

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Monica Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

**DATE:** March 2, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the Call for Regional Transportation Projects for the FY2024-2029 Six Year Program

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- 1. Purpose:** To seek Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) approval of the Call for Regional Transportation Projects (CfRTP) for the FY2024-2029 Six Year Program (SYP).
- 2. Suggested Motion:** *I move approval of the Call for Regional Transportation Projects for the FY2024-2029 Six Year Program as presented.*
- 3. Background:** At its July 14, 2022, meeting the Authority adopted the FY2022-2027 SYP, following the adoption of the inaugural SYP in 2018 and subsequent SYP in 2020. The SYP is updated on a two-year cycle alternating with the Commonwealth's SMART SCALE Program, which is also on a two-year cycle. Development of the Authority's FY2024-2029 SYP using FY2028 and FY2029 regional revenues will follow a similar version of the process used for the previous SYPs, initiated by a CfRTP that is targeted at eligible jurisdictions and agencies.
- 4. Discussion:** NVTA staff has developed a CfRTP largely based on that used for the previous SYPs. Once again, the CfRTP encourages applicants to consider how well candidate projects support the regional coherence philosophy integral to TransAction, the long-range multimodal transportation plan for Northern Virginia. In anticipation of a high demand for regional revenues, the CfRTP further encourages applicants to highlight how well their candidate projects complement one another and those in adjacent jurisdictions. One of the primary eligibility criteria for NVTA's regional revenues is for the candidate project to be included in TransAction. Accordingly, this will be the first SYP cycle that will base its eligibility on the latest TransAction Update that was adopted in December 2022. Additionally, the CfRTP encourages applicants to highlight how their candidate projects will align with the NVTA adopted Core Values of Equity, Safety, and Sustainability. Applicants will use the password-protected Program Information Management and Monitoring System (PIMMS) online portal to prepare and submit applications. A refresher training for using the application portal was held on February 7, 2023, for jurisdiction and agency staff.

The CfRTP is presented in the Attachment.

5. **SYP Evaluation Process:** Applicants are encouraged to consider NVTA’s Core Values of Equity, Safety, and Sustainability when submitting applications. All projects considered for regional revenues are subject to a comprehensive regional evaluation process that uses multiple inputs and does not rely on a single metric:
- a. **Eligibility:** Projects must be included in TransAction (may be a subset) and must be wholly (or substantially) located in Northern Virginia.
  - b. **Quantitative Factors:**
    - i. **Congestion Reduction Relative to Cost (CRRC):** As required by Virginia Code, the Authority must give priority to projects with the highest CRRC ratios.
    - ii. **TransAction Rating:** Includes technical analyses from TransAction such as project level ratings. These ratings have previously been referred to as HB599 project ratings. The FY2024-2029 SYP will continue the process with NVTA having full autonomy over HB599 project ratings, following passage of SB1468 (2019).
    - iii. **Long Term Benefit (LTB):** The FY2024-2029 SYP will continue to consider LTB as a factor. NVTA staff will apply the LTB Principles approved by the Authority in December 2014. The LTB analysis will complement, but not replace, ‘geographic balance’ that has been used as a qualitative consideration in previous funding programs.
  - c. **Qualitative Considerations:** Takes into account factors that cannot easily be considered in a formula, such as geographic and modal balance; leveraging of other funding sources, project readiness, and past performance. Past performance using NVTA regional revenues in previous funding programs will be an especially important consideration.
  - d. **Public Comment:** An NVTA Public Hearing/Open House will be held, with a period for public comment, etc. in spring 2024.

Similar to the FY2022-2027 SYP, NVTA’s regional transportation model developed as part of the latest TransAction Update will be used for the model-based evaluations for the FY2024-2029 SYP.

6. **Next steps:** Subject to Authority approval, NVTA staff will **post the CfRTP on May 1, 2023**. Subsequent milestones include:
- a. **July 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.:** Application deadline, followed by project evaluations by NVTA staff;
  - b. **October 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.:** Deadline for Governing Body and any supporting resolutions;
  - c. **March 2024:** Authority approval of date for NVTA Public Hearing/Open House

- d. **March 2024:** Commencement of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Planning Coordination and Advisory Committee (PCAC), and Planning and Programming Committee (PPC) reviews
- e. **Spring 2024:** Authority approval of funding available
- f. **April 2024:** Release of candidate project list and evaluations by the Authority
- g. **April – May 2024:** Public comment period, NVTA Public Hearing/Open House
- h. **June 2024:** Release of NVTA staff project recommendations for review by TAC, PCAC, and PPC
- i. **July 2024:** Authority adoption of FY2024-2029 SYP

**Attachment:** Call for Regional Transportation Projects for the FY2024-2029 Six Year Program Update

## **NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (NVTA)** **Call for Regional Transportation Projects for FY2024-2029 Six Year Program**

### **Summary**

The purpose of this call is to solicit applications for NVTA's FY2024-2029 Six Year Program (SYP). NVTA's 70% regional revenues for FY2028 and FY2029 are to be awarded on a competitive basis for multimodal transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant regional impact. Eligible applicants include the region's counties, cities, five largest towns, transit agencies, and other state/regional governmental entities.

### **Dates**

May 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.: Application portal opens

July 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.: Application deadline

October 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.: Deadline for Governing Body and supporting resolutions

July 2024: Anticipated Authority adoption of FY2024-2029 SYP

### **Address**

Applications must be submitted through the online portal

<https://novagateway.org/Identity/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2Fhome>

### **Contacts**

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### **Funds Available**

This SYP cycle will use 70% regional revenues from FY2028 and FY2029. The NVTA Finance Committee will make a recommendation to the Authority on revenue projections and PayGo in Spring 2024. The last SYP cycle (FY2022-2027) approved projects worth \$625 million.

### **Evaluation Process**

Applicants are encouraged to consider NVTA's Core Values of Equity, Safety, and Sustainability when submitting applications. All projects considered for regional revenues are subject to a comprehensive regional evaluation process that uses multiple inputs and does not rely on a single metric:

- **Eligibility:** Projects must be included in the current TransAction [project list](#) adopted in December 2022 (may be a subset) and must be wholly (or substantially) located in Northern Virginia.
- **Quantitative Factors**
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- **Qualitative Considerations:** Takes into account factors that cannot easily be considered in a formula, such as geographic and modal balance; leveraging of other funding sources, project readiness, past performance, and align with NVTA's Core Values of Equity, Safety, and Sustainability. Past performance using NVTA regional revenues in previous funding programs will be an especially important consideration. Applicants are encouraged to upload statements describing how well their candidate projects support and/or enhance the Core Values.
- **Public Comment:** An NVTA Public Hearing/Open House will be held, with a period for public comment in Spring 2024.