



**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**  
*The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia*

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 7:00 pm**  
**Electronic meeting and livestreamed on [YouTube](#)**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**I. Call to Order/Welcome**

- Chairman Boice called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- Attendees:
  - **Members:** Randy Boice, Karen Campblin, Armand Ciccarelli, Amy Morris, Frank Spielberg, Pat Turner
  - **NVTA Staff:** Monica Backmon (Executive Director), Keith Jasper (Principal), Sree Nampoothiri (Senior Transportation Planner), Ria Kulkarni (Regional Transportation Planner)
  - **Others: On YouTube livestream.**

**II. Resolution finding the need to conduct meetings electronically**

- Chairman Boice noted that as a result of the COVID-19 and Governor Northam's declaration of a State of Emergency, the Authority's Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was being held electronically. He noted that the passage of the amendments to HB 29 (the FOIA Bill) allowed regional bodies such as the Authority, and their committees to conduct business meetings electronically. He added that the meeting by electronic means is authorized because the items on the Committee Meeting Agenda are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the Authority. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**III. Summary of October 21, 2020 Meeting**

- The meeting summary was approved unanimously.

**IV. Action Items**

**a. TransAction Update - Vision & Goals**

- Mr. Jasper noted that about \$2.5 billion has been allocated over five funding programs and two iterations of TransAction.. He relayed that the update to TransAction is expected to be adopted by November of 2022.



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- He also reviewed the process of NVTa planning and programming and discussed timelines of activities through the TransAction planning process and how public and stakeholder engagement will be complementing performance-based planning.
- He reiterated the two complementary approaches – performance measure based and core value – that will be undertaken for evaluating the plan. He also added that the other committees were discussing and providing their feedback.
- He reviewed the concepts of top-down and bottom-up projects where the former are aspirational regional projects and the latter are need-based projects resulting from jurisdictional comprehensive plan updates. He indicated that these projects will be screened, compiled into packages and compared against build and no-build networks along with sensitivity analysis that looks at alternative futures followed by project rankings and ratings.
- He further discussed the timeline through a project management perspective in sequential phases – identification of needs and priorities, analysis, and reporting and review.
- Mr. Jasper introduced the proposed vision statement that the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC) and Planning and Programming Committee (PPC) approved and as principally agreed upon at the last TAC meeting. He added that a final vision statement and alternative if any would be taken to the Authority for approval in December.
- He reviewed the two approaches to Vision and Goals as done at the last TAC meeting:
  - Core value approach – guiding principles or foundational factors
  - Performance-based planning approach
- After Committee discussions, a motion for approval of recommendation of the revised Vision statement to the Authority was approved unanimously.

### **b. NVTa Update**

- Ms. Backmon, Executive Director, informed that the Authority is beginning to draft 2021 Legislative program where the primary initiative for the 2021 General Assembly session is the restoration of \$102 million dollars of the Authority revenues that were diverted to Metro in 2018 to meet the Commonwealth's share of Metro's State of Good Repair dedicated funding. She noted that once the Omnibus transportation bill was fully implemented, the balance of restoration would be \$32 million but 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



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to expand the ability to meeting electronically even post pandemic. Furthermore, Ms. Backmon noted that the Authority is supportive of federal fund support for WMATA and other transit agencies due to the fall in transit ridership.

**V. Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm. The next meeting date will be decided contingent upon the information and action items in the future.