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Transit and Roadway Enhancements Will Benefit I-66 Toll Payers

Arlington, VA - The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) voted Thursday to use \$12 million in I-66 toll revenues to fund 15 projects that will benefit commuters in the corridor. "These projects will move an additional 2,000 people through the I-66 corridor during rush hour and save about 120,000 hours of travel delays each year," said NVTC Chairman Paul Smedberg. "Among these projects are several that will improve emergency response to keep traffic in the corridor moving and others that will get more people from their homes to transit by improving access to stations and park-and-ride lots and by increasing parking."

The projects cover a large swath of Northern Virginia.

Grant recipients include Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun counties; the cities of Fairfax, Falls Church, and Manassas; and the Potomac and Rappahannock

Transportation Commission in Prince William County. Two of the projects will allow NVTC to build upon the success of I-66 Commuter Choice, which administers the funding program.

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-Paul Smedberg NVTC Chairman

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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will improve access to park-and-ride lots, bus stops, and Metrorail and Virginia Railway Express stations; 7 percent, or \$0.8 million, will improve incident response in the I-66 corridor; and 6 percent, or \$0.7 million, will support transit incentives, carpools and vanpools.

NVTC previously funded 10 projects, totaling \$9.8 million, in the I-66 corridor, including popular bus service between Gainesville and the Pentagon; Fairfax County Government Center and downtown Washington, D.C.; and Loudoun County's Stone Ridge II park-and-ride lot and the District.

The 15 projects endorsed by NVTC will be reviewed in May and voted on in June by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. I-66 Commuter Choice, a 40-year partnership between the Commonwealth and NVTC, is designed to move more people, enhance transportation connectivity, improve transit service, reduce roadway congestion, and increase travel options for commuters in the corridor.

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