



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

Recruitment Notice: Regional Transportation Planner

Do you have a passion for transportation? Would you like to explore multimodal transportation approaches to help improve mobility, accessibility, and resilience in Northern Virginia? Do you want to work for an organization that encourages innovation and fosters career development? Are you ambitious, adaptable, and generally awesome? This is an opportunity to work for a unique and dynamic organization. Interested?

If so, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) is a perfect match. We are a regional government entity with a dedicated revenue stream for making transportation investments. NVTA is hiring an early career regional transportation planner to support its evolving transportation planning responsibilities, evaluate candidate regional projects to invest in, and to oversee our growing portfolio of transportation investments in Northern Virginia.

We are currently updating TransAction (the long-range transportation plan for Northern Virginia) and, in 2023, will begin the next update of our Six Year Program (NVTA's funding program). To support our evolving workload, we are hiring individuals looking to further develop their transportation planning skills. We are particularly interested in candidates with familiarity in transit system planning, transportation technologies, simulation modeling, GIS applications, and data analytics.

Please send a cover letter with your resume to Recruitment@TheNovaAuthority.org. Resumes will be reviewed beginning August 29, 2022.

This position is full-time with a benefits package consistent with other state, regional, and local governments in Northern Virginia.

Attachment: Regional Transportation Planner Job Description



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NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

POSITION TITLE: Regional Transportation Planner

REPORTS TO: Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) or their designee

SALARY: Starting at \$90,000 (Dependent on qualifications and experience)

BACKGROUND:

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) is the regional multi-modal transportation planning and funding entity for Northern Virginia. NVTA has two primary responsibilities: updating the region's long-range transportation plan called TransAction (updated every five (5) years), and programing and investing in regional multimodal transportation projects through the Six Year Program (updated every two (2) years). Led by a Chief Executive Officer, the office has two functional areas, Transportation Planning & Programming (TPP) and Finance/Administration.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

Transportation Planning

- a. Support the development of updates and amendments to TransAction, the region's long-range, multimodal transportation plan. This includes supporting project evaluation and public engagement activities, and coordination with jurisdiction/agency staff and the NVTA's external consultants as needed.
- b. Support other potential transportation planning initiatives, such as planning for a regional Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system.
- c. Participate as an NVTA stakeholder in the development of state, regional, and local plans such as VTRANS, the Constrained Long-Range Plan, jurisdiction Comprehensive Plans, Transit Development Plans, and transit agency plans/operating plans.

Transportation Programming

- d. Support the development of the NVTA's Six Year Program. This includes soliciting and reviewing project applications, preparing reports for the Planning and Programming Committee (PPC), and drafting summary notes of PPC meetings.
- e. Monitor implementation of projects receiving NVTA funds with respect to approved project description, schedule and reimbursement requests. This may include review of requests for proposals by member jurisdictions and other agencies, use of NVTA's Program Monitoring and Management System (PMMS),

- enhancement of online project reporting using interactive mapping and/or GIS, and development of a congestion trend monitoring program.
- f. Collaborate with, and advise, member jurisdictions to ensure adequate understanding on the use of funds provided by HB 2313 (2013).
 - g. Review member jurisdiction use of funds to ensure compliance with HB 2313, conferring with the CFO of any known or possible problems.
 - h. Receive initial requests for project reimbursements from jurisdictions and implementing agencies and coordinate with NVTA Finance Team on those requests.
 - i. Ensure the CFO is informed of potential changes to projects that could possibly impact the cash flow analysis and collaborate on an organization wide cash flow.

Transportation Technology

- j. Support the implementation of the NVTA's Regional Multimodal Mobility Program (RM3P) project. This includes coordination with project partner, VDOT, and numerous public and private sector stakeholders across Northern Virginia.
- k. Support the Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming, in the coordination of the Transportation Technology Committee (TTC). This includes development of Committee deliverables as inputs to the development of TransAction, providing staff support, and drafting summary notes of meetings.
- l. Prepare Driven by Innovation, NVTA's bi-weekly eBlast on emerging transportation technologies and related transportation behaviors.
- m. Support the annual Northern Virginia Transportation Roundtable, jointly hosted by NVTA and the Intelligent Transportation Society of America.

