

NVTC to consider restarting Commuter Choice project approvals

Commission Meeting Alert

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NVTC TO CONSIDER RESTARTING COMMUTER CHOICE PROJECT APPROVALS

Process had been put on hold due to COVID-19

Arlington, Va. - Members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission will consider a new schedule for the approval of a slate of projects at their July 2, 2020 meeting. They will also welcome a new Commissioner from the Virginia Senate. This meeting will be online-only and can be viewed on [YouTube](#). There will NOT be an in-person meeting.

New proposed timeline for approval of transit projects under the Commuter Choice program

The Commission will be asked to approve a new schedule for the selection of new projects to be funded under the [Commuter Choice](#) program. Projects that scored highly during the evaluation process include a new entrance at the McLean Metro Station; renewed funding for commuter bus service connecting Gainesville to the Pentagon and Navy Yard; and restoration of peak-period Metrobus service connecting Tysons Corner to the Mark Center in Alexandria.

The proposed schedule would designate a public comment period between September 1 and 21, 2020 and would include a virtual town hall to directly solicit public comments. The approval process will be coordinated with the required Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board briefings and approval. Please note that this timeline is subject to change based on the availability of financial projections from NVTC's Commonwealth partners and relevant executive orders related to the ongoing public health emergency.

Commuter Choice on the I-66 corridor is a partnership between the Commonwealth of Virginia and NVTC. Led by NVTC, the program funds transit and multimodal projects in Northern Virginia through a competitive process using a portion of the toll revenues from I-66 Inside the Beltway.

Sen. John Bell joins Commission

NVTC will swear-in [Sen. John Bell](#) as its newest Commissioner. Sen. Bell represents parts of Loudoun and Prince William counties and was elected in 2019, after serving two terms in the House of Delegates. Senator Bell's appointment fills the last remaining open seat on the Commission.

Meeting Time and Location

The Commission meeting will be held Thursday, July 2 at 7 p.m. and can be viewed on the NVTC [YouTube](#) page. 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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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.