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MEETING ALERT

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NVTC TO DISCUSS FUTURE PUBLIC TRANSIT FUNDING SOLUTIONS Commission will also hear about thriving transit ridership in Northern Virginia

Arlington, Va. - The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission will discuss two sets of recommendations aimed at establishing long-term sustainable funding for public transit and hear about thriving transit ridership in Northern Virginia at their monthly meeting this Thursday.

NVTC Response to Future Transit Funding Recommendations

Commissioners will [discuss](#) the recommendations of *DMVMoves* and the General Assembly's SJ 28, Northern Virginia Growing Needs of Public Transit Joint Subcommittee. Both bodies have worked toward establishing long-term sustainable funding for public transit in the Greater Washington region and the Commonwealth of Virginia. *DMVMoves* approved its recommendations last week. The Joint Subcommittee will meet for the final time Wednesday, November 5 and is anticipated to vote on recommendations to the Virginia General Assembly.

The total funding need in Northern Virginia beginning in FY 2028 is approximately \$400 million, which includes an initial \$153 million of additional operating support needed in FY 2027, additional funding will be needed for Virginia Railway Express when Long Bridge opens.

Northern Virginia Transit Ridership is Thriving

Investing in long-term sustainable funding for public transit will ensure that ridership continues to thrive. Bus ridership is the highest in a decade, having surpassed pre-pandemic levels more than a year ago.



Staff will report on key [ridership statistics](#) demonstrating that 2.1 million people ride transit in Northern Virginia each week. All transit ridership is running 15% higher than last year, while Virginia Railway Express has seen a 25% surge in ridership.

Meeting Time and Location

The Commission Meeting will be held Thursday, November 6 at 7 p.m. in the first floor conference room at 2300 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22201. The meeting will be streamed live on [YouTube](#). Full meeting materials are [available online](#). We are accepting public comment until 3 p.m. on Thursday. Complete the [online form](#) to share your feedback.

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