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PUBLIC OUTREACH THIS FALL WILL HELP GUIDE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT

NVTA to Ask Northern Virginians about Transportation Priorities

Last spring the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) gained insight from over 1,300 individuals on their transportation issues and what changes they would like to see in the future.

Using this initial round of outreach and an evaluation of current and future travel patterns, the NVTA has identified a broad range of transportation needs. In its second wave of outreach this fall, the NVTA is launching a <u>survey</u> to learn how Northern Virginians think the NVTA should prioritize different ways of addressing a broad range of transportation needs.

Potential options range in scale and include:

- Better transit access and more frequent service to, between, and within major business/residential centers in the Northern Virginia region.
- Improved highway connections in the region.
- Expanded Park and Ride lot capacity and improved commuter bus service.
- Coordinated signal timing on major roads.
- Enhanced connections between transportation modes.

Daily Auto and Transit Trips beginning or ending in Northern Virginia



The NVTA's analysis of existing and future transportation conditions shows the complexity of travel patterns in the region. Understanding these travel patterns is essential to evaluating how the region's transportation system will perform in the future, with and without planned improvements.

The NVTA's fall survey is designed to capture feedback from residents living throughout Northern Virginia. This input will help guide the NVTA's development of TransAction, the long-range transportation plan for Northern Virginia. The plan will include a multi-modal vision for transportation improvements in Northern Virginia, serving as the mechanism through which more than \$1.7 billion for regional transportation improvements from 2018 to 2023.

In 2017, the NVTA will be engaging with the public and hosting a public hearing on the draft TransAction plan.

For more information, visit <u>nvtatransaction.org</u>.

The NVTA was created by the General Assembly on July 1, 2002, to offer a common voice for Northern Virginia on transportation issues confronting the region. The Authority is made up of nine jurisdictions including: the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William; as well as the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park. The Authority is responsible for updating Northern Virginia's long-range transportation plan, TransAction, and since 2014 manages approximately \$340 million annually in public funds for transportation projects designed to provide congestion relief throughout Northern Virginia. For more information visit <u>www.thenovaauthority.org</u>.

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