

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Mayor Wilson, Chair, Planning and Programming Committee

**DATE:** March 4, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Report from the Planning and Programming Committee

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- 1. Purpose.** To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) on recent activities of the NVTA Planning and Programming Committee (PPC).
- 2. Background.** The PPC met on March 1, 2021.

Due to the current public health emergency, the meeting was held online with all five members joining remotely. The Committee took action on the following items:

- **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.
- **The November 2, 2020 meeting summary was approved unanimously.**

**3. Transportation Technology Strategic Plan.**

- Mr. Jasper shared with the Committee an overview of the draft Transportation Technology Strategic Plan (TTSP). The draft TTSP identifies eight strategies that are intended to leverage transportation technologies in support of NVTA's vision and goals for the regional transportation system in Northern Virginia. These strategies focus on mobility, accessibility, and resilience, while embracing core values of safety, equity, and sustainability. Among other things, each strategy identifies up to nine possible NVTA roles. The Committee discussed these items in detail and will provide feedback to the NVTA staff.

**4. TransAction.**

- Ms. Backmon shared with the Committee that the Finance Committee recommended Cambridge Systematics, Inc to the Authority as preferred consultants for the upcoming TransAction update. The update is expected to be adopted in December 2022.

- 5. NVTA update.** Ms. Backmon noted that the March 11<sup>th</sup> Authority meeting will receive presentations from Mayor Wilson on the NVTA-funded project Potomac Yard Metrorail Station as well as from JBG Smith on National Landing transportation infrastructure Investments.
  
- 6. Next steps.** The PPC will continue to be engaged in the update of NVTA's long-range transportation plan, TransAction, in the coming months. The Committee will continue to discuss the new elements in detail and how these could be incorporated into the goals, objectives, and the complementary approaches of performance measures and core values.

The Committee will next meet on March 25, 2021, at 5 p.m.