

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

FOR: Chair Randall and Members
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: Randy Boice, Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee

DATE: November 5, 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 October 21, 2020. Due to the current pandemic, the meeting was held via a WebEx online meeting. Six 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:**
The meeting summary for the September 16, 2020 meeting was approved unanimously.
4. **The Committee discussed the following information/action items:**
 - a. **TransAction Update- Vision & Goals**
Mr. Jasper, the Principal, presented the newly proposed vision and goals for the updated TransAction, to the Committee, seeking feedback. The Committee offered input during the meeting on the proposed language.

The discussion focused on the proposed additional vision elements of equity, safety, and sustainability, and if these could be measured or be encompassed into the framework as a core value. There was a discussion on how these elements were mapped onto goals, objectives, and performance measures.

The proposed additional vision elements were approved in principle by the Committee. They deferred discussing associated goals at the next meeting to finalize both vision and the goals together to approve a recommendation to the Authority. Mr. Jasper noted that a holistic feedback will be sought from various committees on including safety, equity, sustainability, and resilience in the vision statement followed by mapping goals. The vision and goals together then will be finalized and be recommended to the Authority for approval in December.

b. NVTA Update

Ms. Backmon, Executive Director, informed the committee that Commonwealth's long-range plan update, VTrans, which has a nexus with Smart Scale funding, will be presented at the next Authority meeting. An update on the I-495Next project will also be presented to the Authority. Ms. Backmon also relayed that the General Assembly has ended and that the Governor is waiting until after the election to sign the budget. There is no diversion of Authority revenues and NVTA is seeking full restoration of funds that were diverted to Metro two years ago.

5. **Next Meeting:** NVTA staff will conduct the next TAC meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 7:00 pm.