



# Northern Virginia Transportation Authority



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# Application

During the application phase (from July 1, 2019 – September 27, 2019), Northern Virginia jurisdictions and agencies were able to apply for NVTA regional funds. Eligible applicants include the region’s counties, cities, five largest towns, transit agencies and other state/regional governmental entities. Individual applicants follow their own local processes for selecting candidate projects and determining how much funding to request. This may include coordinating with other jurisdictions/agencies depending on project location.

## Call for Regional Transportation Projects

On July 1, 2019, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority posted a **Call for Regional Transportation Projects** for **FY2024 and FY2025 regional revenue consideration** as part of the **FY2020-2025 Six Year Program Update**. **The Authority expects to allocate at least \$400 million** towards projects across the Northern Virginia region when the Six Year Program Update is adopted in June 2020. Please check out additional details in a series of short videos that will be posted here to keep you informed about the Six Year Program Update review process, each step of the way.



## NVTA Exec. Director, Monica Backmon, on Six Year Program Update FY24-25 Call for Projects

from [Erica Hawksworth](#)

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Monica Backmon, NVTA Executive Director, announces the Authority's FY2024-2025 Six Year Program Update Call for Regional Transportation Projects.

## Initial Evaluation Process

The applications for **Regional Transportation Projects** for **FY2024 and FY2025 regional revenue consideration** were due on September 27, 2019, marking the start of NVTA's **initial evaluation process**. All projects considered for regional revenues are subject to a comprehensive evaluation process. Part II of our Six Year Program Update video series below.

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Monica Backmon, NVTA Executive Director, explains the FY2024-2025 Six Year Program Update evaluation process.

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## Verification

During the verification phase (from September 30, 2019 – early December 2019), NVTA staff met with applicants individually and conducted multiple eligibility reviews for each application:

Virginia Code requires for a project to receive NVTA regional funds, it must be included in TransAction, the long-range transportation plan for Northern Virginia. Eligible projects are included in the TransAction project list, which is the source document NVTA staff used to verify project eligibility. Since TransAction is

geographically unconstrained, some of the 352 projects included in the current project list extend beyond Northern Virginia because they are important to mobility within Northern Virginia. Under exceptional circumstances, NVTa may fund projects that extend beyond Northern Virginia using regional funds. However, projects included in TransAction that are located outside Northern Virginia are generally ineligible.

NVTa's process for accepting applications necessitates that each applicant's governing body, typically a County Board of Supervisors or a City/Town Council, has officially endorsed them. The requested amount can be either a precise amount or a 'not to exceed' value. Applications that do not include a governing body resolution, or that request a higher amount than that stated in the governing body resolution, are ineligible. Projects that are located in multiple jurisdictions require a governing body resolution from all jurisdictions.

## Submitted Regional Transportation Project Applications and Available Funding

On October 10, 2019, the Authority was presented the latest update on the **FY2020-2025 Six Year Program**, including an overview of total applications received. Thirteen Northern Virginia jurisdictions and agencies submitted **46 applications** to NVTa for funding consideration, with a **combined request of approximately \$1.7 billion**. NVTa **expects to allocate at least \$400 million** on projects throughout Northern Virginia when the Six Year Program Update is adopted in June 2020. Although \$400 million is a significant amount of money, this funding cycle will likely be NVTa's most oversubscribed program to date. To view a summary of project applications and funding requests by each jurisdiction and agency, please see the tables below. Also, check out Part III of our Six Year Program Update video series for more details.



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Monica Backmon, NVTA Executive Director, discusses the number of regional transportation project applications received and resources available.

**Table 1: Summary of Applications by Jurisdiction/Agency**

Jurisdiction/ Agency	Applications (#)	Continuation Projects (percent)	Funding Request (\$)
<b>Counties</b>			
Arlington	5	20	68,884,000
Fairfax	10	70	846,895,330
Loudoun	4	0	96,599,000
Prince William	11	27	237,500,000
<b>Cities</b>			
Alexandria	1	100	75,000,000
Fairfax	5	60	26,320,000

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Falls Church	2	0	15,200,000
<b>Towns</b>			
Dumfries	1	100	78,000,000
Leesburg	1	100	120,400,000
Vienna	2	0	5,982,400
<b>Commonwealth</b>			
DRPT	1	0	100,000,000
<b>Regional Agencies</b>			
NOVA Parks	1	0	5,646,000
VRE	2	50	18,051,537
<b>Total</b>			
	<b>46</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,694,478,267</b>

**Table 2: Comparison of Requested and Approved Funding (all NVTA Funding Programs\*)**

<b>Funding Program</b>	<b>Amount Requested (\$)</b>	<b>Amount Approved (\$)</b>	<b>Approved/Requested (percent)</b>
FY2014	339,693,000	185,884,185	55
FY2015-2016	467,124,215	336,944,000	72
FY2017	297,949,000	166,043,951	56
FY2018-2023	2,470,139,861	1,285,273,281	52

