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NVTC COMMENDS CONGRESS FOR SUPPORTING PUBLIC TRANSIT

Emergency relief bill includes \$25 billion for U.S. public transit agencies

Arlington, Va. - The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission thanks the Northern Virginia Congressional delegation on their leadership in passing the CARES Act. The legislation provides \$25 billion in emergency relief for public transit agencies in the wake of COVID-19. NVTC particularly thanks Sens. Mark Warner and Tim Kaine and Reps. Gerry Connolly, Don Beyer and Jennifer Wexton for ensuring our transit systems are provided with an economic lifeline during these challenging times. The money for public transit, which will be apportioned by the Federal Transit Administration, will immediately benefit WMATA, VRE, and PRTC/Omniride. Nationwide, the transit funding includes:

- \$13.9 billion for urbanized areas
- \$1.8 billion for rural areas
- \$1.7 billion for areas of high growth or high density
- \$7.6 billion for state of good repair

The money is designated to pay for the additional transit operating costs associated with making systems safe for employees and riders, as well as cover revenue losses during these period of reduced service and ridership. While this financial support is a necessary first step to keep transit agencies operating now and in the future, [Transit Center](#) warns that the financial impact of COVID-19 on transit agencies could range from \$26 to \$38 billion annually. We urge members of Congress to provide additional money for public transit in future emergency relief legislation.

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