

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

FOR: Chair Phyllis J. Randall and Members
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: Council Member Miles, Vice-Chair, Planning Coordination Advisory Committee

DATE: September 2, 2021

SUBJECT: Report from the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee

1. Purpose. To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) on recent activities of the NVTA Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC).

2. Background. The PCAC met on July 28, 2021.

The meeting was held in NVTA offices, with options to participate remotely. 7 members were present in-person, and 5 members joined via an online meeting collaboration platform.

The April 28, 2021, meeting summary was approved, with abstentions from members who did not attend the April 28, 2021 meeting.

3. TransAction: Goals and Objectives.

Staff presented the overall approach to update NVTA's long range transportation plan (TransAction); broad definitions and guidelines to derive this plan's vision, goals, objectives; role of 3 core values in overall planning process and products; and a broad schedule for next 6 months. According to this schedule, this committee is to send its recommendations for goals/objectives/measures to Authority by this November.

Project consultant presented in details the three goals identified for the plan – Mobility, Accessibility, and Resiliency. A set of associated objectives, and potential performance measures to evaluate projects against these objectives were also discussed. Committee members shared their questions, comments and concerns for each of these goals and objectives. Highlight of this engaging conversation:

- Performance metrics should be robust enough to capture impacts of all modes of travels, including non-motorized options and micromobility devices.
- The issue of safety should be more explicitly identified in the framework of goals/objectives/measure, especially in the light of emerging transportation technologies, e.g., penetration of automated vehicles in upcoming travel markets. Also, safety of transportation facilities, and security of its users need to be properly identified.
- As a part of the scenario analyses, for post-pandemic “new normal” conditions, changes in travel patterns and associated land usage need to be considered.

4. NVTA Update.

NVTA Executive Director, Ms. Backmon, stated the ongoing call for regional transportation projects for the next funding program update (FY 2022-2027). She covered topics of project eligibility, available revenues to allocate, application deadlines, and stressed on the need for coordination among jurisdictions for projects that span multiple jurisdictions.

5. Next Steps.

I envision the PCAC will continue to be engaged in the update of its long-range transportation plan TransAction.