	<b>3,574,906,076</b>	<b>1,974,145,417</b>	<b>55</b>
FY2020-2025	1,694,478,267	400,000,000**	24

\*Adjusted for approved projects subsequently withdrawn

\*\*Current estimated regional revenues available for the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program

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## Evaluation

During the evaluation phase (November 2019 – February 2020), NVTA staff will conduct detailed reviews of each application and prepare summaries of quantitative and qualitative evaluations. During February 2020, NVTA staff will share initial findings with selected NVTA committees for review and comment. All meetings are open to the public:

[Technical Advisory Committee](#) (typically third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.)

[Planning Coordination and Advisory Committee](#) (typically fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.)

[Planning and Programming Committee](#) (ad hoc schedule during business hours)

The deadline for eligible jurisdictions and agencies to respond to the Call for Regional Transportation Projects was September 27, 2019, and to submit the governing body resolutions was November 29, 2019. NVTA staff have been reviewing the project applications, conducting eligibility verifications, requesting clarifications, and preparing information for the modeling and other analytical work, including congestion reduction relative to cost calculations.

For the first time in any NVTA funding program, the project application process was automated, enabling jurisdiction/agency staff to submit applications through an online portal. This greatly streamlined the application process for both NVTA and jurisdiction/agency staff. Another first for the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program was inviting staff from each jurisdiction/agency to meet with NVTA staff to present their respective applications and to provide an early opportunity for NVTA staff to request clarifications.

The candidate project list includes 41 applications from 13 jurisdictions/agencies, with a combined request of approximately \$1.44 billion. These candidate projects will now advance to the detailed project evaluation phase. It is noted that project details may change during the evaluation phase to reflect any updates that are received by NVTA staff.

A breakdown of applications based on the primary mode for the project applications is provided on Table 3 below. Please note that the projects may support other modes too.

**Table 3: Summary of Applications by Primary Mode**

<b>Primary Mode</b>	<b>Applications (#)</b>
New roadway capacity and/or alignment	21
New or improved intersection/interchange	6
Improvement/Access to Metrorail/VRE Commuter Rail	4
New or improved bus/BRT facility	2
New or improved pedestrian path/trail and bicycle lane/path	7
New or improved bicycle facility	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>

**[View the FY2020-2025 SYP Candidate Project List.](#)**

**[View a hi-res PDF of the FY2020-2025 SYP Candidate Project map.](#)**

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**[FY2020-2025 SYP Candidate Project Evaluation Summary.](#)**

**[FY2020-2025 SYP Candidate Projects TransAction Ratings.](#)**

**[FY2020-2025 SYP Modeling Process.](#)**

**[Individual Project Description Forms.](#)**

**[Six Year Program Update Frequently Asked Questions.](#)**

For more information on how NVTa evaluates regionally significant transportation projects, please visit our [NVTATransAction.org](https://nvtatransaction.org) website to learn more about [TransAction Project Ratings](#) (previously HB 599 ratings).

Take a look at Part IV of our Six Year Program Update video series for more details on the FY2020-2025 SYP Evaluation Process.



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Monica Backmon, NVTA Executive Director, announces the release of the regional transportation candidate project list and evaluation process.

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## Public Engagement

During the public engagement phase (**March 13, 2020 – May 24, 2020**), the Authority is making available the project list and evaluation summary, as part of the public comment process. During the public comment period, the Authority will host a **Public Hearing on May 14, 2020**. However, due to the COVID-19 situation and Governor Northam's Stay at Home Order outlined in [Executive Order Fifty-Five](#), it is **strongly encouraged Northern Virginians provide comments electronically or via postal service**. Public comment submission details can be found at [www.TheNoVaAuthority.org/SYP-comment](http://www.TheNoVaAuthority.org/SYP-comment).

The Authority **invites the public to learn more about and comment on the 41 candidate transportation projects under consideration for funding**. The projects being evaluated cover multiple modes of transportation, including roadways, transit and pedestrian/bicycle pathways.

Below you will find a detailed project list, individual project description forms, maps and detailed analyses for your review and comment.

