



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

PLANNING COORDINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 6:30 pm (Electronic meeting only)
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SUMMARY NOTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome Chair Colbert

- Chair Colbert welcomed committee members and called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- Attendees:
 - **PCAC Members:** Chair and Mayor Linda Colbert (Town of Vienna); Vice-Chair and Council Member Selonia Miles (Town of Dumfries); Board Member Libby Garvey (Arlington County); Supervisor Walter Alcorn (Fairfax County); Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin (Prince William County); Supervisor Sylvia Glass (Loudoun County); Council Member Phil Duncan (City of Falls Church); Council Member Jon Stehle (City of Fairfax); Vice-Mayor Pamela Sebesky (City of Manassas); Vice-Mayor Preston Banks (City of Manassas Park); Council Member Naila Alam (Town of Herndon); Vice-Mayor Marty Martinez (Town of Leesburg); Council Member Stanley Milan (Town of Purcellville).
 - **NVTA Staff:** Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Keith Jasper (Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming); Harun Rashid (Transportation Planner), Mackenzie Love (Regional Transportation Planner).

Action

II. Resolution to Conduct February 24, 2021 Meeting Electronically

- Chair Colbert 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 November 18, 2020 Meeting

- The November 18, 2020, meeting summary was approved, with abstentions from members who did not attend the November 18 meeting.

IV. CY2021 Meeting Calendar

A meeting calendar with 4th Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 pm, as standard meeting time was approved unanimously.

Discussion/Information

V. Transportation Technology Strategic Plan

Mr. Jasper/Ms. Love

- Mr. Jasper presented on NVTA’s draft Transportation Technology Strategic Plan (TTSP), covering its background and purpose, and its linkage to upcoming long range transportation plan update. After the adoption of last TransAction plan in October 2017, under the guidance of NVTA Executive Director Ms. Backmon, the Transportation Technology Committee was created as an advisory committee. Primary charge of this committee was to draft a strategic plan, that will inform the emerging transportation technology related issues in long range planning.
- TTSP is a comprehensive approach to address exponential growth in technology and its transportation implication, one overarching objective is to ensure that NVTA’s investment does not become obsolete by the time projects are implemented. An overview of the draft TTSP was presented:
 - Introduction, including some sample Q&A
 - Summary of TTSP Strategies and NVTA Roles
 - Technologies mapped to TTSP Strategies
 - Guidance on desired feedback and how to respond
- Several introductory/sample questions were presented to committee members: TTSP’s relationship to NVTA planning and programming process; pandemic and resulting travel pattern; role of technologies in this new travel pattern; equity and environmental justice and technology; role of technology in recovery from pandemic; possible priorities for technology in the “new normal”. On these topics, committee members discussed how the issue of transportation equity needs to be addressed.
- Ms. Love then presented on summary of strategies and its structure; NVTA’s roles for each strategy; and a list of emerging technologies mapped to these strategies. In the draft plan, there are 8 strategies outlined, with 9 NVTA roles.
- Supervisor Alcorn, Fairfax County, stressed on the needs to address climate change and energy efficiency, and also the cost of technology. Vice-Mayor Martinez, Town of Leesburg, and Council Member Glass, Loudoun County, inquired about various technology related infrastructure needs. Ms. Love mentioned their inclusion in the plan. Supervisor Alcorn also opined that NVTA should take a leading role in demonstrating transportation technology in the region.
- Mr. Jasper concluded the presentation session with a request of more feedbacks from committee members. He also mentioned the upcoming Annual Northern Virginia transportation roundtable to be hosted by NVTA, where subject matter experts are presenting on two panel sessions, themed on – Smart Future and Resilient Future.

VI. Adjourn

- Chair Colbert also reminded the March 10 deadline for feedback comments, and the next meeting on March 24. She then adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.