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NVTC TO SHARE ENVISION ROUTE 7 ADVANCEMENTS AND VIRGINIA BUDGET UPDATES

Commission will also receive a VRE orientation

Arlington, Va. - The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission will receive key updates on Envision Route 7 and the Virginia Biennial State Budget and will also participate in a Virginia Railway Express (VRE) orientation at their **virtual** monthly meeting this Thursday.

Envision Route 7 Bus Rapid Transit

Senior Program Manager Vikram Sinha will present on the work underway to advance [Envision Route 7](#). Through a grant from NVTC's Commuter Choice program, WMATA will be providing additional peak hour service on Route 7 via the Metro Bus F2X starting in December 2026. The existing F20 route carries 2.4 million people per year with 12-minute frequency, making it one of the highest ridership Metro Bus routes in the region.

NVTC staff will also continue to coordinate with the jurisdictions along Route 7 with an eye toward identifying segments that can be prioritized for improvements to bus riders. The corridor itself is recognized as a regional priority in both DMV**Moves** as well as the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)'s [BRT Action Plan](#).

Virginia Biennial State Budget

The House and Senate approved the conference report on [House Bill 30](#) on June 22 and subsequently adopted the Governor's final recommendations, completing action on the FY 27–FY 28 biennial state budget. The agreement partially addresses several transit funding

and policy recommendations developed through SJ 28 and DMVMoves, including two years of additional state support for WMATA operating assistance, a new Northern Virginia WMATA capital contribution requirement beginning in FY 2029, optional local revenue authority for public transportation through a local sales tax subject to referendum and a new WMATA unit-cost growth framework to replace the existing 3% cap. However, it does not establish a permanent WMATA operating solution or provide additional ongoing statewide transit operating or capital funding.

Virginia Railway Express Commission Orientation

VRE CEO Katie Choe and her team will give an orientation on [VRE](#) and the role of NVTC and PRTC as co-owners, the work of VRE, its staff and the VRE Operations Board, as well as how it all incorporates into the VRE System 2050 Plan.

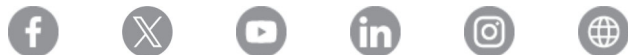
Meeting Time and Location

The Commission Meeting will be held **virtually**, with no in-person participation, Thursday, July 2 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be streamed live on [YouTube](#). Full meeting materials are available [online](#). We are accepting public comment on the meeting agenda until 3 p.m. on Thursday. Complete the [online form](#) to share your feedback.

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