While the **Public Hearing will commence at NVTA's offices at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2020**, directly following a brief [presentation on the Six Year Program Process](#), the Hearing can also be **viewed remotely via Facebook Live** on the Authority's page ([@TheNVTA](#)). There will be an opportunity for the public to provide testimony in-person,

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but again, due to COVID-19 concerns, it is **strongly encouraged that Northern Virginians provide comments electronically or via postal service.**

However, residents who choose to attend the Public-Hearing in-person should sign up in advance in one of the following three ways:

Email: [SYPcomment@TheNoVAAuthority.org](mailto:SYPcomment@TheNoVAAuthority.org)

Phone: 703-642-4652

In-person: On May 14, from 6:55 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

All speakers must be signed in by 7:15 p.m. and will be required to present in front of a laptop computer for live-streaming purposes. The Public Hearing will conclude at 8:00 p.m. unless there are individuals present who have not had the opportunity to speak. Safe social distancing practices will be enforced. Please [click here](#) to learn more about safety protocols in place.

If interested in providing **public testimony over the phone** during the Public Hearing, you will need to **pre-register** by contacting NVTa at 703-642-4652 or email [SYPcomment@TheNoVAAuthority.org](mailto:SYPcomment@TheNoVAAuthority.org) by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020**. Please make sure you provide your name, contact phone number, and residential zip code. A NVTa staff member will be in touch to schedule your time for comment before the Authority.

We are taking an abundance of caution and **cancelling this year's Open House**, keeping your safety top of mind. Instead, all materials that were to be on display at the previously scheduled Open House, in addition to detailed Frequently Asked Questions, are accessible below.

**For more details about the public comment period process, how to submit comments, and the Public Hearing, please visit [www.TheNoVaAuthority.org/SYP-comment](http://www.TheNoVaAuthority.org/SYP-comment).**

The Authority will not act on the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program after the Public Hearing on May 14, 2020, but will **continue to receive comment through 11:59 p.m. May 24, 2020**. At the conclusion of the public comment period, NVTa will incorporate public comments into the project evaluation summary. The Authority is anticipated to adopt the Six Year Program Update at the Authority Meeting on July 9, 2020.

**Public input is an important part of the Six Year Program Update process.** Feedback is encouraged and all public comment provided will be reviewed and considered.

**[View the FY2020-2025 SYP Candidate Project List.](#)**

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**NVTA Six Year Program Update Public Hearing - 5.14.20**

from **Erica Hawksworth**

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The public was invited to provide comment on 41 multimodal transportation projects submitted by 13 jurisdictions and agencies across Northern Virginia, for regional funding consideration. A virtual Public Hearing was held for the first time on May 14, 2020. Public comment runs through 11:59 p.m. on May 24, 2020.



**Six Year Program Video Series - Public Comment Recap and Next Steps**

from **Erica Hawksworth**

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As part of the Six Year Program Update Video Series, Erica Hawksworth, Communications & Public Affairs Manager, NVTA, thanks everyone who provided feedback during the Public Comment Period (March 13 – May 24, 2020), and outlines next steps in the update process.

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Below is a **compilation of the public comments** received, any attachments that supplemented these comments, and letters directly submitted to Authority members and NVTA's Executive Director.

### **FY2020-2025 Six Year Program Full Public Comment Submissions**

Below is a **Public Comment Summary**, complete with summary of comments by project, a description of projects that received the most comments, and a breakout of those in support or opposed to specific projects within the Six Year Program Update.

### **FY2020-2025 Six Year Program Public Comment Summary** (Revised June 16, 2020)

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## Recommendation and Adoption

During the recommendation phase (June – mid-July), NVTA staff developed and presented project recommendations to three committees, which in turn, provided final comments and their own recommendations in June. An updated recommendation is posted below, and will be considered by the full Authority at its regularly scheduled business meeting on July 9, 2020. The Authority is anticipated to take action to adopt the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program during the July meeting.

### Scheduled Committee Meetings:

**Planning Coordination Advisory Committee Meeting: June 17, 6:00 p.m.**

(Facebook Live – @TheNVTA)

**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting: June 17, 7:00 p.m.** (NVTA YouTube Channel)

**Planning and Programming Committee Meeting: June 19, 5:00 p.m.** (NVTA YouTube Channel)

**Authority Meeting: July 9, 2020, 7:00 p.m.** (Location TBA)

For the **FY2020-2025 Six Year Program**, NVTA staff recommended **fully funding 15 of the 41 candidate transportation projects**. This recommended funding provides sufficient

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funds for these projects to advance to construction and be completed without any additional funds.

NVTA staff also recommended **partially funding** an **additional four candidate projects**. This recommended partial funding enables these projects to advance to early phases of project development, but not necessarily to completion.

### **FY2020-2025 Six Year Program: NVTA Staff Recommendations (Original Staff Recommendations)**

### **FY2020-2025 Six Year Program: NVTA Staff Recommendations Project Location Map (Original Staff Recommendations)**

### **FY2020-2025 Six Year Program: NVTA Staff Recommendations Presentation**

Overall, **this package of 19 recommended projects**, using **\$522 million in NVTA's regional revenues**, demonstrates an ongoing commitment to a multimodal approach that addresses Northern Virginians' mobility needs and challenges, supports the region's economic vitality, and, as an added bonus, provides an economic stimulus to the region's economy.

