

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Michael Longhi, Chief Financial Officer

DATE: September 4, 2020

SUBJECT: FY2021 Regional Revenue Fund De-Appropriation - City of Alexandria

1. **Purpose:** To seek Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) budget de-appropriation action for the City of Alexandria's West End Transitway: Northern Segment (Phase 1) Project ID 2018-040-1. This action does not change the project's status as an adopted project in the Authority's FY2018-2023 Six Year Program.
2. **Suggested Motion:** *I move Authority cancellation of the FY2021 \$2.2 million appropriation for the City of Alexandria West End Transitway: Northern Segment (Phase 1) Project, reclassifying the funds in the Regional Revenue Fund from appropriated to restricted.*
3. **Background:**
 - a. The West End Transitway: Northern Segment Phase 1 project was adopted in the FY2018-2023 Six Year Program for \$2.2 million.
 - b. The Authority appropriated \$2.2 million in FY2021 regional revenues to this project at the May 2020 meeting.
 - c. Per Policy 29 requirements, NVTA projects are expected to have an executed Standard Project Agreement (SPA) within in three months of funding appropriation and are expected to start drawing project funds in the year of appropriation.
 - d. In 2019, the City of Alexandria received SMARTSCALE funding of \$57.2 million.
 - e. The de-appropriation of the FY2021 NVTA funding will allow the City to align the spending with funding sources, as noted in the attached request letter dated August 5, 2020.
 - f. The project will remain an adopted project in the Authority's FY2018-2023 Six Year Program with secure funding pending a future appropriation.

Attachment: City of Alexandria De-Appropriation Request Dated August 5, 2020

Coordination: City of Alexandria



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August 5, 2020

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Re: Change in Appropriation Year for West End Transitway

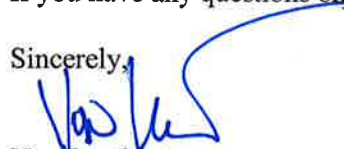
Dear Ms. Backmon,

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) recently appropriated \$2.2 million for FY 2021 for the West End Transitway (TransAction project #42). We appreciate the Authority's funding and appropriation for this high priority project. As discussed with NVTA in late 2018, the City is moving forward with the Phase 1 Transportation Systems Management (TSM) scenario along the entire corridor between Van Dorn Metrorail station and the Pentagon. In 2019, the City was successful in receiving an additional \$57.2 million in FY 2024-25 SMART SCALE funding toward the construction of the first phase focused on TSM improvements, stations, non-motorized improvements and buses.

The City is requesting that the \$2.2m of FY18-23 NVTA funds be appropriated starting in FY 2022, and that the full amount remain for Right-of-Way services. The City is currently in the procurement process for the design of the West End Transitway, and anticipates the design beginning in early 2021. We anticipate that Right-of-Way services will not begin until at least FY 2022. We intend to use the balance of the FY15-16 NVTA funds toward the project design. If the design bids come in higher than what is available in the FY15-16 fund balance, we will request the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) move up a portion of the FY 2024-25 Smart Scale funds. We are requesting that NVTA cancel the \$2.2m appropriation for FY2021, and re-appropriate the funds in FY2022, at which point we believe we will be able to begin Right-of-Way services. This will not change the project delivery schedule.

If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Yon Lambert,
Director