



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)** 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 6:40 p.m.
- Attendees:
 - **PCAC Members:** Chair and Mayor Linda Colbert (Town of Vienna); Board Member 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 Jon Stehle (City of Fairfax); Vice-Mayor Preston Banks (City of Manassas Park); Vice-Mayor Marty Martinez (Town of Leesburg).
 - **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 March 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 February 24, 2021 Meeting

- The February 24, 2021, meeting summary was approved, with abstentions from members who did not attend the February 24 meeting.

Discussion/Information

IV. Transportation Technology Strategic Plan

Mr. Jasper/Ms. Love

- In the February Committee meeting, NVTA staff introduced the Draft Transportation Technology Strategic Plan (TTSP), covering its background and purpose, and its linkage to TransAction, the upcoming long range transportation plan update. In this meeting, Mr. Jasper laid out the outline of the Action Plan for the TTSP. The objective is to present a tangible set of steps to realize the strategies set in the plan, and solicit members' inputs.
 - His presentation covered the following topics;
 - Recaps of TTSP approval timeline,
 - Authority's vision for NVTA long range transportation plan TransAction,
 - TTSP contents in Northern Virginia Transportation Roundtable;
 - Feedback received on the draft TTSP from the PCAC and other NVTA standing/statutory committees.
 - This section of the presentation was followed by a detailed overview of the structure and contents of the Action Plan, presented by Ms. Love. The crux of this presentation is a consolidated actions table, which displays the relationship between TTSP strategies, potential NVTA staff roles, and a broad timeline of such actions. Adoption of the draft TTSP, and its associated Action Plan, may support or trigger the following:
 - TransAction scenario (sensitivity) analysis
 - Outreach/education
 - Potential additions to NVTA's Legislative Program
 - Potential refinements to future NVTA SYP project selection process (post-TransAction update)
 - Funding
 - Development of White Papers identifying potential topics for future regional transportation policy

Mr. Jasper also highlighted a progress monitoring and update cycle of this plan, anticipating an approval from Authority in its May 2021 meeting.

- Committee members appreciated staff work on the overall organization and clarity of the proposed actions, and suggested a few topical enhancements, e.g., the issues of climate change, livable communities, and transportation safety. Mr. Jasper stated that staff would consider these issues but most will also be addressed in TransAction, in addition to technological aspects that are identified in the TTSP/Action Plan. Staff also clarified some of the verbiage/nomenclature questions by members on the eight strategies in this plan.

V. NVTA Update

Ms. Backmon

- Ms. Backmon expressed her gratitude to Committee members for their participation and comments, and highly appreciated staff work on the draft plans. She stated the intent to recommendation approval of the TTSP/Action Plan in May Authority meeting, so that the plan strategies can be incorporated into ongoing work related to

TransAction. Ms. Backmon noted that a project can only be funded using NVTA's regional revenues if it is included in TransAction's final project list.

VI. Adjourn

- Chair Colbert also reminded the April 1st deadline for feedback comments, and the next meeting on April 28. She then adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.