

NVTC Executive Director Kate Mattice Receives COG's Ronald F. Kirby Award for Collaborative Leadership

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COG Presents Ronald F. Kirby Award to Kate Mattice

Arlington, VA – Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) Executive Director Kate Mattice was recognized Wednesday by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) for her outstanding leadership. She accepted the prestigious Ronald F. Kirby Award for Collaborative Leadership at COG's annual membership meeting. The award recognizes a non-elected government executive who works collaboratively with elected officials, stakeholders, and their communities to shape a better region. COG noted that "under Mattice's leadership, NVTC's collaboration with COG and regional partners was instrumental in the Metro dedicated funding effort." She is the sixth non-elected leader and first woman to be recognized with this award.

COG Chairman Matt Letourneau, who serves as NVTC vice chairman, presented the award. "I've seen firsthand how effective Kate has been in navigating complex WMATA governance and funding issues. She has quickly become a respected voice throughout the entire region as a subject matter expert, consensus builder, and hard worker for our shared goals," he said. "She is a driving force to bring together Northern Virginia jurisdictions, the Commonwealth of Virginia, WMATA, and other transportation agencies to ensure that transit needs are met."

"Kate's passion for transit and collaborative regional efforts were tenets of Ron Kirby's distinguished career," said NVTC Chairman Paul Smedberg. "Kate has quickly become a respected voice throughout the entire metropolitan region and the commonwealth as a transit policy expert, consensus builder, and mentor for our shared transit and transportation goals."

Arlington County Board Chair Katie Cristol, who serves as NVTC Secretary-Treasurer, concurred. "Through her unparalleled policy knowledge and skillful building of relationships and coalitions, Kate has achieved great things for our region," she said. "This recognition from COG is a validation of Kate's accomplishments. She has been an essential player in achieving landmark transit funding agreements and in creating the partnerships that will sustain the region's transit systems and our shared future."

Kate Mattice has served as NVTC executive director since November 2016, coordinating transit investments across

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COG Chairman Matt Letourneau (left) and Executive Director Chuck Bean (right) present the Ronald F. Kirby Award to NVTC Executive Director Kate Mattice (center).

NVTC works to ensure that businesses and residents are served by a high capacity, high quality network of transit systems that allows the region to thrive. It funds and promotes transit in the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. NVTC supports five local bus systems (ART, CUE, DASH, Fairfax Connector, Loudoun County Transit), WMATA (Metrorail/Metrobus) and the Virginia Railway Express. Visit www.NoVaTransit.org or call 703-524-3322 to learn more.

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of transit programs and policy, leading the organization's data analysis, regional coordination, corridor planning, and legislative efforts. Before coming to NVTC, Mattice spent 13 years at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). During her last three years at FTA, she served as deputy associate administrator for budget and policy and as deputy chief financial officer.

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