



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

PLANNING COORDINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

6:00 pm

(Electronic Meeting and livestreamed via YouTube)

AGENDA

I. Call to Order/Welcome Chair Colbert

Action

II. Resolution finding need to conduct meeting electronically Chair Colbert
Recommended action: Adoption of resolution

III. Summary Notes of October 28, 2020 Meeting Chair Colbert
Recommended action: Approval of meeting notes

Discussion/Information

IV. TransAction Goals; Objectives; Measures Mr. Jasper, Principal Planner

V. NVTA Update Ms. Backmon, Executive Director

Adjournment

VI. Adjourn

Next Meeting (Electronic)
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
6:00 pm

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING COORDINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION FINDING NEED TO CONDUCT MEETING BY ELECTRONIC
COMMUNICATION MEANS DURING GOVERNOR'S DECLARED STATE OF
EMERGENCY DURING COVID – 19 PANDEMIC**

November 18, 2020 MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

November 18, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of Virginia declared a state of emergency in Virginia in response to the spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, a communicable disease of public health threat as so declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, in subsequent Executive Orders, particularly Executive Order Nos. 53 and 55, as amended, the Governor of Virginia, among other measures designed to ensure safe physical distancing between individuals, prohibited public and private in person gatherings of 10 or more individuals and ordered all individuals in Virginia to remain at their place of residence, with limited exceptions, to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 and prevent its spread; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (Authority) – Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (Committee) finds that it has a responsibility to demonstrate to the public, through the Authority’s conduct, the importance of maintaining proper physical distance from others and to avoid gathering in public where the risks of infection are highest, and to take measures that promote physical distancing in order to protect the public health and mitigate the impacts and spread of COVID-19, including, among others, conducting meetings electronically whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020, the Virginia General Assembly adopted, and the Governor signed, budget bill amendments to HB 29 that expressly authorize “any public body, including any state, local, [or] regional body” to “meet by electronic communication means without a quorum of the public body . . . physically assembled at one location when the Governor has declared a state of emergency . . . , provided that (i) the nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe for the public body . . . to assemble in a single location; (ii) the purpose of the meeting is to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the public body . . . and the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities” among other provisions; and

WHEREAS, member jurisdictions of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority have adopted continuity of government ordinances pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-1413 which ordinances, among other provisions, contemplate regional bodies of which the locality is a member meeting electronically to transact business to assure the continuity of government; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Planning Coordination Advisory Committee hereby finds that meeting by electronic means is authorized because the nature of the declared emergency makes it both impracticable and unsafe for the Committee to assemble in a single location on November 18, 2020, to discuss and transact the business of the Authority listed on the November 18, 2020 Committee Meeting Agenda; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee hereby finds that meeting by electronic means is authorized because the items on the November 18, 2020 Committee Meeting Agenda are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the Authority and the discharge of the Authority's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the items on the November 18, 2020 Committee Meeting Agenda are encompassed within the continuity of operations ordinances adopted by member localities of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to assure the continued operation of the government during the disaster posed by the public health emergency resulting from COVID-19.

Adopted the 18th day of November, 2020.



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PLANNING COORDINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 6:30 pm (Electronic meeting only)
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

SUMMARY NOTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome

Chair Colbert

- Chair Colbert welcomed committee members and called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- Attendees:
 - **PCAC Members:** Chair and Mayor Colbert (Town of Vienna); Vice-Chair and Council Member Selonia Miles (Town of Dumfries); Board Chair Libby Garvey (Arlington County); Supervisor Walter Alcorn (Fairfax County); Supervisor Koran Saines; Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin (Prince William County); Vice-Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker (City of Alexandria); Council Member Phil Duncan (City of Falls Church); Council Member Jon Stehle (City of Fairfax); Council Member Michelle Davis-Younger (City of Manassas); Council Member Signe Friedrichs (Town of Herndon); Council Member Fox (Town of Leesburg).
 - **NVTA Staff:** Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Keith Jasper (Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming); Harun Rashid (Transportation Planner), Sree Nampoothiri (Senior Transportation Planner).

Action

II. Resolution to Conduct October 28, 2020 Meeting Electronically

- Chair Colbert read a summary excerpt of the resolution on the need for this PCAC meeting to be held electronically, and its permissibility under the recent passage of the amendments to the HB 29 – the FOIA Bill.
The resolution was unanimously adopted.

III. Summary Notes of September 23, 2020 Meeting

- The September 23, 2020, meeting summary was approved, with abstentions from members who did not attend the September 23 meeting.

IV. **TransAction Vision & Goals**

Mr. Jasper

- Continuing from the last PCAC meeting, Mr. Jasper presented more details on TransAction vision and goals. In this meeting, the objective is to reach a consensus on the vision statement, with more discussions on goals and objectives slated for upcoming meetings. Currently the vision statement highlights three new 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**”*.
- There are two complementary ways to incorporate the associated goals/objectives/performance measures in TransAction analytical framework – a. performance-based planning; and b. “Core-value” approach. These 2 approaches were discussed in some details, with associated examples. In the current plan, there are a total of 15 measures to quantify the objectives, which may be too many to present priorities.
- This presentation was followed by a discussion on the equity issue. Committee members refer to a number of local and regional initiatives to address equity issue in transportation, and the need to align TransAction planning process with that. Chair Colbert agreed to this thread of discussion, and stressed that the members approve the proposed vision statement, for NVTA staff to start research best practices to address all three focuses in the vision statement. With this discussion, the current vision statement was approved unanimously to recommend to Authority.

Discussion/Information

V. **NVTA Update**

Ms. Backmon

- NVTA Executive Director Ms. Backmon stated staff is closely monitoring the Commonwealth’s General Assembly Special Session, to determine fiscal impacts for transportation funding, especially the status of restoring funds back to NVTA, that were re-allocated due to 2018 WMATA Bill. Another budget impact, especially in the current pandemic situation, is the Revenue Sharing program where Commonwealth Transportation Board has expressed their interest to re-allocate some funds. Council Member Stehle, City of Fairfax, expressed his support to NVTA’s legislative efforts.

VI. **Adjourn**

- Chair Colbert adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.