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THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPOINTS NEW OFFICERS, VRE and METRO BOARD REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2008

Arlington, VA— At its first business meeting of the new year on January 3, 2008, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) selected new officers and representatives to regional transportation boards, conducted a public hearing on its 2008 work program, agreed on several new initiatives and approved its FY 2009 administrative budget.

NVTC's officers for 2008 are:

Chairman	Hon. William D. Euille (city of Alexandria)
Vice-chairman	Hon. Chris Zimmerman (Arlington County)
Secretary/Treasurer	Hon. Gerry Connolly (Fairfax County)

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).

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

Principals

Hon. Catherine Hudgins
Hon. Chris Zimmerman

Alternates

Hon. Jeff McKay
Hon. Bill Euille

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

Principals

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

Alternates

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

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

Principals

Hon. Bill Euille
Hon. Chris Zimmerman

Alternates

Hon. Mary Margaret Whipple
Rick Taube

NVTC's work program for 2008 includes several important initiatives. For example, in the area of developing and testing new technologies, NVTC will complete development in Falls Church of new bus locator and customer information software and in the city of Fairfax of new hydrogen fuel injection kits to reduce bus emissions and improve fuel efficiency. The commission will also complete a report on the effectiveness of transit travel training for seniors. Finally, NVTC will continue to manage over \$200 million annually in transit assistance funds, while also performing accounting and public outreach services for the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority,

More details about NVTC and its board members are available at the commission's website: 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 \$120 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 or call 703-524-3322.**

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