



MEMORANDUM

TO: Chris Slatt, Chair, Transportation Commission

FROM: Rich Roisman, Regional Transportation Planning Program Coordinator

DATE: November 28, 2022

RE: Information for Final Three Agenda Items for December 1, 2022 Transportation Commission (TC)

The agenda for the subject meeting is quite full, and so to assist the Commissioners in review of the final three agenda items, which are all information items related to upcoming grant applications, staff has prepared this memo in lieu of slide decks. Staff will be attending the virtual meeting to answer any questions from commissioners about the items described briefly below.

Fiscal Year (FY 2023) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Applications

FY 2022 RAISE [awards](#) were announced by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) on August 11. Total awards across the country were \$2.2 billion for 166 capital and planning projects. Virginia received funding for three planning projects totaling \$6.5 million and three capital projects totaling \$57.7 million, including \$20 million awarded to the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for the Long Bridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossing Project that will connect with Arlington County's trail network.

The County's FY 2022 RAISE application for \$15 million for the [Arlington National Cemetery \(ANC\) Wall Trail](#) was not selected for funding. A representative from the USDOT Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST) debriefed County staff on the FY 2022 application on November 1 and provided helpful feedback on ways to strengthen the County's application. Staff intends to apply to the FY 2023 RAISE program for the ANC Wall Trail for a third time. No other projects in the approved Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) are being considered for the FY 2023 RAISE cycle. USDOT has indicated that the FY 2023 RAISE Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will be released by the end of November 2022, with applications due approximately 90 days after the release of the NOFO. Staff anticipates returning to the TC for an action item on the County's FY 2023 RAISE application before either the February or March County Board meeting, depending on both the final application schedule released by USDOT and the 2023 County Board meeting schedule.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) FY 2024-FY 2025 I-395/95 Commuter Choice Applications

NVTC opened their call for projects for the subject grant program on November 7. Applications are due on Friday, January 27, 2023. Staff expects to submit two grant applications to this program:

- South George Mason Drive Multimodal Improvements (Columbia Pike to South Dinwiddie Street): capital improvements

- Metrobus Route 16M (Skyline to Crystal City via Columbia Pike and Metroway): operating funds

No other CIP projects are being considered for this grant opportunity. The TC will receive an update on the South George Mason Drive Multimodal Study from the Project Manager immediately before these three agenda items. Staff anticipates returning to the TC for an action item on the Commuter Choice applications before the January County Board meeting.

FY 2029 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality / Regional Surface Transportation Program (CMAQ-RSTP) Applications

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) issued its call for projects for FY 2029 CMAQ/RSTP applications on October 13. Applications are due on January 13 at 5:00 PM. Governing body resolutions of support are due on January 27 at 5:00 PM. FY 2029 estimated available funding for Northern Virginia is \$89.4 million (\$23.7 million in CMAQ and \$65.7 million in RSTP). Staff typically requests CMAQ/RSTP funding for Arlington County Commuter Services (ACCS) Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs, Capital Bikeshare, and selected programs in Transportation Engineering and Operations (TE&O) such as traffic signal optimization either on an annual basis (in the case of ACCS) or on a rotating multi-year cycle (all other projects). For FY 2028 there are \$1 million in CMAQ funds allocated to the Arlington Boulevard Trail between George Mason Drive and Edison Street. Staff anticipates returning to the TC for an action item on the FY2029 CMAQ/RSTP applications before the January County Board meeting.