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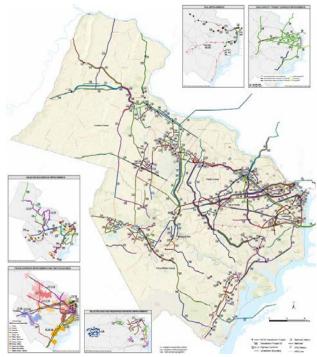
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THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ADOPTS THE TRANSACTION PLAN UPDATE

Adoption marks the first update since HB 2313 passed in 2013

On October 12, 2017, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority adopted the TransAction Plan Update. <u>TransAction</u>, Northern Virginia's long-range, multimodal transportation plan, addresses regional transportation needs through 2040. Adoption of the new TransAction plan marks the first time the Authority has updated the plan since the passage of HB 2313 in 2013. The Authority is responsible for developing and updating TransAction, and the Authority uses plan to evaluate and prioritize regional transportation projects in Northern Virginia.

After the adoption of TransAction, the Authority approved the issuance of the Call for Regional Transportation Projects for the Authority's inaugural Six Year Program. As a result of both approvals, Northern Virginia's jurisdictions and agencies can now apply for regional transportation projects to be funded through the NVTA's FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program. The application deadline for project submittals is noon on December 15, 2017.



Addressing regional transportation needs through 2040, the Transaction Plan focuses on eleven major travel corridors in Northern Virginia and identifies 352 projects and \$43.2 billion in unmet transportation needs. In addition, TransAction estimates that by 2040, the population in Northern Virginia is forecast to increase by 24 percent, and employment by 37 percent.

Throughout the TransAction process, the Authority's two overarching goals have remained the same: to reduce congestion, and to move the greatest number of people in the most cost-effective manner. The Authority aligns these two goals with performance-based criteria, such as the ability to improve travel times, reduce delays, connect regional activity centers, and improve safety and air quality, in order to develop TransAction.

<u>More information about the Six Year Program</u> can be found on the Authority's website. The adopted TransAction Plan, associated Project List and a hi-res version of the TransAction map above are available on the Authority's TransAction website.

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.

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