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Arlington, VA – Loudoun County Supervisor Matthew F. Letourneau was elected January 3 as an alternate to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors, the first person from the county to serve on the panel. “As the board prepares for Metro’s Silver Line to come to Loudoun, it is vitally important that we are fully engaged in WMATA issues. This new position will give me an opportunity to represent Loudoun’s interests as well as those of transit riders throughout the region,” he said. “Transportation remains the number one issue of concern for our residents, and it is in everyone’s interest to have a functioning, reliable, cost-effective regional transit system. While we’ve made progress, there’s still a lot of work to do and I look forward to tackling these challenges.”

The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission appoints one principal and two alternate directors to the WMATA board. A second principal director is appointed by Virginia’s governor. [Letourneau joins Fairfax Supervisor Catherine Hudgins as an alternate. Arlington County Board Member Christian Dorsey is the NVTC appointee and Alexandria’s Paul Smedberg is the gubernatorial appointee.](#)

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 NVTC Chairman &
 WMATA Board
 Alternate Director***

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and provides oversight for the funding, operation, and expansion of transit facilities within the Washington Metropolitan Area's defined "Transit Zone." The Metro Board of Directors is composed of eight voting and eight alternate directors. Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and the federal government appoint two voting and two alternate directors each.

(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.

Letourneau was elected to represent the Dulles District on the Board of Supervisors in November 2011 and re-elected in 2015. He serves as chair of the board's Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee. In 2018 he served as chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors, becoming the first person from Loudoun County to chair the COG board since 1983. He currently serves as NVTC's chairman.

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