



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

PLANNING COORDINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

6:30 pm

(Electronic meeting only)

AGENDA

I. Call to Order/Welcome Chair Colbert

Action

II. Resolution finding need to conduct meeting electronically Chair Colbert
Recommended action: Adoption of resolution

III. Summary Notes of February 24, 2021 Meeting Chair Colbert
Recommended action: Approval [with abstentions from those who were not present]

Discussion/Information

IV. Transportation Technology Action Plan Mr. Jasper, Principal Planner

V. TransAction Update Mr. Jasper, Principal Planner

VI. NVTA Update Ms. Backmon, Executive Director

Adjournment

VII. Adjourn

Next Meeting (Electronic)

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

6:30 pm

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING COORDINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION FINDING NEED TO CONDUCT MEETING BY ELECTRONIC
COMMUNICATION MEANS DURING GOVERNOR’S DECLARED STATE OF
EMERGENCY DURING COVID – 19 PANDEMIC**

March 24, 2021 MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

March 24, 2021

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of Virginia declared a state of emergency in Virginia in response to the spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, a communicable disease of public health threat as so declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, in subsequent Executive Orders, particularly Executive Order Nos. 53 and 55, as amended, the Governor of Virginia, among other measures designed to ensure safe physical distancing between individuals, prohibited public and private in person gatherings of 10 or more individuals and ordered all individuals in Virginia to remain at their place of residence, with limited exceptions, to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 and prevent its spread; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (Authority) – Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (Committee) finds that it has a responsibility to demonstrate to the public, through the Authority’s conduct, the importance of maintaining proper physical distance from others and to avoid gathering in public where the risks of infection are highest, and to take measures that promote physical distancing in order to protect the public health and mitigate the impacts and spread of COVID-19, including, among others, conducting meetings electronically whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020, the Virginia General Assembly adopted, and the Governor signed, budget bill amendments to HB 29 that expressly authorize “any public body, including any state, local, [or] regional body” to “meet by electronic communication means without a quorum of the public body . . . physically assembled at one location when the Governor has declared a state of emergency . . . , provided that (i) the nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe for the public body . . . to assemble in a single location; (ii) the purpose of the meeting is to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the public body . . . and the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities” among other provisions; and

WHEREAS, member jurisdictions of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority have adopted continuity of government ordinances pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-1413 which ordinances, among other provisions, contemplate regional bodies of which the locality is a member meeting electronically to transact business to assure the continuity of government; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Planning Coordination Advisory Committee hereby finds that meeting by electronic means is authorized because the nature of the declared emergency makes it both impracticable and unsafe for the Committee to assemble in a single location on March 24, 2021, to discuss and transact the business of the Authority listed on the March 24, 2021 Committee Meeting Agenda; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee hereby finds that meeting by electronic means is authorized because the items on the March 24, 2021 Committee Meeting Agenda are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the Authority and the discharge of the Authority's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the items on the March 24, 2010 Committee Meeting Agenda are encompassed within the continuity of operations ordinances adopted by member localities of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to assure the continued operation of the government during the disaster posed by the public health emergency resulting from COVID-19.

Adopted the 24th day of March, 2021.



PLANNING COORDINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 6:30 pm (Electronic meeting only)
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

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.

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