



## MEETING ALERT

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### **NVTC TO RESPOND TO DMV MOVES, APPROVE VRE'S SYSTEM PLAN 2050 Commission will also review efforts to improve bus service in NoVa**

Arlington, Va. - The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission will approve a response to DMV Moves recent discussions, learn about efforts to improve bus service in the region and be asked to vote on the future of Virginia Railway Express at their monthly meeting Thursday, which will be ONLINE ONLY.

#### **NVTC's Response to DMV Moves**

The Commission will be asked to approve a [resolution](#) outlining "NVTC Principles in Response to DMV Moves Funding Concepts," which were developed by the joint task force created by Metro and the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments.

NVTC's resolution calls for supporting the direction of funding concepts that manage Metro's state of repair backlog, advance rail automation in order to drive cost efficiencies, ensure Metro's structural funding issues are resolved and allow Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia to identify the appropriate sources to generate sufficient revenue to cover their proportional shares of the Metro funding solution. The resolution also speaks to NVTC's position on improving coordination across local bus systems.

#### **Virginia Railway Express 2050**

Commissioners will be [asked to approve](#) Virginia Railway Express' (VRE) [System Plan 2050](#), as part of its legal responsibility as co-owner of VRE. The System Plan 2050 includes plans for rail service enhancements and infrastructure improvements over

the coming decades. It outlines general strategies for when, where, and how VRE trains will operate in the future; and the station, track and rolling stock that will be needed by 2050. The System Plan 2050 does not make any financial commitments, which will be sought separately through federal, state and local channels.

### **Improving Bus Service in Northern Virginia**

The Commission will hear two presentations regarding efforts to improve bus service in Northern Virginia. First, staff will present "[Bus Priority Basics](#)," diving into technological and infrastructure upgrades designed to keep buses moving. They include transit signal priority, queue jumps, dedicated bus lanes, enhanced bus stops, bus priority and bus rapid transit. Many of these improvements are already being used in the region and there are plans to expand their usage.

NVTC staff will also update Commissioners on the current phase of study underway for the planned [Envision Route 7](#) Bus Rapid Transit system connecting Tysons to Alexandria, by way of Falls Church and Seven Corners. This study builds on previous research and is examining the portion between Seven Corners and Alexandria. It's also taking a further look at options in the City of Falls Church.

### **Meeting time and location**

The Commission meeting will be ONLINE ONLY and will take place Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be livestreamed at [YouTube.com/@NoVaTransit](https://www.youtube.com/@NoVaTransit). Full meeting materials are [posted online](#). Members of the public wishing to comment on the meeting agenda to the Commission can do so [here](#), until 3 p.m. Thursday.

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