

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2016

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: CARRIE SANDERS, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #5 – NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TRANSACTION PLAN

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**ISSUE:** Provide an update to the Transportation Commission on the TransAction Regional Transportation Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Transportation Commission receive an update on the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's (NVTA) TransAction Plan.

**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 long range transportation plan. The TransAction update officially launched at the November 12, 2015 NVTA Board meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** This TransAction 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 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

This update will build on the vision and goals developed for the previous TransAction plan to reduce congestion and improve quality of life in Northern Virginia. This in-depth planning process is expected to take approximately two years to complete, with a draft TransAction plan expected in spring 2017. When adopted, the TransAction 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.

The next steps of the project include research and a literature review of best practices, a regional review of currently approved plans, and the development of future scenarios, needs, and

solutions. City staff will seek input from the Transportation Commission in the summer of 2016 regarding the projects to be included in the draft TransAction plan, and to provide an update to the Commission on the plan development.