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Arlington, VA – As the federal government shutdown continues, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission commends the Commonwealth of Virginia on its decision to advance state operating funds to transit agencies. “While our bus and rail systems have yet to suffer major impacts from the budget impasse, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation’s proactive approach will help stave off potential consequences such as service reductions,” said NVTC Chairman Matthew F. Letourneau. “NVTC and its member transit agencies appreciate the advancement of state operating assistance given the uncertainty surrounding the reinstatement of federal payments.”

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**Matthew F. Letourneau
 NVTC Chairman**

[A recent letter from DRPT](#) to bus and rail providers noted that “the federal government budget impasse continues to impact administrative activities with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Specifically, draws of federal funds from the FTA have been halted. In an effort to ease the burden the federal government shutdown is having on your agency’s cash flow, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation will process operating

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,

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early. We will continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate action if the shutdown continues into February.”

DRPT provides operating assistance to six transit agencies within NVTC's jurisdictional boundaries. They are Arlington Transit (ART), City-University Energysaver (CUE) Bus System, Alexandria Transit Company (DASH), Fairfax Connector, Loudoun County Transit, and Virginia Railway Express.

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