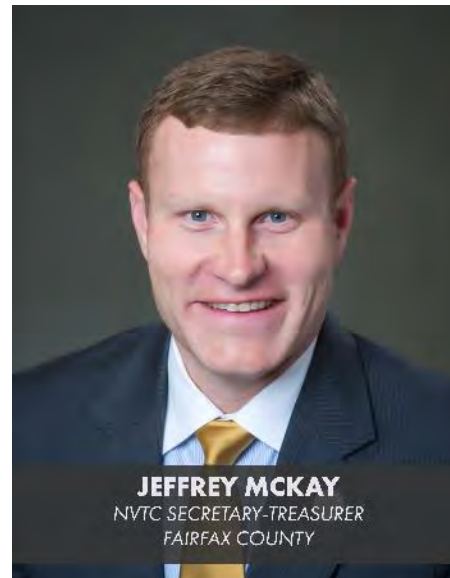
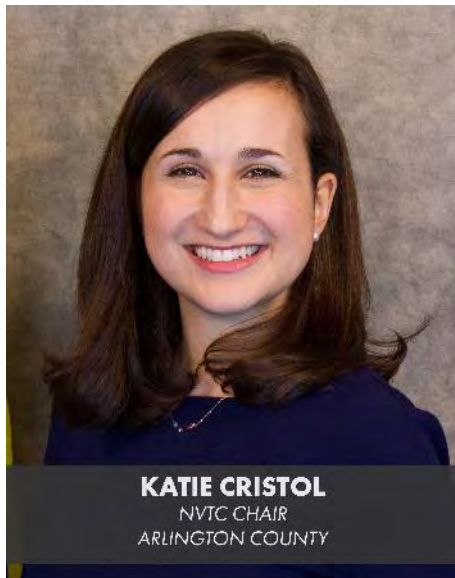


# NVTC Commission Meeting

JUNE 4, 2020

*The meeting will start momentarily*



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# Welcome by the NVTC Chair

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- Virtual Meeting Guidelines
- Commissioner Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
  - Identify Staff Participating in Meeting
- Overview of Agenda
- Opening Remarks



# NVTC June 2020 Meeting Agenda

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1. Opening Remarks
2. Oath of Office
3. Electronic Participation
  - A. Resolution #2410 Finding Need to Conduct June 4, 2020 Meeting Electronically
  - B. Public Comments Received during Declared Emergency
4. Approval of May 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes
5. Consent Agenda
6. VRE
7. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
8. Department of Rail and Public Transportation
9. Virginia Passenger Rail Authority
10. Transit Technology Program
11. Transit Resource Center
12. Executive Director Report

## 2. Oath of Office

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**Eileen Filler-Corn**  
*Speaker of the House*



