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NVTA SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON DRAFT TRANSACTION PLAN

Public Encouraged to Attend Public Hearing and Submit Comments

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) seeks public input on its newly released Draft TransAction Plan and associated Project List.

By 2040, population in Northern Virginia is forecast to increase by 24 percent, and employment by 37 percent. Attention to the regional transportation system is critical in addressing the projected increase in traffic congestion and crowding on transit services. Aimed at significantly improving the regional transportation network, the Draft Transaction Plan identifies more than 350 candidate projects and \$44 billion in unmet transportation needs. The candidate projects are multimodal in nature and vary in scope from expanded infrastructure to new capacity across modes.

The Draft TransAction Plan and its Project List are available at NVTATransAction.org and in person at the NVTA office weekdays from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

The public comment period is open now through midnight July 23, 2017. Northern Virginia residents can submit comments in three ways:

- TransAction Plan Craft for Public Comment

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- 1. email: TransActionUpdate@NVTATransAction.org
- 2. on-line: http://nvtatransaction.org/contact/
- 3. mail: 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22031.

In an effort to ensure participation across the region, the public is welcome to join NVTA's Public Hearing and Open House on July 13, 2017 or Town Hall Meetings available in many jurisdictions. The NVTA will host the Public Hearing and Open House at its office, located at 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA. The Open House will start at 5:30 pm, followed by a presentation at 7 pm. The Public Hearing will follow immediately after the presentation.

Pre-registration is open for those who would like to speak at the Public Hearing. Each speaker will have three minutes to provide comments on the Draft TransAction Plan. You can pre-register to speak in one of four ways:

- 1. e-mail: TransActionUpdate@NVTATransAction.org
- 2. on-line: http://TransActionPublicHearing.eventbrite.com
- 3. phone: 703-642-4652
- 4. in person on July 13, 2017 from 5:30-7 pm

ACCESSIBILITY TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: The Public Hearing will be held at a public facility believed to be accessible to persons with disabilities. Questions regarding the accessibility of the facility should be directed to the NVTA. Requests for special assistance or interpreter services for the deaf should be made through the NVTA at 703-642-4652 or through the Virginia Relay by dialing 7-1-1, no later than July 7, 2017.

ACCESSIBILITY TO PERSONS OF LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: Those who require interpreter services for languages other than English must notify the NVTA at 703-642-4652 no later than July 7, 2017. Any questions should be directed to the NVTA at 703-642-4652 or TransActionUpdate@NVTATransAction.org, no later than July 7, 2017.

For additional information on the Public Hearing and Open House on July 13 or the upcoming Town Hall Meetings, visit to NVTATransAction.org or call (703) 642-4652.

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 www.thenovaauthority.org.