



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 27, 2021, 7:00 pm
Virtual meeting and live-streamed on [YouTube](#)

MEETING SUMMARY

I. Call to Order/Welcome

- Chairman Boice called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Attendees:
 - **Members:** Randy Boice, Armand Ciccarelli, Amy Morris, Frank Spielberg, Pat Turner, Dr. Shanjiang Zhu
 - **NVTA Staff:** Monica Backmon (Executive Director), Keith Jasper (Principal), Mackenzie Love (Regional Transportation Planner), Sree Nampoothiri (Senior Transportation Planner), Ria Kulkarni (Regional Transportation Planner)
 - **Others: On YouTube live stream.**

II. Resolution finding the need to conduct meetings electronically

- Chairman Boice noted that as a result of the COVID-19 and Governor Northam's declaration of a State of Emergency, the Authority's Technical Advisory 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 Committee Meeting Agenda items are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the Authority. The motion to accept was moved by Ms. Turner and seconded by Ms. Morris and the resolution was passed unanimously.

III. Summary of March 17, 2021 Meeting

The motion to accept the meeting summary was moved by Ms. Turner and seconded by Ms. Morris and was approved unanimously.

IV. Transportation Technology Action Plan (TTSP)

- Mr. Jasper revisited the TTSP's timeline to an anticipated adoption in 2021 compared to the timeline of development of the iPhone, a household name in technology since 2005. He gave an overview of what the TTSP is, its basis of establishment and its usefulness and benefits in long-range planning activities.
- He further emphasized on the recommended eight strategies and nine roles of NVRTA for long-term intent in planning. He added that the TTSP comprises of eight strategies that align with core values of TransAction Vision, namely safety, equity and sustainability.



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- Ms. Love provided examples of transportation technologies implemented in the region such as the transit EV shuttle and how such technologies relate to the strategies in the TTSP and in-turn TransAction Vision statement.
 - Dr. Zhu wanted to seek updates on the transit shuttles to which Ms. Love responded that NVTA’s “Driven- by- Innovation” newsletter covers regional, state and national updates about various such developments. Dr. Zhu noted that the examples cited were a great way to approach the TTSP strategies and efforts.
 - Ms. Turner asked about a jargon used in the TTSP - “sandbox” to which Ms. Love responded that the Glossary has been updated with its contextual meaning.
- Mr. Jasper noted planned action through October 2021, that includes public engagement, monitoring of trends, outreach and education and collaborating on process and white papers for development of regional transportation policies. He also added that the Executive Director’s Report would summarize the above mentioned TTSP topics as they are updated.
- Mr. Spielberg appreciated the breadth and depth of the TTSP document. He however, noted that some of his comments were not addressed. Mr. Jasper thanked him for his feedback and apologized, adding that the comments have been addressed diligently in no specific sequence and a full final report will be provided to the Committees before presenting to the Authority.
- The motion to recommend the eight strategies of the TTSP & Action Plan to the Authority, moved by Ms. Morris and seconded by Mr. Spielberg, passed unanimously.

V. NVTA Update

- Ms. Backmon thanked the Committee for feedback on the TTSP. She noted that the TTSP strategies and Action Plan will be presented to the Authority for approval at the Authority meeting in May.

VI. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm. The next meeting date is to be determined.