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NVRTC'S ANNUAL REPORT ON METRO OUTLINES SUPPORT FOR LONG-TERM FUNDING, MAKES ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The report offers strategies for further cost controls and efficiencies to build on the great strides Metro made this year

Arlington, Va. - The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission formally accepted the 2025 "[Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA](#)" at its meeting last night, detailing NVRTC's support for long-term, sustainable funding for Metro. That support is informed by the work of *DMVmoves*, the joint task force assembled by Metro and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and the Virginia General Assembly's Northern Virginia Growing Needs of Public Transit Joint Subcommittee, two committees that spent nearly two years studying ways to [establish](#) long-term sustainable funding for public transit in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Greater Washington region.

NVRTC's message is clear: **now is the time to invest in a long-term, sustainable, dedicated funding solution for Metro.**

NVTC supports a long-term funding solution for WMATA in Virginia comprised of a:

WMATA Operating Funding Solution

\$153M

beginning in FY 2027 to permanently sustain Virginia's two-year additional investment to support WMATA's operating budget

WMATA Capital Funding Solution

\$136-150M

beginning in FY 2028 to meet Virginia's share of a regional solution to maintain and modernize the WMATA rail and bus systems

Both then growing each year thereafter

NVTC also supports a long-term funding solution for **Virginia Railway Express** and **local bus operators** in Northern Virginia



Metro Has Momentum

The "[Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA](#)" recognizes the progress Metro has made in the last year, leading the nation in public transit ridership growth, significantly reducing crime and finding substantial cost savings.

NVTC Positions on Key Metro Issues

The report will be submitted to Gov. Glenn Youngkin and the General Assembly, as required by law. It fulfills the legislative requirement to identify strategies for reducing growth in costs and improving efficiencies with these key recommendations:

- Manage labor and overtime costs
- Establish a reserve fund
- Streamline Metro's reporting requirements
- Coordinate audits to reduce administrative burden
- Encourage collaboration with the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission
- Continue reducing costs and increasing revenues

Additionally, the "Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA" contains a reaffirmation of NVTC's transit funding [principles](#), use of Virginia's FY2025 dedicated capital funding and updated safety, reliability, ridership and financial performance data.

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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), Metro and the Virginia Railway Express. Visit [NoVaTransit.org](https://www.novatransit.org) to learn more.

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