

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Council Member Miles, Vice-Chair, Planning Coordination Advisory Committee

DATE: December 10, 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 November 18, 2020.

Due to the current public health emergency, the meeting was held online with 11 members joining remotely. The Committee took action on following two 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 October 28, 2020, meeting summary was approved, with abstentions from members who did not attend the September 23, 2020 meeting.

3. **TransAction Goals, Objectives, Measures.**

A broad overview of TransAction planning process, and its linkage to NVTA’s funding programs were presented. In the last Committee meeting, members unanimously voted to recommend a new vision statement for the Plan update. From this statement, newly introduced concepts of safety, equity, and sustainability were outlined in details. This presentation was followed with a brief discussion on the transportation equity issue.

4. **NVTA Update.** NVTA Executive Director, Ms. Backmon, highlighted the following from NVTA’s Draft 2021 Legislative Program – restoration of NVTA’s revenues, ability to continue with virtual meeting platform when safety and public health are at risk, and support of federal aid for WMATA.

- 5. Next steps.** I envision the PCAC will continue to be engaged in the update of the long-range transportation plan, TransAction.