

MOTION:

July 14, 2020
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 20-

SECOND:

RE: ENDORSE THE RECOMMENDED ROUTE 28 BYPASS PROJECT LOCATION (ALTERNATIVE 2B); AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY AND THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE ROUTE 28 BYPASS PROJECT (NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROJECT #2018-032-3); BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE \$89,000,000 TO BE REIMBURSED WITH FISCAL YEAR 2018-2023 70% NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FUNDS – BRENTSVILLE, COLES, AND GAINESVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS

ACTION:

WHEREAS, Route 28 is critical corridor in Prince William County that carries high volume intra-county and regional traffic; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County has established mobility improvements to the Route 28 corridor as a priority through inclusion in the County's Comprehensive Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, and the 2019 Mobility Bond Referendum authorized by the Board of County Supervisors and approved by voters; and

WHEREAS, the Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study was authorized to identify the preferred alternative for the section of Route 28 from Godwin Drive in Manassas to Centerville Road in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, the Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study identified thirteen alternatives and conducted a two-phase screening evaluation using the criteria of 2017 Planning Costs, Traffic Impacts, Socioeconomic and Right-of-Way Impacts, and Environmental Impacts to rank the alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 2B was the highest-ranking project location and was determined to have the lowest cost, highest traffic impacts, lowest impacts to existing development and communities, and low impact to the environment; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 2B is a bypass to existing Route 28 that will extend Godwin Drive as a four-lane divided roadway with a shared use path. The bypass will run parallel to Flat Branch and Bull Run streams and connect with Route 28 at a signalized intersection north of Bull Run Stream in Fairfax County. Route 28 improvements will tie into Fairfax County's widening project; and

WHEREAS, the Route 28 Bypass project location will reduce congestion and improve network reliability on Route 28, enhance peak period commuter traffic flow between Interstate 66 and residential communities, improve access to transit, and provide pedestrian and bicycle facilities; and

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WHEREAS, the project location as per Alternative 2B has been recommended by the Route 28 Corridor Study's Technical and Executive Committees, comprised of 67 professional staff, executive leadership, and elected officials at the federal, state, regional, and local levels; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing Route 28 Environmental Study has further analyzed and refined the location and impacts of the alternatives identified in the Route 28 Feasibility Study. Three public information meetings have been conducted; and

WHEREAS, County staff concurs with the aforementioned findings and recommendations of the studies and recommends Alternative 2B as the project location for the Route 28 Bypass; and

WHEREAS, the location of the Rt 28 Bypass is in the Comprehensive Plan and approval of this resolution excludes the need for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment or a Public Facilities Review; and

WHEREAS, the legislation established a dedicated, sustainable funding stream for transportation in Northern Virginia allowing the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) to begin fulfilling its mission to address regional transportation challenges. HB2313 separated these funds into 70% Regional Revenue, that is allocated through a competitive application process by NVTa for regional transportation projects; and 30% Local Distribution Revenue, that is distributed to jurisdictions for local and eligible transportation objectives; and

WHEREAS, TransAction is the multi-modal transportation master plan for Northern Virginia. It is a long-range plan addressing regional transportation needs through 2040. The plan focuses on eleven major travel corridors in Northern Virginia and identifies over 350 candidate regional projects for future transportation investments to improve travel throughout the region. TransAction is not bound to any budget and proposes more projects than can realistically be funded. The results of TransAction are used to inform the NVTa's Six Year Program for capital funding and to guide decisions about which transportation improvements the NVTa should prioritize for investment; and

WHEREAS, NVTa has 60 candidate regional projects to be funded using the 70% HB2313 revenues for Fiscal Year 2018-2023. NVTa's Standard Project Agreement (SPA) allows for the local administration of a project and for implementing jurisdictions and agencies to enter into a formal agreement with the authority to receive, on a reimbursement basis, the 70% NVTa funds. A signed and approved SPA is required prior to the distribution of the 70% HB2313 funds; and

WHEREAS, NVTa SPA for the Route 28 Bypass Project must be executed in order for the County to administer the project and for the County to be reimbursed for the approved funding; and

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WHEREAS, the \$89,000,000 for the Route 28 Bypass Project using Fiscal Year 2018-2023 NVTA funds must be budgeted and appropriated in order for it to be used for work associated with the respective project. The County will be reimbursed by NVTA with an approved SPA for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors voted June 16, 2020, via Resolution Number (Res No.) 20-497, to authorize a public hearing to endorse the recommended Route 28 Bypass project location; to execute a standard project agreement between Prince William County and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for the Route 28 Bypass project; Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Project #2018-032-3; and to budget and appropriate \$89,000,000 to be reimbursed with fiscal year 2018-2023 70% Northern Virginia Transportation Authority funds; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been duly advertised for this purpose and was conducted on July 14, 2020, and all interested parties were heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby endorses the Route 28 Bypass project location (Alternative 2B) identified herein by the Department of Transportation staff;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby authorizes the execution of a Standard Project Agreement and associated documents between Prince William County and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for local administration of the Route 28 Bypass Project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$89,000,000 for the Route 28 Bypass Project designated for reimbursement using Fiscal Year 2018-2023 70% Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Funds be budgeted and appropriated to allow a Request for Proposal (RFP) to be issued for the design of the project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Executive, or his designee, to execute such documents necessary to affect the intent to this resolution and sign the Standard Project Agreement for Funding and Administration between Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and Prince William County on behalf of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors.

ATTACHMENT: NVTA Standard Project Agreement

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Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Director of Transportation

ATTEST: _____
Clerk to the Board