

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: Executive Director's Report

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

1. **W&OD Trail Enhancements Groundbreaking in City of Falls Church** – On August 26, 2020, NVTA joined the City of Falls Church and NOVA Parks to celebrate the start of construction on a nearly 1.5-mile-long segment of the W&OD Trail. The Authority is funding more than \$3.24 million in this regionally significant project through the FY2018-23 Six Year Program.
2. **Virginia Transit Association Virtual Event Presentation** – On August 21, 2020, I participated in a “Nimble Transit Network Planning” virtual event hosted by the Virginia Transit Association. I presented on the Authority’s Six Year Program Adoption, transit investments in the region, and impacts of COVID-19 on transportation, according to our recent analysis in collaboration with AECOM. Fellow panelists included Jennifer DeBruhl, Chief of Public Transportation, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), and Martin Barna, Director of Planning & Scheduling, DASH Bus.
3. **Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual State of Transportation Presentation** – On August 5, 2020, I joined fellow panelists Shannon Valentine, Virginia Secretary of Transportation, and Kate Mattice, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), to discuss the state of transportation in Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia. I discussed the Authority’s investments in a regional multimodal network, COVID-19’s impacts on transportation, the adoption of the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program, and the update to TransAction.
4. **NVTA in the News** – Through proactive media outreach efforts and campaigns, the Authority has received significant news coverage as of late. For instance, though the Six Year Program Virtual Media Briefing NVTA hosted July 10, 2020, and a collaborative effort

with the Joint Regional PIO Group, more than 40 media placements were secured on the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program Adoption. Additionally, through targeted press outreach, print, radio and television placements were secured on the COVID-19 Analysis in partnership with AECOM; those placements included INSIDE NOVA, WTOP and Fox 5. Lastly, through multiple deskside briefings and conversations, I will be featured in a Washington Business Journal Executive Profile in an upcoming edition of the print/online publication.

5. Capital COVID Survey: Return to Work (Powered by the Greater Washington Partnership and EY) – NVTA joined the Greater Washington Partnership, MWCOG, WMATA, NVTC, MDOT, and other leading business organizations in launching the Capital COVID Survey: Return to Work. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the Greater Washington Partnership, which is leading this initiative, has heard directly from employers and transportation agencies across the region that they need better insight into how and when organizations are planning to reopen worksites, and how employers feel about the ability of transit agencies to safely return employees to worksites. NVTA shared the survey with the Joint Regional PIO Group, asking the group to share with their jurisdictions/agencies, as well as partners in the business community. Additionally, NVTA promoted the survey on social media. The deadline to submit survey feedback was August 28, 2020. Each organization, agency and jurisdiction that completed this survey will receive a summary of the survey results, transit agency ridership information and crowding trends for all Washington metro area agencies (e.g., WMATA, VRE, MARC, etc.), and projections for the upcoming month that are aimed at supporting key reopening decisions.

6. NVTA Standing Committee Meetings:

- **Finance Committee:** The NVTA Finance Committee is scheduled to meet next on September 17th at 1:00pm. The meeting will held electronically.
- **Planning and Programming Committee:** The NVTA Planning and Programming Committee is TBD.
- **Governance and Personnel Committee:** The next meeting of the NVTA Governance and Personnel Committee is scheduled for the fall of 2020. Exact date TBD.

7. NVTA Statutory Committee Meetings:

- **Technical Advisory Committee:** The NVTA Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet September 16th at 7:00pm. Please note that the meeting may be held electronically. The meeting will be held electronically.
- **Planning Coordination Advisory Committee:** The NVTA Planning Coordination Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet September 23rd at 6:30pm. The meeting may be held electronically.

8. CMAQ-RSTP Transfers:

- CMAQ and RSTP Transfers requested since the last Executive Director's report are presented in Attachment A.

9. Regional Projects Status Report:

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

Attachments:

- A.** CMAQ-RSTP Transfers
- B.** Regional Projects Status Report



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

September 10, 2020

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

Reference: Reallocate Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for Fairfax County

Dear Ms. Cuervo:

On September 11, 2008, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) delegated the authority to approve requests to reallocate Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding between projects that were previously approved by the NVTA to the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC).

On July 23, 2020, Fairfax County requested the following transfer of RSTP funds:

- \$1,356,665 from the Seven Corners Interchange Improvements (UPC T17486) to Soapstone Drive Extension (UPC 112479).

While the Seven Corners Interchange project remains a priority for Fairfax County, Soapstone Drive is significantly further along in implementation and is in need of additional funds.

NVTA's delegation requires that the RJACC notify the NVTA of these requests. The RJACC approved the request on July 23, 2020, and the NVTA was informed at their September 10, 2020, meeting.

The NVTA has no objection to the requested reallocations. Please take the necessary steps to reallocate these funds in the Transportation Improvement Program and the State Transportation Improvement Program. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Phyllis J. Randall
Chair

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



County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County

July 17, 2020

Ms. Noelle Dominguez, Chairman
Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Re: Reallocation of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds

Dear Ms. Dominguez: *Noelle*

Fairfax County requests the approval of the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC) to transfer a total of ~~\$1,275,000~~ *\$1,356,665* in RSTP funds from Seven Corners Interchange Improvements (UPC T17486) to Soapstone Drive Extension (UPC 112479). While the Seven Corners Interchange project remains a priority for Fairfax County, Soapstone Drive is significantly further along in implementation and is in need of additional 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
Carole Bondurant, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Bethany Mathis, VDOT
Jan Vaughan, VDOT

CMAQ/RSTP Transfer Request Form
(One Sheet Needed Per Donor Project)

