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### **SARAH BAGLEY OF ALEXANDRIA TO SERVE AS 2026 NVTC CHAIR Commission will also preview efforts to secure sustainable public transit funding in the upcoming General Assembly Session**

Arlington, Va. - The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission will vote on new officers for 2026, including Chair Sarah Bagley of the City of Alexandria, discuss efforts during the upcoming General Assembly Session to establish sustainable funding for public transit, and authorize comments for Metro's proposed budget and capital program during its monthly meeting this Thursday.

#### **New Chair and Officers**

The Commission will [vote to appoint](#) Sarah Bagley of the City of Alexandria as Chair for 2026, alongside Vice-Chair Matthew F. Letourneau of Loudoun County and Secretary-Treasurer Maureen Coffey of Arlington County.

Ms. Bagley is Vice Mayor of the City of Alexandria and was first appointed to NVTC in 2022. She served as Chair of the VRE Operations Board in 2025.

#### **Sustainable Funding for Public Transit**

The Commission will hear [updates](#) on efforts to establish sustainable and dedicated funding for public transit in the 2026 General Assembly Session, which begins next week. NVTC worked in close cooperation with DMV *Moves* and the General Assembly's SJ 28 Growing Needs of Northern Virginia Public Transit Joint Subcommittee and will be monitoring legislation as it moves through the General Assembly.

NVTC's legislative priorities call for such funding to provide adequate growth to meet current and future operating and capital needs for Metro, Virginia Railway Express and Northern Virginia's local bus providers, consistent with NVTC's [Guiding Principles](#) for Future Transit Funding.

### **NVTC's Metro Budget Recommendations**

The Commission will be [asked to allow](#) NVTC's WMATA Committee chair to submit comments as part of Metro's public comment period for the proposed FY 2027 budget and FY 2027-2032 capital program. NVTC supports legislative efforts in Virginia, as well as the District of Columbia and Maryland, to fund the [capital improvement program](#) that assumes an annual regional investment of \$460 million, adjusted for inflation, reflecting the recommendations provided by [DMVMoves](#).

### **Meeting Time and Location**

The Commission Meeting will be held Thursday, January 8 at 7 p.m. in the first floor conference room at 2300 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22201. The meeting will be streamed live on [YouTube](#). Full [meeting materials](#) are available online. We are accepting public comment on the December meeting agenda until 3 p.m. on Thursday. Complete the [online form](#) to share your feedback.

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