

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

FOR: Chair Randall and Members
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: Randy Boice, Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee

DATE: December 10, 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 November 18, 2020. Due to the current pandemic, the meeting was held via a WebEx online meeting. Five 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 October 21, 2020 Meeting:**
The meeting summary for the October 21, 2020 meeting was approved unanimously.
4. **The Committee discussed the following information/action items:**
 - a. **TransAction Update- Vision**
After Committee discussions, a motion for approval of recommendation of the revised Vision statement to the Authority for the December meeting was approved unanimously.
 - b. **NVTA Update**
Ms. Backmon, Executive Director, informed that the Authority is beginning to draft 2021 Legislative program where the primary initiatives for the 2021 General Assembly session is the restoration of Authority revenues that were diverted to WMATA in 2018 for Virginia’s share of WMATA’s State of Good Repair needs. She

noted that once the Omnibus Transportation Bill is fully implemented, the balance of revenues that will need to be restored is \$32 million. However, 2021 may not be the year to receive this restoration due to the current state of economy. Another initiative that the Authority is supportive of is continuing to expand the ability to meeting electronically during health and safety emergencies. Furthermore, Ms. Backmon noted that the Authority is supportive of federal funding support for WMATA and other transit agencies due to the impact COVID-19 has had on ridership.

5. Next Meeting:

The next meeting date will be decided contingent upon the information and action items in the future.