

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Monica Backmon, Executive Director

DATE: December 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

Purpose: To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) of items of interest not addressed in other agenda items.

- 1. Northern Virginia Joint Transportation Meeting** – The second Annual Northern Virginia Joint Transportation Meeting the Authority co-hosts with the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Virginia Department of Transportation [VDOT], Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation [DRPT], and Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment [OIP]), the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and the Virginia Railway Expressway (VRE), occurred December 8th at 6 p.m. The event showcased Northern Virginia's regional collaboration, transportation projects and initiatives. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, legislation was passed that allowed the meeting to be conducted virtually this year, broadcasting live on DRPT's YouTube Channel. Authority member participants included CTB member Mary Hynes, who moderated the event, and Director of DRPT, Jennifer Mitchell, who was a featured panelist. Virginia Secretary of Transportation, Shannon Valentine, provided opening remarks, and I presented on NVTA's behalf.
- 2. Regional Elected Leaders Initiative and Regional Leadership Awards** – This year's event, hosted by Authority member, Mary Hynes, occurred virtually for the first time on December 2, 2020. The event reflected on the past year and looked ahead to 2021, while also honoring NOVA Regional Leadership Award winners, including Authority member and Virginia Delegate, Vivian Watts and Loudoun County Supervisor, Matt Letourneau.
- 3. DATA Post-Election Virtual Legislative Roundtable** – The December 3, 2020 Dulles Area Transportation Association (DATA) event featured three Authority members: Authority Chair and Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair, Phyllis Randall; Fairfax County Chairman, Jeff McKay; and Virginia Senator Jennifer Boysko. Legislative priorities and restoration of funding to NVTA were discussed by all three panelists.
- 4. Annual Legislative Briefing** – The virtual event, hosted by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) on December 7, 2020, featured legislative and transportation leaders

across the region, as well as the Virginia Secretary of Transportation, Shannon Valentine, and U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine. I was a featured panelist who presented on NVTA's legislative priorities, Six Year Funding Program and TransAction, and participated in a Q&A with viewers.

5. **NVTA Communication Plan** – Since its last update five years ago, it was time to revisit the NVTA Communication Plan and mission statement. The Communication Plan has been rewritten and the mission statement updated, with the following categories incorporated into the Plan: Goals, Overarching Key Messages, Leveraging External Channels, Stakeholder Audiences, Tools, Metrics and Looking Ahead, and TransAction related activities. The updated Communication Plan will soon be presented before the Authority.
6. **NVTA Standing Committee Meetings:**
 - a. **Finance Committee:** The NVTA Finance Committee meeting is January 21, 2021
 - b. **Planning and Programming Committee:** The NVTA Planning and Programming Committee will meet in February 2021. The exact date will be posted when confirmed.
 - c. **Governance and Personnel Committee:** The next meeting of the NVTA Governance and Personnel Committee is scheduled for December 17, 2020, at 5:00pm.
7. **NVTA Statutory Committee Meetings:**
 - a. **Technical Advisory Committee:** The NVTA Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled will meet in February 2021. The exact date will be posted when confirmed.
 - b. **Planning Coordination Advisory Committee:** The NVTA Planning Coordination Advisory Committee will meet in February 2021. The exact date will be posted when confirmed.
8. **Regional Projects Status Report:**
 - a. Please note the updated Regional Projects Status Report (Attachment B), which provides a narrative update for each project and the amount of project reimbursements requested and processed to date.
Link to the Projects Status Report: <https://thenovaauthority.org/funded-projects/>

Attachments:

- A. Regional Projects Status Report



NVTA Funding Program Project Status
Summary Report

As of December 1, 2020.		
NVTA's Regional Fund Program FY2014 - FY2025		Upcoming Public Information Meeting(s):
Total Revenue Allocated	\$2,491,195,952	NOTE: For latest information on project events, please refer to the "Events and Meetings" section on our home page - https://thenovaaauthority.org/ For full status information, please check NVTA web page on regional fund projects - https://thenovaaauthority.org/funded-projects/
Total Amount Reimbursed	\$513,482,158	
Total Number of Individual Projects	106	
SPAs	142	
Currently Active	67	
Completed	44	
Not Yet Executed	31	
Substantive Status Updates (during September - November 2020)**		
Project Title (program year)	Updated Status	% Reimbursed
Arlington County		
Crystal City Streets (FY2017)	12th St. plans - traffic study is completed, 90% Design Plans were submitted on November 17, 2020.	17.1%
Fairfax County		
Route 28 Widening: Prince William County Line to Route 29 (FY2015-16, FY2017, FY2018-23)	Contractor submitted 60% Design Plans on October 12, 2020. Both plan sets are under review by VDOT and Fairfax County.	FY2015-16: 81% FY2017: 0.0% FY2018-23: 0.0%
Route 1 Widening - Mount Vernon Memorial Highway to Napper Road (FY2015-16, FY2018-23)	In October 2020, FHWA issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in the NEPA environmental review process for this project. ROW phase will start for total parcel acquisition.	FY2015-16: 100.0%
Loudoun County		
Northstar Boulevard - Shreveport Drive to Tall Cedars Parkway (FY2018-23)	Phase I: Final contract award was approved by County Board on November 17, 2020. Phase II: Dominion has completed their relocation. Verizon underground relocation has begun.	6.5%
Prince William County		
Route 1 Widening From Featherstone Road to Mary's Way (FY2014, FY2015-16, FY2017)	Notice to proceed for construction issued October 2020. Roadway construction phase has started.	FY2014: 100.0% FY2015-16: 79.0% FY2017: 36.2%
Construct Route 28 Corridor Roadway Improvements (Manassas Bypass) (FY2015-16, FY2018-23)	RFP publication is delayed, now anticipated to be released by end of 2020. A public information meeting was requested by Fairfax County and is tentatively scheduled for December 7, 2020.	FY2015-16: 71.7% FY2018-23: 0%
City of Alexandria		
Alexandria ITS Projects (FY2018-23)	All NVTA-funded tasks are completed.	48.9%
City of Manassas		
Route 28 Widening: Godwin Drive to the Southern City Limits (FY2015-16)	Due to issues in bidding process, project will be rebid.	19.1%
VRE		
Slaters Lane Rail Crossover (FY2015-16)	NVTA SPA is closed-out.	100.0%
PRTC		
Western Bus Maintenance & Storage Facility (FY2015-16)	All construction punch-list items are completed, and the NVTA SPA is closed out.	100.0%

**Substantive changes: SPA appendices A/B, Project administration, Start/completion of phases, Groundbreaking/ribbon-cutting ceremonies, Public information meetings, Major engineering progress.