

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Mayor Colbert, Planning Coordination Advisory Committee Chair

DATE: May 5, 2022

SUBJECT: Planning Coordination Advisory Committee Report

- 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 April 27, 2022. The meeting was held in NVTA offices, with options to participate remotely. Nine members were present in-person, and one member joined via an online meeting collaboration platform.

The March 23, 2022, meeting summary was approved, with abstentions from members who did not attend the March 23, 2022, meeting.

3. Status of FY2022-2027 Six Year Program Update:

On April 15, 2022, the public comment period began to solicit citizens' input on candidate projects for funding in the FY2022-2027 Six Year Program. NVTA staff shared materials for public comments, and explained in detail the evaluation results and timeline to adopt the funding program at the July Authority meeting. The following items were presented to Committee members – a summary list of twenty-six candidate projects, map showing project locations, summary results of quantitative and qualitative evaluations, project rankings by Congestion-reduction-relative-to-Cost (CRRC) ratings, and project rankings by a set of performance measures (TransAction ratings). At the end of public comment period on May 22nd, staff will synthesize public comment summaries with quantitative/qualitative scores, and present a draft funding recommendation at the June committee meetings. In response to members' questions, staff mentioned a projection of revenue funds available for this program cycle are anticipated to be approved at the May Authority meeting.

4. Status of TransAction Plan Update:

Dr. Nampoothiri updated committee members on the status of plan update process: coordination of a Bus Rapid Transit planning working group; update to the project list to meet regional transportation needs; scenario analyses to address uncertainties in the planning/forecasting process; and a blog series to convey various studies and surveys for public understanding. Consultants are currently analyzing a set of projects to show their

regional impacts in meeting identified transportation needs in Northern Virginia. Results of this analysis will be shared in next month's meeting. Next steps in the planning process include a proposed public comment period in late summer, proposed public hearing in September, and adoption of TransAction later this year. Committee members shared suggestions for the scenario analyses, highlighting the current pressing issue of climate change.

5. NVTA update:

NVTA Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Backmon, mentioned staff is closely following recent developments with the gas tax holiday bill at the General Assembly Special Session.

6. Next steps:

PCAC will continue to be engaged in the update of NVTA's FY2022-2027 Six Year Program and its long-range transportation plan, TransAction.