

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 18, 2016

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: CARRIE SANDERS, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #5 – NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY TRANSACTION PLAN UPDATE: RECOMMENDED PROJECT
LIST

ISSUE: Proposed recommended project list for the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's (NVTA) TransAction Plan Update.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission endorse the recommended project list to be included in the draft NVTA TransAction Plan Update.

BACKGROUND: In July 2002, the Virginia General Assembly created the NVTA and charged it with developing a Northern Virginia Regional Transportation Plan. State law requires that this plan be updated every five years. The last update was completed in November 2012 when the NVTA Board adopted the TransAction 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. At its meeting on July 23, 2015, the NVTA Board selected AECOM as its consultant to update Northern Virginia's regional transportation plan. The TransAction Plan Update was officially launched at the November 12, 2015 NVTA Board meeting. The TransAction Plan Update will be the first update since the passage of transportation funding House Bill (HB) 2313. This is significant as all projects funded with 70% regional revenues, as provided in accordance with HB 2313, must be included in the NVTA's regional transportation plan. This update will build on the vision and goals developed for the previous TransAction 2040 Plan to reduce congestion and improve quality of life in Northern Virginia. The update is expected to take approximately two years to complete, with a draft TransAction Plan Update expected in spring 2017. When adopted, the TransAction Plan Update will provide a multi-modal guide for transportation investments in Northern Virginia and will be the mechanism through which over \$1 billion will be allocated to much needed regional transportation improvements between FY 2018- FY 2023.

DISCUSSION: Staff provided an overview of the TransAction Plan Update to the Transportation Commission at its February 17, 2016 meeting. At that time, staff noted that it would seek the Transportation Commission's input in the list of recommended projects that would be provided for consideration and evaluation as part of the TransAction Plan update. As part of this process, AECOM met with each NVTA locality, including Alexandria as well as with staff from the Virginia Railway Express, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and the Potomac and

Rappahannock Transportation Commission, and reviewed local comprehensive plans to develop a draft list of projects that may have a regional impact. Projects are not included on this if the project is being implemented or constructed by a locality or transit agency other than the City of Alexandria or the project is already under construction. Staff also believed there were synergies between quite a number of projects, and therefore those projects are packaged as one project. Attachment 1 includes a recommended project list.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Recommend Project List