**Paul Krizek**  
*House of Delegates*



**David Reid**  
*House of Delegates*



**Rip Sullivan**  
*House of Delegates*

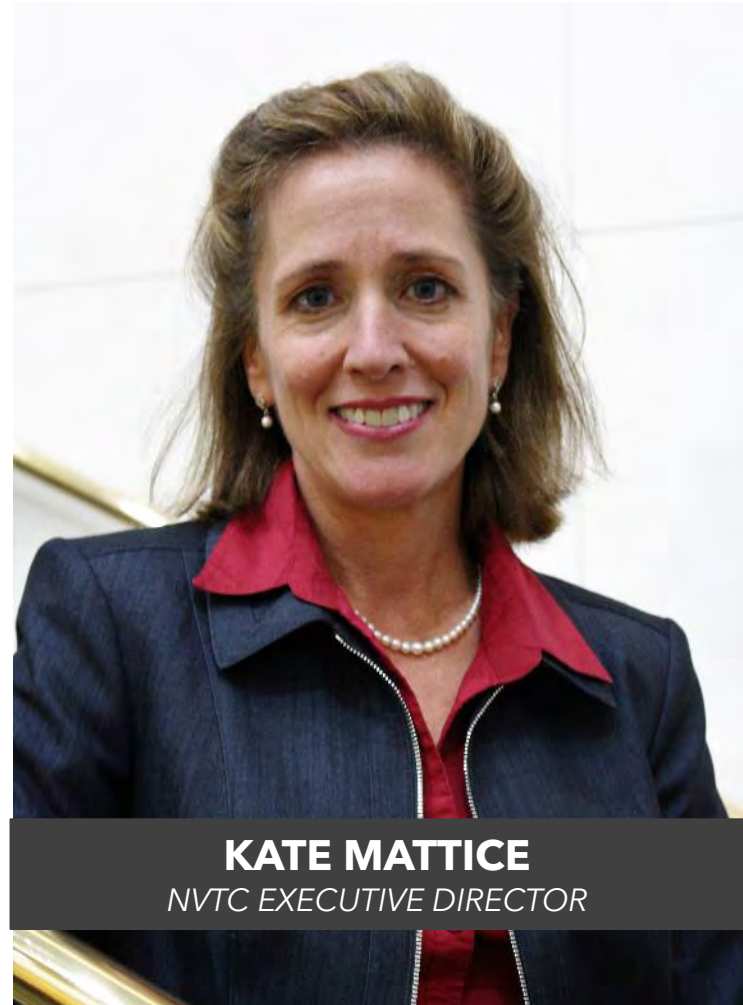
# 3. Electronic Participation

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A. ACTION ITEM: Approve NVTC Resolution #2410: Finding Need to Conduct the June 4, 2020 Meeting Electronically

- The declared emergency makes it both impracticable and unsafe for the Commission to assemble in a single location on June 4, 2020, to discuss and transact the business of the Commission.

B. Staff have provided Commissioners with written comments received prior to 3PM on June 4



**KATE MATTICE**  
NVTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# 4. Approve May 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

## ACTION ITEM:

Approve the Meeting Minutes from the May 7, 2020 Commission Meeting



# 5. Consent Agenda

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- A. Authorize the Executive Director to Send a Letter Certifying Receipt of Certain Documents from WMATA Required by State Code
- B. Appoint Matt de Ferranti to the NVTC WMATA Committee



# 6. Virginia Railway Express

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- A. VRE COVID-19 Response
- B. VRE CEO Report and Minutes from the May 15, 2020 VRE Operations Board



**RICH DALTON**

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS

# 6. Virginia Railway Express Action Items

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- C. Resolution #2411:  
Operating/Access Agreement with  
CSX Transportation
- D. Resolution #2412: Access and  
Storage Agreement with Amtrak
- E. Resolution #2413: Contract for the  
Operating Services for Commuter  
Rail
- F. Resolution #2414: Contract for  
Maintenance Services for  
Commuter Rail
- G. Resolution #2415: Agreement with  
the City of Manassas for the  
Operations and Maintenance of  
the Parking Facility



**ELIZABETH BENNETT-PARKER**

*VICE CHAIR, VRE OPERATIONS BOARD*

## 7. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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### A. Report on WMATA COVID-19 Response

