

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Quorum and Voting

Based on April 1, 2020, Census updated every 5 years per the Population Estimates for Virginia and its Counties and Cities¹

NVTA quorum and voting requirements are outlined in the current law which established NVTA, *Va. Code §33.2-2504* Decisions of Authority.

A majority of the Authority, which majority shall include at least a majority of the representatives of the counties and cities embraced by the Authority, shall constitute a quorum. Decisions of the Authority shall require a quorum and shall be in accordance with voting procedures established by the Authority. In all cases, decisions of the Authority shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Authority present and voting and two-thirds of the representatives of the counties and cities embraced by the Authority who are present and voting and whose counties and cities include at least two-thirds of the population embraced by the Authority; however, no motion to fund a specific facility or service shall fail because of this population criterion if such facility or service is not located or to be located or provided or to be provided within the county or city whose representative's sole negative vote caused the facility or service to fail to meet the population criterion. The population of counties and cities embraced by the Authority shall be the population as determined by the most recently preceding decennial census, except that once the population estimates for July 1 of the fifth year are made available then the population of each county and city shall be adjusted on the basis of population estimates made by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia.

Quorum

A quorum is required to conduct an NVTA meeting. It is established using two tests:

- 1) a simple majority (9) of the 17 NVTA members (comprised of 9 jurisdiction representatives, 3 General Assembly representatives, 2 Gubernatorial Appointees and 3 non-voting members, VDOT, DRPT & town representative),

AND

- 2) a simple majority (5) of the 9 local government members of NVTA.

Voting

Approval of actions by NVTA requires that three tests be met:

- 1) 2/3 of the voting members present, i.e., 10 of 14, if all voting members are present,

AND

- 2) 2/3 of local government members present, e.g., 6 of 9 if all jurisdictions are represented,

AND

- 3) the local government members voting in favor must represent 2/3 of the population of jurisdictions embraced by NVTA **as of the April 1, 2020, Census.**

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Voting Scenarios for Tests #2 & #3

Assuming all 9 jurisdictions vote, and using population, an action may be deemed approved if jurisdictions vote as follows:

2/3 of population needed for approval = **1,700,251**

If 9 or 8 members are present (6 Yeas are needed for approval):

Specific Jurisdictions that must vote to approve							2021 Population Estimates Required- 1,698,457	Additional Jurisdictions Needed for Approval (any of the Others)
SCENARIOS	Fairfax County	Prince William	Fairfax City	Manassas	Falls Church	Manassas Park	1,731,308	0
	Fairfax County	Loudoun	Arlington				1,809,911	3
	Fairfax County	Loudoun	Alexandria				1,730,735	3

If 7 members are present (5 Yeas are needed for approval):

Specific Jurisdictions that must vote to approve							2021 Population Estimates Required- 1,698,457	Additional Jurisdictions Needed for Approval (any of the Others)
SCENARIOS	Fairfax County	Prince William	Fairfax City	Manassas	Falls Church		1,714,045	0
	Fairfax County	Loudoun	Arlington				1,809,911	2
	Fairfax County	Loudoun	Alexandria				1,730,735	2

If 6 or 5 members are present (4 Yeas are needed for approval):

Specific Jurisdictions that must vote to approve							2021 Population Estimates Required- 1,698,457	Additional Jurisdictions Needed for Approval (any of the Others)
SCENARIOS	Fairfax County	Loudoun	Arlington				1809,911	1
	Fairfax County	Loudoun	Alexandria				1,730,735	1

July 1, 2021 Population Estimates for Virginia and its Counties and Cities

<https://demographics.coopercenter.org/virginia-population-estimate>

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			April 2020
FIPS Code	Locality	April 1, 2020 Census	Pop % of Total
	Virginia	8,644,727	
013	Arlington	238,643	9%
059	Fairfax	1,150,309	45%
107	Loudoun	420,959	17%
153	Prince William	482,204	19%
510	Alexandria	159,467	6%
600	Fairfax City	24,146	1%
610	Falls Church	14,658	1%
683	Manassas	42,772	2%
685	Manassas Park	17,219	1%
	Total Counties	2,292,115	
	Total Cities	258,262	2/3 Population
	Total	2,550,377	1,700,251