



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

PLANNING COORDINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 6:30 pm (Electronic meeting only)
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SUMMARY NOTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome

Vice-Chair Miles

- In the absence of Chair Colbert, Vice-chair Miles welcomed committee members and called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
- Attendees:
 - **PCAC Members:** Vice-Chair and Council Member Selonia Miles (Town of Dumfries); Board Chair Libby Garvey (Arlington County); Supervisor Walter Alcorn (Fairfax County); 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 Michelle Davis-Younger (City of Manassas); Council Member Suzanne Fox (Town of Leesburg).
 - **NVTA Staff:** Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Keith Jasper (Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming); Harun Rashid (Transportation Planner), Sree Nampootheri (Senior Transportation Planner).

Action

II. Resolution to Conduct November 18, 2020 Meeting Electronically

- Vice-Chair Miles 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 October 28, 2020 Meeting

- The October 28, 2020, meeting summary was approved, with abstentions from members who did not attend the October 28 meeting.

Discussion/Information

IV. TransAction Goals; Objectives; Measures

Mr. Jasper

- Mr. Jasper presented a broad overview of TransAction planning process, and its linkage to NVTA’s funding programs. TransAction is updated every five years, which lays the basis for subsequent funding program updates, in every two years. The long-range transportation planning is an integrated process, where regional transportation needs are identified first, then a set of candidate regional multimodal transportation projects are proposed to meet the needs, and finally these projects and/or project packages are evaluated with a set of quantitative measures, and a set of regional solutions are recommended. All these steps are proposed to be conducted with following sequential phases:
 - Phase 1: Identification of Needs/Priorities (March – October 2021).
 - Phase 2: Analysis of Corridor/Segment Packages (November 2021 – April 2022).
 - Phase 3: Reporting, review, and Finalization (May 2022 – November 2022).
- In the last Committee meeting, members unanimously approved the recommendation of a new Vision Statement for the updated plan, with newly introduced concepts of safety, equity, and sustainability. These new topics will be analyzed with two complementary approaches – Performance-based planning (quantitative performance measures), and ‘Core Value’ approach. Mr. Jasper outlined the core value approach in details.
- Discussion points on equity were presented from NVTA’s one of the NVTA’s standing committees – Planning and Programming Committee. After the presentation, Arlington County Board Chair Garvey expressed her satisfaction with the proposed vision statement. She also shared her opinion on the equity issue - that free-of-fare transit service can be one option to remove barrier to equitable access. Vice-Chair Miles also agreed to consider this option in future planning and decision-making process.

V. NVTA Update

Ms. Backmon

- NVTA Executive Director Ms. Backmon highlighted the following from NVTA’s 2021 Legislative Program – restoration of NVTA’s revenues, ability to continue with virtual meeting platform, and support of federal aid to WMATA.

VI. Adjourn

- Vice-Chair Miles adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.