More specifically, **the package of recommended projects demonstrates:**

- Continued emphasis on road/rail/transit in the Route 1/VRE Fredericksburg Line corridor

- Continued emphasis on the Fairfax County Parkway corridor

- Continued emphasis on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) solutions

- Synergies with other NVTA-funded projects in Crystal City and western Falls Church

- Increased focus on grid network solutions

- Increased focus on active transportation solutions

The **FY2020-2025 Six Year Program is the Authority's fifth (and most competitive ever) funding program**. Having issued a Call for Regional Transportation Projects in July 2019, NVTA staff has reviewed/evaluated 41 candidate projects, conducted a Public Hearing and Public Comment Period, and reviewed/summarized approximately 1,000 public comments.

### **UPDATE ON AFOREMENTIONED RECOMMENDATIONS (as of June 22, 2020):**

**NVTA's Planning and Programming Committee (PPC) met on June 19, 2020** to consider the NVTA staff recommendations for the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program. The **PPC endorsed the NVTA staff recommendations to fully fund 15 projects and partially fund four other projects**, using approximately \$522 million in regional revenues.

The **PPC also conditionally recommended fully funding two additional projects and increasing the partial funding for one of the four partially funded projects**. These conditional recommendations are subject to the withdrawal/cancellation of two existing VRE projects that can no longer use \$17.0 million in previously approved NVTA funds due to significant project schedule changes.

**The following list and map show the PPC recommendations, including conditional recommendations, which the full Authority will consider at its meeting on July 9, 2020.**

### **FY2020-2025 Six Year Program: PPC Recommendations (as of June 22, 2020)**

### **FY2020-2025 Six Year Program: PPC Recommendations Project Location Map (as of June 22, 2020)**

#### **July 1, 2020 update**

41 applications were evaluated as part of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's FY2020-2025 Six Year Program. Information on these submitted applications is summarized on this web page under the Evaluation Phase. Specifically, the *TransAction Project Ratings* (previously HB 599 ratings), and associated ranks, are summarized in **this document**, and more fully in **this document**.

**Project recommendations**, taking account of a combination of quantitative and qualitative factors, together with public comments, were developed by NVTA staff and posted on June 9, 2020. Following review by the Authority's two Statutory Committees (Planning Coordination Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee) and the Planning and Programming Committee (PPC) in mid-June, **the PPC developed final recommendations** that were posted on June 22, 2020.

The Authority will consider the PPC final recommendations at its meeting on July 9, 2020, at which it is expected to adopt the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program.

### **NVTA ADOPTS \$539M FUNDING PROGRAM TO REDUCE CONGESTION THROUGHOUT THE REGION:**

On the evening of July 9, 2020, the **Northern Virginia Transportation Authority adopted the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program**, the Authority's fifth funding program and the most competitive to date. \$1.44 billion in multimodal transportation funding was requested by 13 Northern Virginia localities and agencies, with \$539 million in Authority regional revenues available.

The **Authority unanimously voted to fund 21 of the 41 transportation projects** submitted for funding consideration, for full or partial funding. The fully funded projects will receive sufficient funds to advance to construction, while the partially funded projects will advance to the early phases of project development, but not necessarily completion.

**Regional Impact.** The SYP continues NVTA’s regional, multimodal approach:

Continued emphasis on road/rail/transit in the Route 1/VRE Fredericksburg Line corridor

Continued emphasis on Fairfax County Parkway corridor

Continued emphasis on Bus Rapid Transit solutions

Synergies in Crystal City and western Falls Church

Increased focus on grid network solutions

Increased focus on active transportation solutions, such as bike/pedestrian facilities

**Through the new funding Program, the Authority is investing \$539M in regionally significant projects located across Northern Virginia, benefiting the region at large.**

Learn more:

**[FY2020-2025 Six Year Program Adoption Press Release.](#)**

**[FY2020-2025 Six Year Program Adopted Projects and Updated Project Description Forms](#)**

**[21 Adopted Projects and Funding Chart.](#)**

**[41 Projects for Funding Consideration and Requested Amounts.](#)**

**[FY2020-2025 Six Year Program Adopted Projects Location Map.](#)**



## Authority unanimously adopts FY2020-2025 Six Year Program

from [Erica Hawksworth](#)

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Monica Backmon, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, announces the Authority’s adoption of the Six Year Program Update, on July 9, 2020. This is

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the last video of the Six Year Program Video Series.

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## Reporting

During the reporting phase (summer 2020), NVTA staff will prepare a final report on the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program, including a schedule for appropriating funds to each project.

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