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## NVTC APPLAUDS GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSAGE OF TRANSPORTATION BILL

## Monumental bill makes significant investments in transportation and transit

Arlington, Va. - The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission applauds the Virginia General Assembly for the final passage of the Omnibus Transportation Bill, which provides significant benefits for Northern Virginia and the entire Commonwealth. NVTC also thanks House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn and Senate Majority Leader Dick Saslaw for their commitment in guiding this legislation to the finish line.

NVTC Chair Katie Cristol said, "My colleagues and I applaud the Administration and General Assembly for this extraordinary investment in transit, a more sustainable Commonwealth, and improved quality of life for Virginia residents and commuters. We look forward to partnering with DRPT, the CTB and the new Virginia Passenger Rail Authority to deliver expanded, innovative and reliable transit service to more Northern Virginians."

The bill directly addresses many of the goals of NVTC's legislative and policy agenda, including:

- Preserve Dedicated Funding for Transit
- Restore Northern Virginia's Regional Multimodal Funding
- Secure Funding and Financing for Long Bridge
- Identify Long-Term, Sustainable Transit Funding
- Preserve NVTC's Role as the Transit Commission for Northern Virginia

The bill eliminates a lot of the year-to-year uncertainty surrounding transportation and transit funding by creating dedicated and sustainable revenue streams, which will benefit WMATA, Virginia Railway Express (VRE) and local transit operators, which are crucial to supporting businesses and communities in Northern Virginia.

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 <u>www.NoVaTransit.org</u> or call 703-524-3322 to learn more.

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