Coordination

- n. Support the Principal, Transportation Planning and Programming, in the coordination of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC). This includes development of agendas (in collaboration with respective committee chairs), providing staff support, and drafting summary notes of meetings.
- o. Support the CEO in the coordination of the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC).¹ Support the RJACC in the tracking of Federal RSTP and CMAQ funds.
- p. In collaboration with the chair of RJACC, coordinate NVTA plans and programs with external agencies (e.g., VDOT, VDRPT, VPRA, WMATA, VRE, NVPA, NVTC, PRTC, and TPB²).

¹ The chair of the RJACC, which has extensive participation from jurisdictions and agencies, is responsible for the development of RJACC meeting agenda and its coordination as well as appropriate post meeting summary notes and activities.

² Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT), Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA), Washington Metropolitan Transportation Authority (WMATA or Metro), Virginia Railway Express (VRE), Northern Virginia Park Authority (NVPA), Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC), National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), the metropolitan planning organization for the Washington region.

- q. Assist with preparing responses to comments received by the NVTA during public outreach efforts.

Analytics and Reporting

- r. Support NVTA's annual reporting activities. The NVTA is required to submit an annual report each November to the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability (JCTA). The NVTA also produces an annual report on its transportation planning, programming and funding activities, building on the JCTA annual report.
- s. Support the development, implementation and utilization of in-house modelling capabilities.
- t. Support the development of interactive mapping/GIS capabilities and congestion trend monitoring.
- u. Support the implementation of long term benefit analysis guidelines.

PREFERRED CHARACTERISTICS:

- Self-starter comfortable working with considerable responsibility with minimal supervision.
- Ability to effectively schedule and plan multiple priorities with long and short term projects.
- Ability to interact at varying levels of authority and function as a liaison with internal and external parties.
- Effective public speaker and communicator.
- Experience in working with multiple agencies and engendering cooperative relationships.
- Experience and ability to work with elected leaders and within a political environment.
- Ability to communicate with elected and appointed officials, prepare clear briefings, charts and information papers for various audiences; ability to clearly communicate technical information to the general public.
- Ability to work with advisory committees and the general public, to include environments in which they may disagree with staff recommendations.
- Experience and ability to support event management, such as the annual Northern Virginia Transportation Roundtable.

QUALIFICATIONS, EDUCATION, AND EXPERIENCE:

- Minimum of a bachelor's degree in relevant field, e.g., transportation planning, transportation engineering (with transportation planning experience), public administration (with transportation planning experience), environmental science (with transportation planning experience). A minimum of two years related professional experience in metropolitan transportation planning is required.
- Demonstrated knowledge/experience in any of the following is desirable:
 - Relevant planning software programs, e.g., statistical analysis packages, electronic spreadsheets, database management, computer graphics, geographic information systems (GIS), simulation tools and models.

- Relevant models, e.g., travel demand and air quality models, and simulation tools.
- Transportation technology.
- Transit planning and operations
- Transportation dashboards.
- Transportation performance measures.
- Developing meeting agendas, leading meeting discussions, preparing meeting summaries.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- It is preferred that NVTA staff live in Northern Virginia.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

Work will typically be performed in a quiet, office environment. Support to Authority (and potentially committee) meetings will be in a public meeting environment that may be crowded and sometimes noisy. Authority and committee meetings are often conducted during evening hours. Attendance at other regional evening meetings may be required. During periods of public engagement, evening and weekend work may be required.

COVID-19 NOTICE: NVTA staff currently work in office on Wednesdays and Thursdays, with the remaining portion of the week working remote. Each employee has an individual hard walled office, vaccinations are appreciated and encouraged. In office/remote work requirements are subject to change and will continue to evolve based on changes in public health guidance.

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, political affiliation or disability