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NVTC Elects Officers and Adopts Comprehensive Workprogram for 2002

Arlington - At its January 4th meeting, the 19-member Northern Virginia Transportation Commission elected officers for the year 2001, as well as voting members and alternates for area transit boards.

NVTC Officers

Chairman	Kerry Donley (<i>Mayor of Alexandria</i>)
Vice-Chairman	Christopher Zimmerman (<i>Arlington County Board</i>)
Secretary-Treasurer	Elaine McConnell (<i>Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Springfield District</i>)

Virginia Representatives to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors

Voting Members

- Dana Kauffman (*Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Lee District*)
- Chris Zimmerman

Alternates

- Kate Hanley (*Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors*)
- Bill Euille (*Alexandria City Council*)

NVTC Representatives to the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Operations Board

Principal Members

- Sharon Bulova (*Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Braddock District*)
- Dana Kauffman
- Elaine McConnell

Alternate

- Chris Zimmerman

The Commission also approved its 2001 meeting schedule. Business meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the NVTC office. Exceptions are February (2/8/01), June (7:30 p.m.), July (7/12/01), August (no meeting) and November (7:30 p.m.).

The Commission approved a workprogram of seven goals and 63 specific objectives to be accomplished by staff and commissioners. The Commission's mission is to provide a forum for local and state elected officials to achieve an effective regional transportation network. Focusing primarily on transit, NVTC will develop strategies, identify funding, prioritize allocations of funds, oversee transit systems such as VRE and WMATA, and pursue new transit programs.

Some of NVTC's major initiatives for 2001 include:

- Implementing new hybrid-electric bus service in Falls Church;
- Managing movement of SmarTrip compatible fareboxes for Northern Virginia's local bus systems;
- Completing recommendations for improved bus service in the Route 1 corridor linking Prince William and Fairfax counties;
- Safeguarding and expanding sources of transit funds available to local governments for transit operations and capital.

More information about NVTC, including the entire workprogram and supporting materials, is available on its website at www.cns.state.va.us/nvtc.