



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Monday, May 3, 2021, 5:00 pm

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ELECTRONIC MEETING

with livestreaming on YouTube

SUMMARY NOTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome

- Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.
- Attendees:
 - **PPC Members:** Mayor Wilson (City of Alexandria); Council Member Snyder (City of Falls Church); Mayor Meyer (City of Fairfax); Mayor Rishell (City of Manassas Park); Chair Wheeler (Prince William County).
 - **Other NVTA Members:** None.
 - **NVTA Staff:** Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Keith Jasper (Principal); Sree Nampoothiri (Senior Transportation Planner); Mackenzie Love (Regional Transportation Planner).
 - **Jurisdiction/Agency Staff:** Several staff members followed the proceedings on livestreaming on YouTube Live.

Action

II. Resolution finding need to conduct meeting electronically

- Chairman Wilson noted that as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Northam's declaration of a State of Emergency, the Authority's Planning and Programming 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 Notes of March 25, 2021 Meeting

- The March 25, 2021 Planning and Programming Committee meeting summary was approved unanimously.

Action

IV. **TransAction Technology Strategic Plan – Action Plan**

- Mr. Jasper presented on NVTA’s draft Transportation Technology Strategic Plan (TTSP) Action Plan, providing the background of the Strategic Plan, its evolution from December 2020, and its relationship to the long range transportation plan, TransAction, including its vision and core values of equity, sustainability, and safety.
- Ms. Love presented examples demonstrating the approach to evaluating technologies, and potential actions that could follow. Examples included electric, autonomous transit shuttles and personal, electric autonomous vehicles. The features of these examples, assumptions, and ratings (intervention, caution, and embrace) were presented. Various actions were derived to address the core values and multiple strategies.
- Mr. Jasper presented possible outcomes of the Action Plan:
 - Integrate technology-related strategies into the TransAction scenario analysis and public engagement.
 - Outreach and education by building upon the ‘Driven by Innovation’ eblast
 - Identifying potential additions to NVTA’s legislative program
 - Collaborate on development of white paper on policies
 - Refinements to Six Year Program (SYP) project selection process
- Mr. Jasper noted that routine update to the TTSP will occur continuously but significant changes will be brought to the Committees and the Authority. Routine report will be presented to the Authority through Executive Director’s report.
- Mr. Jasper added that the Transportation Technology Committee (TTC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC) have all recommended the approval of the Action Plan to the Authority.
- In response to Mr. Snyder’s question on collaboration with jurisdiction/agency staff, Mr. Jasper noted that jurisdiction/agency staff are engaged with TTSP on a continuous basis including dialogue on various activities jurisdictions/agencies are planning/implementing.
- In response to Mr. Snyder’s comment on incorporating TTSP into TransAction and the SYP expeditiously, Mr. Jasper noted that waiting for the next cycle of TransAction update to embrace any potential selection criteria for funding projects promoting action plan is primarily due to the funding eligibility criteria being inclusion of project in TransAction. Ms. Backmon agreed that some sort of qualitative considerations noting any project that supports Action Plan could be considered.
- *Motion to approve the Action Plan was approved unanimously.*

Discussion/Information

V. **TransAction Update**

- Mr. Jasper informed the Committee that the consultants and NVTA staff are finalizing the Work Plan.

VI. NVTa Update

- Ms. Backmon noted that the Authority, at its May 13th meeting, will take up the approval of the TTSP Action Plan in addition to the routine agenda items.

Adjournment

VII. Adjourn

- There next meeting date will be decided later. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.