

2025 LEGISLATIVE & POLICY AGENDA

2025 STATE PRIORITIES



Continue to advocate for long-term, sustainable, dedicated funding to ensure WMATA, VRE, and all Northern Virginia transit systems meet the growing needs of public transit in our region.



Preserve additional state aid (FY 2026) for WMATA and operating cap re-baselining contained in the two-year state budget.



Preserve and restore state, regional and local funding for transit and transportation.

Protect existing NVTC autonomy, programs and funding sources.



Continue support for state investment in Transforming Rail in Virginia and other passenger rail initiatives.



Preserve transit's ability to effectively compete within the SMART SCALE program.



Support funding for development and implementation of transit innovations, including transit signal priority, zero and low-emission public transit and fare payment technologies while identifying opportunities to remove legislative barriers to improving transit.



Support ongoing efforts to streamline the permitting process for bus stop improvement projects in coordination with local jurisdictions.



Advance legislation that would add policies for rolling stock and operating properties of railroads used for commuter rail service in the Commonwealth, as well as cybersecurity policies for organizations operating such service, to the exemptions for state tax on surplus lines insurance.

2025 FEDERAL PRIORITIES



Ensure transit systems in Northern Virginia have the maximum access to federal formula funding and state of good repair funding, matching or exceeding the funding levels authorized in the Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act.



Maximize the region’s access to federal transportation funding programs and competitive grant opportunities.



Recognize the importance of public transit in accessing federal agencies and facilities, identify and secure federal long-term capital and operating funding opportunities that benefit local transit systems, including WMATA and VRE.



Encourage federal return-to-office policies that encourage transit use throughout the work week and secure a replacement for the region’s losses in fares from riders using federal transit benefits.



Continue support for commuter tax benefits for both the private and public sector.



Work with federal, state and local partners to address long-term challenges to domestic bus manufacturing highlighted by APTA’s bus manufacturing task force.

Transit Systems that Serve NVTC’s Communities