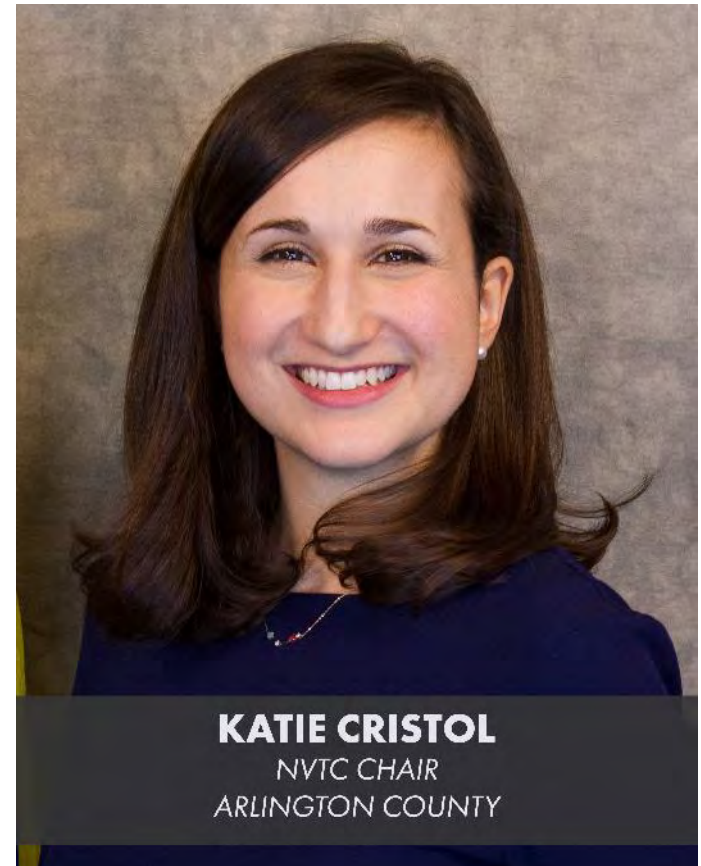


# 7. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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## B. Report from the Chair of the 3% Cap Working Group

- Budget amendment to Commonwealth's FY2020 budget
- NVTC chair to convene a working group to study the impact of the 3% operating cap on the Virginia WMATA subsidy
- 3% operating cap established in 2018 WMATA dedicated funding legislation
- Report due November 10



# 7. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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## C. Report from the Chair of the NVTC WMATA Committee

- Next Committee meeting is July 16



## 7. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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### D. Report from Virginia WMATA Board Members



## 8. Department of Rail and Public Transportation

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Report from DRPT Director  
Jennifer Mitchell



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation



**JENNIFER MITCHELL**

*DIRECTOR, VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND  
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION*

# 9. Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

- Virginia Passenger Rail Authority has 15 board members, including three members who reside within the NVTC district
- NVTC forwarded Commissioner recommendations earlier last month
- Non-legislative citizen members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the General Assembly



# 10. Transit Technology Program

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Presentation by  
NVTC Transit Technology  
Program Manager Patricia Happ



# 10 A. Regional Fare Collection Strategic Plan Update

## Strategic Plan

- Establishes goals and objectives for NVTC's support of regional partners in maintaining and modernizing fare payment and collection technology
- Provides a shared vision with local flexibility for regional fare collection in the region
- Considerable changes in the region since original plan



# 10 A. Regional Fare Collection Strategic Plan Update

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Establish long-term plans related to COVID-19 public health emergency, e.g.

- “Contactless” Fare Payment
- Rear-Door Fare Payment
- Pass Products
- Back-End Technologies



Integrate with WMATA’s Fare Collection Modernization Initiatives, including alignment and collaboration between NVTC partners and WMATA.



Review ongoing efforts identified in the original Fare Collection Strategic Plan and recommend changes to align with new and emerging transit agency needs.

Funding: Within NVTC’s existing and fully funded DRPT technical assistance grant  
Schedule: Completion in September, with a Commission briefing in the fall

## 10B. COVID-19 Impacts on Regional Fare Collection

As the COVID-19 public health emergency continues to affect all aspects of travel in the region, NVTC and regional partners are working to protect the health and safety of transit employees, customers and the public.



### Current Transit Fare Collection Public Health Measures



#### Northern Virginia Transit Agencies

- Rear-Door Boarding
- Temporary Fare Elimination



#### Other Transit Agencies

- Cash Suspension
- Free Transit to/from Essential Workplaces
- Fare Inspection Suspension
- Free Cancellation of Transit Passes

### Monitoring & Communication

NVTC continues to monitor the evolution of fare collection recommendations, challenges and opportunities related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

We will provide regular updates to Northern Virginia transit providers and jurisdictional stakeholders.

