Commission Meeting Alert

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NVTC DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE POTENTIAL MODIFICATIONS TO A SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN NVTC AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA The Commission will also consider state and federal legislative priorities for 2020

Arlington, Va. - The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, December 5. Commissioners will be asked to continue discussions on a proposal to modify an existing agreement in order to free up money to support the Long Bridge passenger rail improvement project and/or improvements for the Rosslyn Metro Station. Commissioners will also be asked to approve NVTC's Legislative and Policy Agenda, recognizing that Northern Virginia's economic growth and global competitiveness are directly tied to the region's transit network.

MODIFICATION OF INSIDE THE BELTWAY AGREEMENT

The Commission will be asked to approve a resolution that supports further discussions with the Commonwealth of Virginia on proposed amendments to the 2017 Amended and Restated Transform66 Inside the Beltway Project <u>Memorandum of Agreement</u> (MOA). The Commonwealth proposes allowing for a portion of the revenues to be used for debt service and specific pay-go elements of the Long Bridge and/or improvements at or in support of the Rosslyn Metrorail Station. The amendments also provide a guaranteed minimum NVTC payment and elimination of the transit operating assistance cap. As the Commonwealth requests NVTC's support for ongoing discussions to amend this MOA. Deputy Secretary of Transportation Nick Donohue, who briefed the Commission on proposed changes during the November meeting, will return to provide updates and answer questions.

OUTLINING 2020 LEGISLATIVE GOALS

Commissioners will be asked to approve NVTC's 2020 <u>Legislative and Policy Agenda</u>. It includes state and federal legislative priorities. The agenda's goals include preserving dedicated funding for transit, including WMATA; securing financing and funding for the <u>Long Bridge</u> project; and preserving and expanding commuter benefits at the state and federal level.

RECOGNITION OF 8 DEPARTING COMMISSIONERS

Also this month, NVTC will <u>acknowledge</u> the service of eight Commissioners whose period of service will soon come to an end. They are Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, Fairfax County Supervisor John Cook, Loudoun County Supervisor Ron Meyer, Senator Richard Black, the Honorable Jim LeMunyon, Mr. David Skiles and Mr. Raul "Danny" Vargas. The Commission expects to welcome new Commissioners in early 2020.

MEETING LOCATION AND TIME

The meeting is open to the public and will be held at 2300 Wilson Boulevard, first floor conference room,

Arlington, Virginia at 7 p.m. The full agenda for the meeting can be found <u>here</u>. The meeting will be livestreamed on <u>YouTube</u>.

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

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