

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 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Report from the Planning and Programming Committee

- 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 19, 2020.

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

- **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.
 - **The June 1, 2020 meeting summary was approved unanimously.**
- 3. FY2020-25 Six Year Program Recommendations.**
 - Mr. Jasper, Principal, presented an overview of the FY2020-2025 candidate projects, evaluations, public comments, and staff recommendations. He also informed the Committee on the recommendations approved by the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at their respective meetings on June 17, 2020.
 - In addition, the Committee was made aware of the Finance Committee recommendation to withdraw/cancel two Virginia Railway Express (VRE) projects funded by the NVTA under its FY2014 and FY2015-2016 Programs with a total unspent amount of \$16,958,821 made at its meeting on June 18, 2020, potentially adding that amount to the available PayGo funds for the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program (SYP) subject to Authority action.
 - The Committee discussed various aspects of staff recommendations and the program including the geographic distribution of public comments and benefits of three additional projects – CFX-015, CFC-005, and RPT-002.

- The Committee supported the staff recommendations and recommended the following additions covering the potentially available \$16,958,821:
 - \$700,000 to CFX-015 Jermantown Road/Route 29 Intersection Improvements project (full request) from City of Fairfax;
 - \$8,300,000 to CFC-005 Downtown Falls Church Multimodal Improvements project (full request) from City of Falls Church; and,
 - \$7,958,821 to RPT-002 Franconia-Springfield Passenger Rail Bypass (partial funding in addition to staff recommended \$15,000,000) from DRPT.
 - The motion supporting the staff recommendation and adding the above three projects and associated funding was passed unanimously.
- 4. NVTA update.** NVTA Executive Director Ms. Backmon noted that the year-long process of developing the SYP is coming to an end with potential adoption of the program at the Authority meeting on July 9, 2020. She noted that the staff is working with the Authority and various committees to understand the impact of COVID-19 on revenues and projects.
- 5. Next steps.** The PPC will continue to be engaged in the update of NVTA’s long-range transportation plan, TransAction in the coming months.

There is no further meeting of the PPC scheduled at this time. The Committee will decide on the meeting dates depending on the need.