

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 16, 2018

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: HILLARY ORR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #5 – NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION  
AUTHORITY FY 2018-FY23 SIX YEAR PROGRAM

**ISSUE:** Proposed Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) FY 2018-FY 2023 Six Year Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Transportation Commission hold allow for public input, and provide feedback on the proposed NVTA FY 2018-FY 2023 Six Year Program.

**BACKGROUND:** The FY 2018-FY 2023 Regional Revenue Fund Program (as part of the Six Year Program) contains regional projects that are funded by the NVTA's 70% regional funds. On October 12, 2017, the NVTA formally requested applications seeking 70% regional transportation funding for its first six-year program, FY 2018 – FY 2023. It is anticipated that approximately \$1.25 billion (based on revenue projections and recent legislation toward WMATA funding) will be made available within this six-year program. On November 15, 2017, staff provided an overview to the Transportation Commission of its proposed projects for application to the NVTA, and the Commission recommended that staff proceed with the applications for six regional projects. The City's six projects that were submitted to NVTA include:

Project	Funding Request
West End Transitway (Northern Segment)	\$60,750,000
Alexandria ITS Projects	\$1,195,491
Alexandria Bus Network ITS	\$150,000
DASH Transit Service Enhancements and Expansion	\$11,933,161
Alexandria Bike and Pedestrian Trails and Reconstruction	\$2,200,000
Alexandria Duke Street Transitway	\$12,200,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$88,428,652</b>

All the projects are also included in the NVTA long range transportation plan, TransAction, which was approved by the NVTA at their October 12, 2017 meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** A total of 60 candidate projects submitted by localities and agencies have been submitted to the NVTA, with a total funding request amount of approximately \$2.5 billion. The NVTA has completed its scoring of all 60 projects. It develops quantitative scores and rankings for

two categories, including the TransAction project rating (HB599) that looks at eight criteria (Project Readiness, Reduce VMT, Safety, Connectivity, Improved Bike/Pedestrian, Management, and Cost Sharing). In addition, NVTA scores each project in terms of Congestion Relief relative to Project Cost (CRRC). Finally, the projects are also examined through several qualitative criteria, which are not ranked. The following table shows the ranking of the Alexandria projects for the HB599 and CRRC categories.

<b>Project</b>	<b>HB 599 Rank (Out of 60)</b>	<b>CRRC Rank (Out of 60)</b>
West End Transitway (Northern Segment)	27	25
Alexandria ITS Projects	49	1
Alexandria Bus Network ITS	51	2
DASH Transit Service Enhancements and Expansion	39	20
Alexandria Bike and Pedestrian Trails and Reconstruction	37	44
Alexandria Duke Street Transitway	15	31

On April 12, 2018 the NVTA approved the release of its candidate projects for the FY 2018-FY 2023 Six Year Program for public comment. An open house and public hearing was held on May 10, 2018.

There is not a prescribed methodology for totaling and scoring the combined categories. NVTA will review the HB599 and CRRC project rankings, take into consideration public input, and consider projects against the available funding.

Materials on the proposed FY 2018 – FY 2023 Six Year Program as well as information on the methodology used to develop project scores are posted on the NVTA site:

<http://www.thenovaauthority.org/>.

The NVTA is accepting comments online via a public comment period which runs through May 20, 2018. Following the public hearing and closure of the public comment period, all public input will be summarized by NVTA staff and reviewed by the NVTA Planning Coordination and Advisory Committee on May 23, 2018, and the Planning and Programming Committee at their June 6, 2016 meeting. The NVTA is expected to vote on the approval of the FY 2018 – FY 2023 program at its June 14, 2018 meeting. As the Transportation Commission has endorsed the six projects the City submitted for consideration, it is important for the Transportation Commission to provide public comments prior to the May 20, 2018 public comment period deadline.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment 1- NVTA FY 2018 – FY 2023 Summary of Quantitative and Qualitative Evaluations
- Attachment 2 – Draft Letter from Alexandria Transportation Commission to NVTA