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## Commission Meeting Alert

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### **COMMISSIONERS TO GET FIRST LOOK AT CONGESTION-RELIEF PROPOSALS FOR I-395/95**

**Commissioners will also discuss Metro's proposed budget**

Arlington, Va. - Members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission will view a new list of proposals for congestion-relief projects in the I-395/95 corridor, discuss feedback on Metro's budget and review NVTC's Work Plan through 2022 at their monthly meeting this Thursday

#### **Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 Corridor project applications**

Commissioners will get their first look at the full list of applications for funding for projects in Round Two (FY 2022 - 2024) of [Commuter Choice](#) program. This innovative investment program uses toll revenues from the Express Lanes to invest in transit and other solutions that will provide options to those who travel on the I-395/95 corridor. The application period closed Friday, January 29. NVTC anticipates full funding of approximately \$30 million for the two-year program. NVTC staff received the second annual transit payment for the I-395/95 corridor from the Commonwealth on January 11. Because of the full-time tolling and long distance of the 95 and 395 Express Lanes, the COVID-19 public health emergency has not impacted overall traffic volumes and revenues in the 95 and 395 Express Lanes as much as the shorter, single-direction tolled I-66 Inside the Beltway.

#### **Report from Virginia's Metro Board members**

Virginia's Metro Board of Directors members [will discuss](#) Metro's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022, including its potential impacts on service levels and funding provided by Northern Virginia's local governments. Commissioners will also hear from the Chair of NVTC's WMATA Committee who will provide an overview of themes that will be included in an official letter of comment to Metro from NVTC.

#### **NVTC 2021-2022 Work Plan**

The Commission will be presented and hear public comment on the 2021-2022 NVTC [Work Plan](#). The Work Plan serves as a guiding document for NVTC staff to support the mission of the Commission. This Work Plan identifies specific programs, projects and tasks that NVTC staff intend to perform during the period from January 2021 through June 2022 (fiscal years FY 2021 – 2022). It is intended to be a living

document that can be updated as priorities and projects change. Commissioners will review the Work Plan as part of a discussion of NVTC's FY 2022 General and Administrative budget at the February meeting with approval scheduled for spring. Members of the public wishing to review and provide comment specifically on the Work Plan can do so [here](#) by noon Wednesday.

### Meeting time and location

The Commission meeting will be held Thursday, February at 7 p.m. and can be viewed on the NVTC [YouTube](#) page. There will NOT be an in-person meeting. Full meeting materials are posted [online](#). Members of the public wishing to provide public comment to the Commission can do so [here](#), until 3 p.m. Thursday.

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