

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Mayor Colbert, Chair, Planning Coordination Advisory Committee

DATE: November 5, 2020.

SUBJECT: Report from the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee

1. **Purpose.** To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) on recent activities of the NVTA Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC).
2. **Background.** The PCAC met on October 28, 2020.

Due to the current public health emergency, the meeting was held online with 12 members joining remotely. The Committee took action on following three items:

- a. A resolution to hold a remote electronic meeting was adopted 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. The September 23, 2020, meeting summary was approved, with abstentions from members who did not attend the September 23, 2020 meeting.
 - c. Approval of recommendation of the TransAction vision statement to the Authority.
3. **TransAction Vision and Goals.** Continuing from the last PCAC meeting, Mr. Jasper presented more details on TransAction vision and goals. Currently the vision statement highlights three keywords – equity, sustainability, and resiliency, to read – *“Northern Virginia will plan for, and invest in, a **safe, equitable, sustainable,** and integrated multimodal transportation system that enhances quality of life, strengthens the economy, and builds **resilience**”*. He also discussed two complementary ways to incorporate the associated goals/objectives/performance measures in TransAction analytical framework – a. performance-based planning; and b. “Core-value” approach.

This presentation was followed with a discussion on how to approach the equity issue. Several committee members opined to approve the vision statement, and then work with details to address this issue in the November meeting. A number of regional initiatives were mentioned that are geared to address the equity issue, and the need to work with them.

With this discussion, the current vision statement was unanimously approved for recommendation to Authority.

4. **NVTA Update.** NVTA Executive Director Ms. Backmon stated that there will be three presentations in upcoming Authority meeting – 495 Next Project, I-495 American Legion Bridge Transit/Transportation Demand Management (TDM) study, and the VTrans Update. She also mentioned that the Commonwealth General Assembly Special Session is coming to an end, and staff is closely monitoring on any funding impact to Authority, especially the Revenue Sharing program.
5. **Next steps.** I envision the PCAC will continue to be engaged in the update of its long-range plan TransAction.
6. Due to holidays, upcoming meeting dates/times are changed as follows:
November: Wednesday, November 18, at 6:00 p.m.
December: Wednesday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m.