Date: 7/17/2020

Name of Jurisdiction/Agency Requesting: Fairfax County

Current Balance of CMAQ/RSTP Funds Currently Allocated to Donor Project (Prior to this Transfer): ~~\$1,357,000~~ \$1,356,665

From (Donor):

To (Recipient):

UPC	Project Description	Type of Funds	Transfer from Previous Fiscal	If No, Year Requested	Transfer Amount	UPC	Project Description	Previously Approved by NVTA	If Yes, Year Approved	JACC Approval (NVTA)	Authority Approval (NVTA)	Funds Verified (VDOT)	Completed (VDOT)
T17486	Seven Corners Interchange	RSTP	Y		\$1,356,665 \$1,357,000.00	112479	Soapstone Drive Extension	Y	2020				

TOTAL OF TRANSFER ~~\$1,357,000.00~~ \$1,356,665.00

Attach Signed Request of Transfer Letter



NVTA Funding Program Project Status
Summary Report

Attachment B

As of September 1, 2020.		
NVTA's Regional Fund Program FY2014 - FY2025		Upcoming Public Information Meeting(s):
Total Revenue Allocated	\$2,496,195,952	1. Loudoun County - Evergreen Mills Rd Intersection Alignment - Virtual public information meeting, September 22, 2020.
Total Amount Reimbursed	\$474,075,250	2. Arlington County - Boundary Channel Drive Interchange - Virtual public hearing, November 4, 2020.
Total Number of Individual Projects	106	NOTE: For latest information on project events, please refer to the "Events and Meetings" section on our home page - https://thenovaaauthority.org/ For full status information, please check NVTA web page on regional fund projects - https://thenovaaauthority.org/funded-projects/
SPAs	142	
Currently Active	65	
Closed-out	42	
Not Yet Executed	35	
Substantive Status Updates (during June - August 2020)**		
Project Title (program year)	Updated Status	% Reimbursed
Arlington County		
Boundary Channel Drive Interchange (FY2014)	VDOT submitted the Public Hearing Design Plan set in August, 2020. A virtual public hearing is scheduled on November 4, 2020.	50.7%
Columbia Pike Multimodal Street Improvements (FY2014)	NVTA-funded construction tasks completed, NVTA SPA was closed out in July.	100.0%
Pentagon City Multimodal Connections and Transitway Extension (FY2018-23)	Multimodal connections: 90% Design Plans submitted for VDOT review; Transitway extension: Design process for Crystal Drive segment is delayed.	0.0%
Fairfax County		
Innovation Center Metrorail Station (FY2014, FY2015-16)	All construction tasks completed, received Non-Residential Use Permit in June, 2020.	FY2014: 92.2% FY2015-16: 99.4%
Fairfax County Parkway Widening Rte. 123 to Rte. 29 (FY2015-16, FY2017, FY2018-23)	For Popes Head Road interchange, IJR report was submitted in June, and Field Inspection (FI) plan in July, 2020. Overall project PE phase is delayed, anticipated to complete by fall 2023, and the ROW phase by spring 2025.	FY2015-16: 40.0% FY2017: 0.0%
Route 1 Widening - Mount Vernon Memorial Highway to Napper Road (FY2015-16, FY2018-23)	Project completion is delayed by 1 year, from late 2027 to late 2028.	FY2015-16: 100.0% FY2018-23: 0.0%
Loudoun County		
Evergreen Mills Road Intersection Realignment – Watson Road and Reservoir Road (FY 2018-23)	Staff is working on a Virtual Public Information Meeting on September 22, 2020.	2.5%
Prince William County		
Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study - EIS (City of Manassas to Fairfax County) (FY2015-16, FY2018-23)	County Board has rejected staff-recommended Alternative 2B alignment, and recommended Alternative 4 (Route 28 widening) with operational improvements.	FY2015-16: 67.6% FY2018-23: 0.0%
City of Alexandria		
Potomac Yard Metrorail Station (FY2014, FY2015-16, FY2017)	NEPA re-evaluation for modified south-west access was approved by FTA.	FY2014: 100.0% FY2015-16: 100.0% FY2017: 91.0%
City of Falls Church		
Falls Church Enhanced Regional Bike Routes (W&OD) (FY2018-23)	Ceremonial groundbreaking and pre-construction meeting held on August 26, 2020.	11.0%
City of Fairfax		
Jermantown Road Corridor Improvements Project (FY2018-23)	PE contract awarded, 30% Design Plans expected in fall/winter 2020.	0.0%
Roadway Network Northfax West (FY2018-23)	60% Design Plan completed, moving onto ROW phase.	0.4%
City of Manassas		
Route 28 Widening: Godwin Drive to the Southern City Limits (FY2015-16)	Project was advertised for construction in July, 2020.	19.1%
Town of Leesburg		
Route 7 (East Market Street)/Battlefield Parkway Interchange (FY2015-16, FY2017, FY2018-23)	Battlefield Parkway was closed to traffic end of July for major construction activities.	FY2015-16: 100.0% FY2017: 0.0%
Town of Herndon		
Herndon Parkway Intersection Improvements at Van Buren St (FY2014)	Construction advertisement is delayed, expected in fall 2020.	5.2%
Town of Dumfries		
Route 1 (Fralely Blvd) Widening: Brady's Hill Road to Dumfries Road (FY2015-16, FY2018-23)	PE phase completion is delayed, now anticipated to complete by FY2022.	FY2015-16: 30.4%

**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

VRE		
VRE Lorton Station Second Platform (FY2014)	Project withdrawn by VRE.	100.0%
Rippon Station Expansion and Second Platform (FY2015)	Project withdrawn by VRE.	100.0%
Franconia-Springfield Platform Improvements (FY2015-16)	Anticipated construction completion date is revised, from 2026 to 2023.	4.3%