



# 2024 LEGISLATIVE & POLICY AGENDA

## 2024 STATE PRIORITIES



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.



Seek administrative or legislative opportunities to permit WMATA to re-baseline its FY 2025 operating subsidy bill to reflect the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the transit system without financially penalizing NVTC jurisdictions.



Advocate for additional state aid in FY 2025 to match local funding for WMATA while regional stakeholders work for a long-term solution to fund Metro's capital and operating programs.



Protect state funding of public transit in Northern Virginia and ensure sustainable growth in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund.



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.



Restore full revenue levels to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.



Support funding for development and implementation of transit innovations, including transit signal priority, zero and low-emission public transit, and fare payment technologies.

## 2024 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 Investment and 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.



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

## Transit Systems That Serve NVTC's Communities

