

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Mayor Justin Wilson, Planning and Programming Committee Chair

DATE: December 1, 2022

SUBJECT: Planning and Programming Committee Report

1. **Purpose:** To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) on recent activities of the NVTA Planning and Programming Committee (PPC).
2. **Background:** The Planning and Programming Committee met on November 21, 2022. The meeting was held at the NVTA office. Three Committee members attended in-person and one member attended virtually via Zoom. The meeting was livestreamed on YouTube.
3. **Action Items:**
 - A. **Summary Notes of October 3, 2022, Meeting:**

The meeting summary for the October 3, 2022, meeting was approved unanimously.
 - B. **Approve the Recommendation to Adopt TransAction Update**

Mr. Jasper presented the feedback received on the Draft Plan and Project List from the Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and the Committee in September and October. He walked the members through the enhancements and edits made in both the Draft Plan and Project List to incorporate the comments. Further, it was noted that the PCAC and TAC unanimously endorsed the Plan and Project List and recommended Authority adoption. The Committee members discussed the regional Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system outlined in the Draft Plan and how to operationalize it. The proposed regional BRT Preliminary Deployment Plan (PDP) would be a major step to create the basis of a regional system and enable several jurisdictions and agencies to take the next step in its implementation. It was also discussed how reduction in greenhouse gas emission can be achieved with the available tools and projects in the Draft Plan and Project List, with Council Member Snyder noting that it could be emphasized more. Council Member Snyder emphasized the need to explore this option in the Draft Plan before presenting to the Authority for adoption.

Chair Wilson called for a motion to approve the recommendation to the Authority to adopt the TransAction Plan and associated Project List. Motion was made by Mayor Rishell and seconded by Chair Wheeler. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion Items:

A. NVTA Update

Ms. Backmon informed the Committee that the next Authority meeting will be on December 8. She added that staff are working on the legislative program for 2023, and that there is still a balance of \$38.5 million remaining to be restored to the Authority from 2018 when \$102 million annually was diverted to WMATA State of Good Repair needs. The \$38.5 million is top of mind at the Authority. Other priorities of NVTA for the 2023 legislative program include protecting the dedicated revenue stream and powers to NVTA, protecting Virginia's dedicated transportation funding, and supporting the use of effective transportation technology.

5. Next Steps: The PPC will continue to be engaged in the TransAction Plan update and Six Year Program, as needed. There is no further meeting scheduled at this time.