

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Monica Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

DATE: June 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of Letter of Endorsement for Prince William County's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Application

- 1. Purpose:** To seek the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) approval of the letter of endorsement request for Prince William County's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Application.
- 2. Suggested Motion:** *I move Authority approval of the Letter of Endorsement for Prince William County's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Application.*
- 3. Background:** As is customary among NVTA partnerships, requests for Authority endorsement are received from jurisdictions and regional agencies embraced by the Authority. To help fund transportation projects, embraced jurisdictions and regional agencies pursue sources of funding through federal, state, and regional programs and grants. Per the Code of Virginia, NVTA serves as an advocate for the transportation needs of Northern Virginia before the state and federal government. NVTA has received a request for endorsement from Prince William County on their application under the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program).
 - **USDOT's CFI Program**

The CFI Program is a new competitive grant program created by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure. The CFI Program is making available up to \$700 million (FY2022 \$300 million and FY2023 \$400 million). The application deadline is 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.
- 4. Project Scope Under Prince William County's CFI Program Application**

Prince William County intends to utilize the CFI funds toward Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations at the Chinn Aquatics and Fitness Center and Library. The Chinn Aquatics and Fitness Center and Chinn Library located off Prince William Parkway in Woodbridge are two of the County's most heavily utilized public facilities and are located adjacent to a designated Equity Emphasis Area. The project will install a total of eight EV charging stations in the shared parking lot, with sufficient conduit to accommodate future expansion. Prince

William County's application requests \$800,000 and federal funding is critical to this project moving forward.

Attachments:

- A.** Prince William County's Request for Endorsement Letter
- B.** Draft Letter of Endorsement for Prince William County's CFI Program Application



May 16, 2023

Monica Backmon
Chief Executive Officer
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)
3040 Williams Drive
Fairfax, VA 22031

RE: Request for NVTA Endorsement of Prince William County's CFI Application for EV Charging Stations

Ms. Backmon,

I am writing to request NVTA's endorsement of Prince William County's application for funding consideration under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations at the Chinn Aquatics and Fitness Center and Library.

The Chinn Aquatics and Fitness Center and Chinn Library located off Prince William Parkway in Woodbridge are two of the County's most heavily utilized public facilities and are located adjacent to a designated Equity Emphasis Area. The project will install a total of eight EV charging stations in the shared parking lot, with sufficient conduit to accommodate future expansion. Prince William County's application requests \$800,000 and federal funding is critical to this project moving forward.

Facilitating the use of zero emission vehicles by installing EV charging stations at this location will support NVTA's adopted TransAction goals of Equity and Sustainability and enhance the regional charging infrastructure network.

Thank you for consideration. If you have any questions or comments regarding this request, please contact me at (703) 792-6825.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Canizales".

Ricardo Canizales
Director of Transportation



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

June 8, 2023

The Honorable Shailen Bhatt, Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration)
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Re: NVTA Endorsement of Prince William County's U.S. Department of Transportation's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program Application.

Dear Administrator Bhatt:

On behalf of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), I am pleased to express our full support of Prince William County's U.S. Department of Transportation's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program) application. Funding from this grant program towards Prince William County's electric vehicle charging infrastructure will help increase equitable access and improve sustainability for Northern Virginia, two of NVTA's Core Values.

Prince William County will utilize the CFI program funds toward Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations at the Chinn Aquatics and Fitness Center and Library. The Chinn Aquatics and Fitness Center and Chinn Library are two of the County's most heavily utilized public facilities and are located adjacent to a designated Equity Emphasis Area as identified by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The project will install a total of eight EV charging stations in the shared parking lot, with sufficient conduit to accommodate future expansion.

Federal funding through the CFI Program is critical to Prince William County's ability to deploy charging infrastructure and support the electrification of our transportation systems. This will help to improve air quality, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and help to meet NVTA's goals of improving mobility, accessibility, and resiliency through the Core Value of Sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration of Prince William County's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program application as well as your time and attention.

Best Regards,

Phyllis J. Randall
Chair

Cc: Ricardo Canizales, Director, Prince William County Department of Transportation
Monica Backmon, Chief Executive Officer, NVTA