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### **THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPOINTS NEW OFFICERS, VRE, VTA and METRO BOARD REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2013**

**Arlington, VA**— At its first business meeting of the new year on January 3, 2013, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) selected new officers and representatives to regional transportation boards, conducted a public hearing on its 2013 work program, agreed on several new initiatives and approved its FY 2014 administrative budget.

#### **NVTC's officers for 2013 are:**

Chairman	Hon. Jeff McKay (Fairfax County)
Vice-chairman	Hon. Paul C. Smedberg (city of Alexandria)
Secretary/Treasurer	Hon. David Snyder (city of Falls Church)

NVTC funds and promotes public transit in a district consisting of the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. It is led by a board of directors consisting of 20 local and state elected officials (and a representative of the Virginia Secretary of Transportation).

After being sworn in, McKay commented, "This is a critical time for transit. We move more people in Northern Virginia by bus and trains than anywhere else in the state. We need better state support to ensure transit continues to be a large part of Northern Virginia's economic success. Transit creates jobs, moves people to jobs, and creates enormous economic development opportunities. In light of the economic and political challenges there is no time more important than now to support transit as a key transportation and economic driver for our region."

The following NVTC board members will represent Virginia on the **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Board of Directors:**

Principals

Hon. Catherine Hudgins  
Hon. James W. Dyke

Alternates

Hon. Mary Hynes  
Hon. William Euille

These NVTC board members will serve on the **Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Operations Board:**

Principals

Hon. Sharon Bulova  
Hon. John Cook  
Hon. Chris Zimmerman  
Hon. Paul Smedberg

Alternates

Hon. Jeff McKay  
  
Hon. Jay Fiset  
Hon. Tim Lovain

On the **Board of Directors of the Virginia Transit Association (VTA)**, the following NVTC representatives will serve:

Principals

Hon. Chris Zimmerman  
Hon. William Euille

Alternates

Hon. Jeff McKay  
Hon. Mary Hynes  
Rick Taube/NVTC Executive Director

More details about NVTC and its board members are available at the commission's website: [www.thinkoutsidethecar.org](http://www.thinkoutsidethecar.org).

**NVTC is *the* leading source of information about public transportation issues in Northern Virginia.** NVTC is a regional agency with the mission of managing traffic congestion, restoring clean air, boosting the economy and improving the quality of life for all of Northern Virginia's citizens through effective public transit and ridesharing networks. NVTC includes the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church covering over 1,000 square miles with a population of 1.6 million. The agency manages over \$170 million of state and federal grant funds each year for public transit and serves as a forum for its board of 20 state and local elected officials to resolve issues involving public transit and ridesharing. **For more information please visit [www.thinkoutsidethecar.org](http://www.thinkoutsidethecar.org) or call 703-524-3322.**

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