

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Randy Boice, Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee

DATE: September 30, 2020

SUBJECT: Report from the Technical Advisory Committee

1. **Purpose:** To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) on recent activities of the NVTA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).
2. **Background:** The Technical Advisory Committee met on September 16, 2020. Due to the current pandemic situation, the meeting was held via a WebEx online meeting. Seven members attended the online meeting and the meeting was also livestreamed on YouTube.
3. **The Committee took action on the following items:**
 - a. **Resolution finding the need to conduct meeting electronically:**

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.
 - b. **Summary Notes of September 16, 2020 Meeting:**

Meeting summary for the September 16, 2020 meeting was approved, unanimously.
4. **The Committee discussed the following information items:**
 - a. **TransAction Update- COVID19 Transportation Impacts & Opportunities**

Mr. Jasper, Principal, relayed that NVTA recently partnered with AECOM to conduct analysis of change in travel behavior due to COVID-19. He discussed the near-term impacts of the pandemic on transportation, based on a pre-defined set of scenarios with varying degree of recovery, namely: quick recovery, active transportation, second wave of pandemic and cautious recovery. The transportation impacts of different assumptions regarding telework, jobs, school, transit safety perception, and active transportation were shared and discussed with the committee. The committee, in general, concurred with the approach and assessments shown and supported the continuation of the evaluation.
 - b. **TransAction Update- Vision & Goals**

Mr. Jasper, Principal, shared with the committee that a working group of jurisdiction and agency staff was established to discuss the current vision and goals and consider options to update them. The newly proposed vision and goals were presented to the committee, while encouraging members for feedback. The committee offered feedback during the meeting on the proposed language. Mr. Jasper noted this will be finalized and taken to the Authority for approval in December.

c. NVTA Update- NoVA Gateway

Ms. Backmon, Executive Director, introduced the “NoVA Gateway,” a newly developed web dashboard that provides information on all NVTA-funded projects and is now available to access via NVTA website. Mr. Nampoothiri, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the functions and features of the portal while welcoming any feedback for next phase of development. The TAC members supported the development of this program. On a related note, the TAC Chairman expressed his appreciation for NVTA’s efforts in persuading the Prince William County Board of Supervisors to support the Route 28 Bypass project.

- 5. Next Meeting:** The next TAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 7:00 pm.