implementing PIMMS in two phases:
 - The online portal for eligible jurisdictions and agencies to apply to NVTA for project funding requests. HDR successfully completed this phase in time for the Call for Regional Transportation Projects (in July 2019) for the current FY2020-2025 Six Year Program. This process replaced the manual approach to submit such requests used in the Authority's first four funding programs.
 - The online portal for project sponsors to administer/update Standard Project Agreements (SPAs) and associated Appendices, and to submit reimbursement requests for approved SPAs. The data associated with this information will feed a public-facing project dashboard.

HDR has mostly completed software development for the second phase. During June 2020, NVTA staff has been entering 'legacy' SPA and reimbursement data associated with projects/SPAs previously approved and appropriated in the Authority's first four funding programs.

Following online training, project sponsor staff will have access to PIMMS enabling them to initiate new/update existing SPAs, and submit reimbursement requests. Similarly, NVTA staff will use PIMMS to review and approve this information.

PIMMS will automatically update the project dashboard in real time as NVTA staff approve SPA/reimbursement information.

The Authority approved funding in the FY2021 budget to expand the reporting and other user interface features in PIMMS.

- 4. Fitch Ratings Update.** During June, Fitch Ratings conducted a rating surveillance analysis resulting in an affirmation the NVTA's AA+ rating with a Stable Outlook.

AA+ is the highest rating possible for an entity such as the Authority. The Stable Outlook reflects in great part the work of the Finance Committee and Authority in setting and adhering to prudent fiscal policies, conservation of debt capacity and demonstrating an ability to navigate the current pandemic and resultant economic impacts.

1. NVTA Standing Committee Meetings:

- **Finance Committee:** The NVTA Finance Committee is scheduled to meet next on July 16th at 1:00pm.
- **Planning and Programming Committee:** The NVTA Planning and Programming Committee Meeting date is to be determined.
- **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 July 15th at 7:00pm. Please note that the meeting may be held electronically.
- **Planning Coordination Advisory Committee:** The NVTA Planning Coordination Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet July 22nd at 6:30pm. The meeting may be held electronically.

3. Regional Projects Status Report:

- Please note the updated Regional Projects Status Report (Attachment A), which provides a narrative update for each project and the amount of project reimbursements requested and processed to date.

Attachment:

- A.** Regional Projects Status Report



**NVTA Funding Program Project Status
Summary Report**

Attachment

As of July 1, 2020.		
NVTA's Regional Fund Program FY2014 - FY2023		Upcoming Public Information Meeting(s):
Total Revenue Allocated	\$1,974,145,417	1. Prince William County, Construct Rte. 28 Corridor Roadway Improvements (Manassas Bypass), Board of County Supervisor public hearing, July 14, 2020.
Total Amount Reimbursed	\$432,621,962	
Total Number of Individual Projects	94	
SPAs	121	NOTE: For latest information on project events, please refer to the " Events and Meetings " section on our home page https://thenovaauthority.org/
Currently Active	73	For full status information, please check NVTA web page on regional fund projects - https://thenovaauthority.org/funded-projects/
Closed Out	34	
Not Yet Executed	14	
Substantive Status Updates (during April - June 2020)**		
Project Title (program year)	Updated Status	% Reimbursed
Arlington County		
Ballston-MU Metrorail Station West Entrance (FY2015)	WMATA has submitted first draft of a Project Coordination Agreement, County staff sent back review comments.	0.3%
ART Operations and Maintenance Facilities (FY2018-23)	The concept plan is completed.	0.0%
Fairfax County		
Route 28 Widening: Prince William County Line to Route 29 (FY2015-16, FY2017, FY2018-23)	Construction contract award was on May 29, 2020; Notice-to-Proceed was issued on June 15, 2020.	FY2015-16: 72.9% FY2017: 0.0%
Rolling Road Widening - Old Keene Mill Road to Franconia-Springfield Parkway (FY2015-16, FY2018-23)	Phase 1 construction start is delayed, from summer 2020 to spring 2021.	FY2015-16: 62.5% FY2018-23: 0.0%
Route 1 Widening - Mount Vernon Memorial Highway to Napper Road (FY2015-16, FY2018-23)	Field Inspection (FI) plans, corresponding to 75% design plan completion have been reviewed.	FY2015-16: 100.0% FY2018-23: 0.0%
Richmond Highway BRT - Phase I and II (FY2018-23)	Project team participated in a virtual Town Hall meeting, hosted by Lees District supervisor, on July 1, 2020.	0.0%
Loudoun County		
Route 28 Northbound Widening - Between Dulles Toll Road and Sterling Boulevard (FY2018-23)	Project is completed.	89.2%
Prentice Drive Extension: Lockridge Road (Route 789) to Shellhorn Road (Route 643) (FY2018-23)	Phase 1 60% Design Plans have been submitted to reviewing agencies; Phase 2 ROW acquisition continues.	0.0%
Prince William County		
Route 1 Widening From Featherstone Road to Mary's Way (FY2014, FY2015-16, FY2017)	VDOT has approved Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) document; project construction advertisement on 6/26/2020, contract award anticipated in July 2020.	FY2014: 100.0% FY2015-16: 77.2%
Construct Route 28 Corridor Roadway Improvements (Manassas Bypass) (FY2015-16, FY2018-23)	A public hearing is scheduled for July 14, 2020, to present staff recommendation for alternative 2B alignment.	FY2015-16: 67.6% FY2018-23: 0.0%

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



NVTA Funding Program Project Status Summary Report

City of Alexandria		
Alexandria ITS Project (FY2018-23)	The construction contract is awarded, project completion anticipated in fall 2020.	0.0%
Alexandria Bus Network ITS (FY2018-23)	All project tasks are completed.	73.9%
City of Falls Church		
Falls Church Enhanced Regional Bike Routes (W&OD) (FY2018-23)	All construction documents are finalized and project is out to bid on July 14, 2020.	9.0%
City of Manassas		
Route 28 Widening: Godwin Drive to the Southern City Limits (FY2015-16)	Project advertisement is delayed, now anticipated in July 2020.	19.1%
Town of Herndon		
Herndon Metrorail Intermodal Access improvements (FY2014)	Construction advertisement is delayed, from June 2020 to fall 2020.	63.6%
Town of Leesburg		
Construct Interchange at Route 15 Bypass and Battlefield Parkway (FY2018-23)	NVTA SPA was approved in June 11 Authority meeting.	0.0%