

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Monica Backmon, Executive Director

**DATE:** September 3, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to Reallocate Transform 66 outside the Beltway Concession Payment funds for Fairfax County

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1. **Purpose.** To seek Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) recommendation to transfer Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Concession Payment funds for Fairfax County.
2. **Suggested Motion:** *I move Authority recommendation to transfer \$510,746 in 1-66 Concession funds from Route 29 Widening Phase I (UPC 110330) to Route 50 at Waples Mill Intersection Improvement (UPC 113517).*
3. **Background.**
  - As part of the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project, the Concessionaire paid the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), a Concession Fee/Payment to fund additional transportation improvements in the corridor (Concession Payment).
  - Virginia Code specifies that allocations from the Concession Payments may be used to pay or finance all or part of the costs of programs or projects, but that (i) the allocations must be limited to programs and projects that are reasonably related to or benefit the users of the qualifying transportation facility that was the subject of a concession pursuant to the PPTA; and (ii) the priorities of metropolitan planning organizations, planning district commissions, local governments, and transportation corridors shall be considered by the Board in making project allocations from moneys in the Account.
  - On July 13, 2017, the Authority, with input from local jurisdictions, developed a list of projects for presentation to and consideration by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) as projects that may be funded with funds from the Concession Payment. Both projects were included in the Authority's

recommendation. The Virginia Department of Transportation also recommended that the funding be used to support to fund, in whole or part, several Route 29 Projects in Fairfax County. On December 6, 2017, the CTB endorsed the list of projects recommended by the Authority and the Route 29 Projects.

- On July 16, 2020, Fairfax County requested the transfer of \$510,746 in 1-66 Concession funds from Route 29 Widening Phase I (UPC 110330) to Route 50 at Waples Mill Intersection Improvement (UPC 113517). According to recent estimates, the project costs have increased due to market conditions. The estimate for the Route 29 Widening Phase I project has been reduced and the project no longer requires these funds.
- The RJACC recommended approval of the transfer request at the July 23, 2020 meeting.

**4. Next steps.** Upon Authority recommendation of approval, the transfer request will be sent to the Commonwealth Transportation Board to be included in the transfer report.

**Attachments:**

- A. Draft letter to VDOT NOVA District Administrator Cuervo
- B. Request Letter from Fairfax County



## Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

*The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia*

May 14, 2020

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

Reference: Expand Scope and Reallocate Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Concession Payment funds for Prince William County

Dear Ms. Cuervo:

As part of the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project, the Concessionaire paid the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), a Concession Fee/Payment to fund additional transportation improvements in the corridor (Concession Payment). Virginia Code specifies that allocations from the Concession Payments may be used to pay or finance all or part of the costs of programs or projects, but that (i) the allocations must be limited to programs and projects that are reasonably related to or benefit the users of the qualifying transportation facility that was the subject of a concession pursuant to the PPTA; and (ii) the priorities of metropolitan planning organizations, planning district commissions, local governments, and transportation corridors shall be considered by the Board in making project allocations from moneys in the Account.

On July 13, 2017, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (the Authority), with input from local jurisdictions, developed a list of projects for presentation to and consideration by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) as projects that may be funded with funds from the Concession Payment. On December 6, 2017, the CTB endorsed the list of projects recommended by the Authority.

On July 16, 2020, Fairfax County requested the transfer of \$510,746 in 1-66 Concession funds from Route 29 Widening Phase I (UPC 110330) to Route 50 at Waples Mill Intersection Improvement (UPC 113517). According to recent estimates, the project costs have increased due to market conditions. The estimate for the Route 29 Widening Phase I project has been reduced and the project no longer requires these funds.

On September 10, 2020, the Authority recommended approval of the transfer. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Phyllis J. Randall  
Chair

cc: Monica Backmon, Executive Director, NVTA  
Tom Biesiadny, Director of Transportation, Fairfax County Department of  
Transportation

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July 16, 2020

Ms. Monica Backmon, Executive Director  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority  
3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200  
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Re: Reallocation of I-66 Concession Funds

Dear Ms. Backmon: *Monica*

Fairfax County requests the approval of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to transfer a total of \$510,746 in I-66 Concession funds from Route 29 Widening Phase I (UPC 110330) to Route 50 at Waples Mill Intersection Improvement (UPC 113517). According to recent estimates, the project costs have increased due to market conditions. The estimate for the Route 29 Widening Phase I project has been reduced and the project no longer requires these funds.

If you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact Ray Johnson at (703) 877-5617.

Sincerely,

Tom Biesiadny  
Director

cc. Todd Wigglesworth, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT)  
Ray Johnson, FCDOT  
Noelle Dominguez, FCDOT  
Carole Bondurant, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
Bethany Mathis, VDOT  
Jan Vaughan, VDOT