# 11. Transit Resource Center

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## A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Transit Ridership and Parking Utilization Report

Presentation by Transit  
Resource Center Program  
Manager Dan Goldfarb, PE



# 11. Transit Resource Center

NVTC and Northern Virginia transit operators collect ridership data

*Why is ridership data collection so important to transit?*



Data is submitted to FTA and DRPT



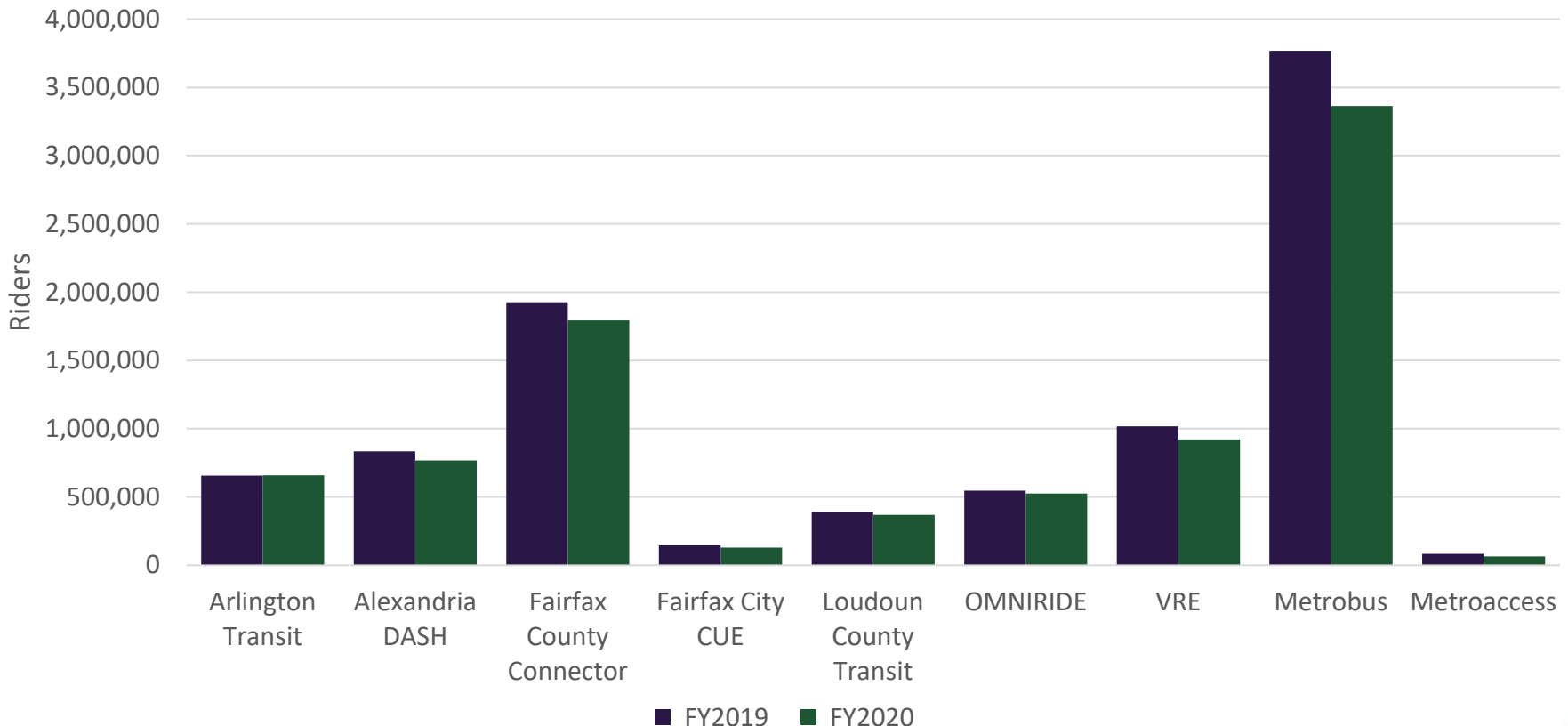
FTA: allocates federal formula funds to WMATA

