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LEARN ABOUT AGENCY PROJECTS, INITIATIVES AT NORTHERN VIRGINIA JOINT TRANSPORTATION MEETING DEC. 8

Join the Commonwealth Transportation Board, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and Virginia Railway Express for virtual public meeting and listening session

Arlington, Va. - The public is invited to a joint virtual meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020 with the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI), Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and Virginia Railway Express, to learn more about the regional collaboration it requires to keep travelers in Northern Virginia moving.

Per [Virginia code §33.2-214.3](#), these organizations shall conduct a joint public meeting annually for the purposes of presenting to the public, and receiving comments on, transportation projects proposed and conducted by each entity in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia).

The meeting will include an opportunity to receive public comments following agency presentations on transportation initiatives, including:

- Virginia's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
- VTrans Draft Mid-term Transportation Needs
- NVTa's FY2020-2025 Six Year Program; TransAction; COVID-19 analysis; and the Regional Multi-Modal Mobility Program (RM3P) in partnership with the Commonwealth of Virginia
- NVTC's Commuter Choice program

The meeting will be streamed live from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the DRPT [YouTube](#) channel, and following the

presentations, public comment can be made by calling 1-415-655-0001 US Toll, Access code: 126 518 6536. [corrected call-in number]

Comments may also be submitted through January 4, 2021 via this [online comment form](#), by voicemail to 703-718-6368 or by mail to Ms. Maria Sinner, VDOT, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Meeting materials and presentations will be available at viriniadot.org/novatransportationmeeting.

About the Agencies

The Commonwealth Transportation Board allocates public funds to highway, road, bridge, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, public transportation and transportation demand management projects. Virginia's SMART SCALE scores projects on factors of safety, congestion reduction, accessibility, land use, environmental quality and economic development.

The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation are state agencies reporting to the Secretary of Transportation, focused on the movement of people and goods throughout the Commonwealth. VDOT is responsible for building, maintaining and operating the state's roads, bridges and tunnels. DRPT's primary areas of activity are rail, public transportation and commuter services, working with local, regional, state and federal governments, as well as private entities to support for projects and programs. The agencies will provide information on the draft FY 2021-2026 Six-Year Improvement Program. See more [here](#) and [here](#).

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (Authority) is a regional body focused on delivering real transportation solutions and value for Northern Virginia's transportation dollars by bringing Northern Virginia jurisdictions and agencies together to prioritize projects and implement solutions. The Authority will provide information on the recently adopted [FY2020-2025 Six Year Program](#); the update to [TransAction](#), Northern Virginia's long-range transportation plan; COVID-19 Transportation Impacts and Opportunities; the Regional Multi-Modal Mobility Program (RM3P); and [NoVA Gateway](#), a new tool that allows streamlined search capabilities for real-time NVTA-funded project status updates.

The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) advances a robust and reliable public transit network to support communities in Northern Virginia. NVTC will provide updated information about the Commuter Choice program, which makes the Northern Virginia transportation network better for commuters by investing toll revenues into public transit and other multimodal projects along two expressway corridors, I-66 and I-395/95.

The *Virginia Railway Express (VRE)* has been providing commuter rail service between Central and Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia since 1992. As a participant in the commonwealth's \$3.9 billion Transforming Rail in Virginia program, VRE has many station-improvement and maintenance-and-storage facility projects at various levels of implementation. VRE will provide an overview of its projects and highlight several that have received financial support from funding agencies participating in the December 8, 2020 regional transportation meeting.

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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 NoVaTransit.org or call 703-524-3322 to learn more.



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