

April meeting of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission canceled due to COVID-19

Commission Meeting Alert

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NVTC APRIL MEETING CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19

NVTC staff work continues, materials available online

Arlington, Va. - The April 2, 2020 meeting of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission will not take place due to concerns about COVID-19. Under Virginia laws and regulations, the Commission must hold its meetings in public and the Executive Committee determined that canceling the April meeting is in the best interest of Commissioners, NVTC staff and members of the public who attend the meetings. A determination about whether to hold the May Commission meeting will be made later.

Staff have moved to 100% teleworking and they are diligently continuing the work of NVTC. All of the materials typically produced for Commission meetings have been posted on novatransit.org. Highlights are listed below.

Initial Scores for the I-66 Commuter Choice Program

NVTC staff have completed the initial scoring [assessment](#) for Round Four of the I-66 Commuter Choice program. Commuter Choice uses toll revenues to provide funding for multimodal transportation projects that benefit toll road users by moving more people and expanding transportation options.

Round Four (FY2021-FY2022) includes 14 eligible projects which request approximately \$32.9 million in funding. A public comment period for the projects will run from April 6 through May 21, 2020 with anticipated action by the Commission in June.

Federal and State Legislative Updates

Staff have completed [reports](#) on the 2020 Omnibus Transportation bill enacted by the Virginia General Assembly, as well as the COVID-19 emergency relief funding allocated to Virginia transit operators by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The reports also include information on the \$2.2 trillion Senate emergency relief bill awaiting House action, which includes \$25 billion for transit operators who receive funding under the Federal Transit Administration urban and rural formula programs. These include WMATA, VRE and PRTC/OmniRide.

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