DRPT: allocates operating assistance to operators across the Commonwealth

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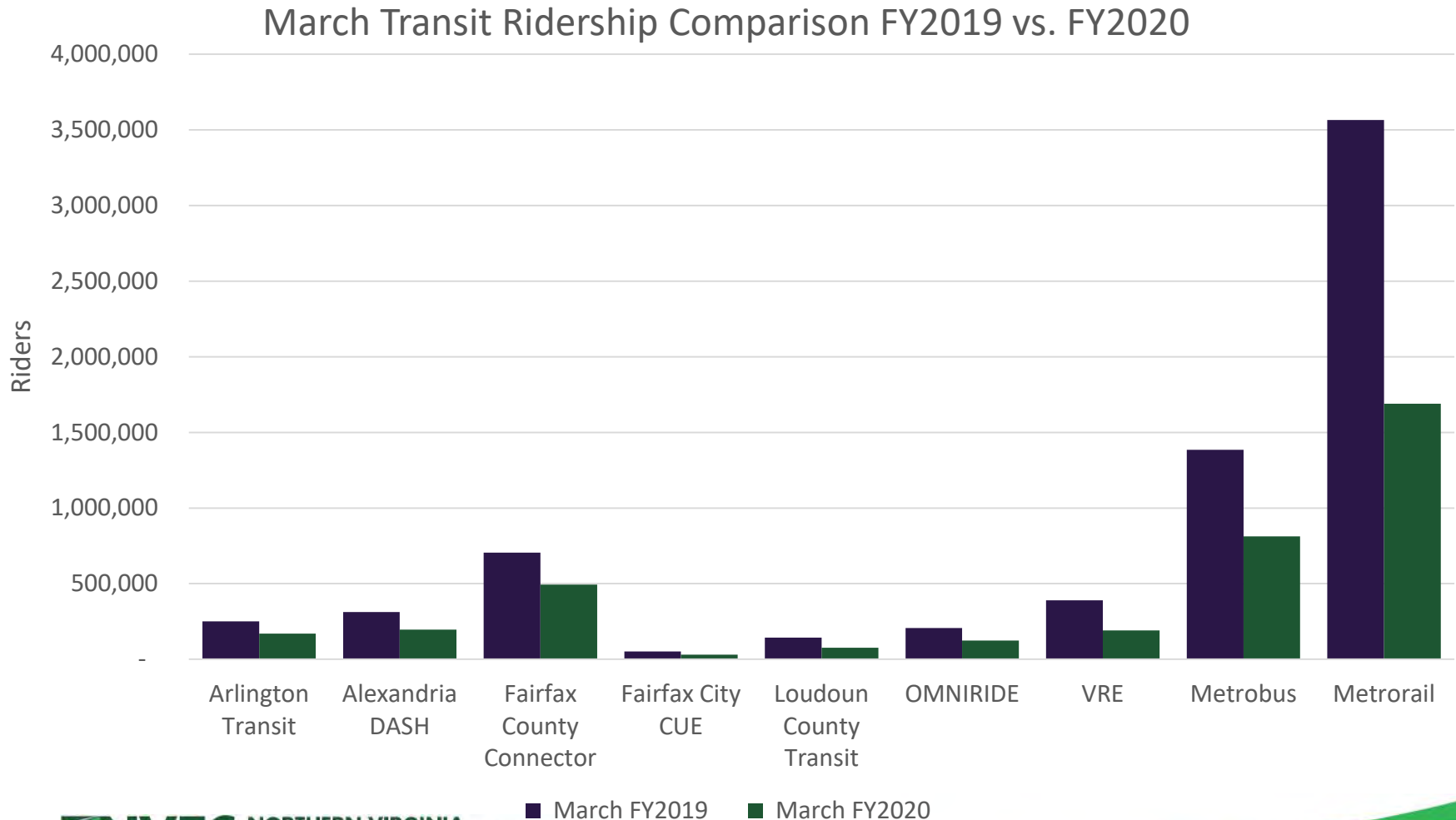
Overall the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter showed a modest drop in ridership of approximately 10%.

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ridership (non-Metrorail) FY2019 vs. FY2020



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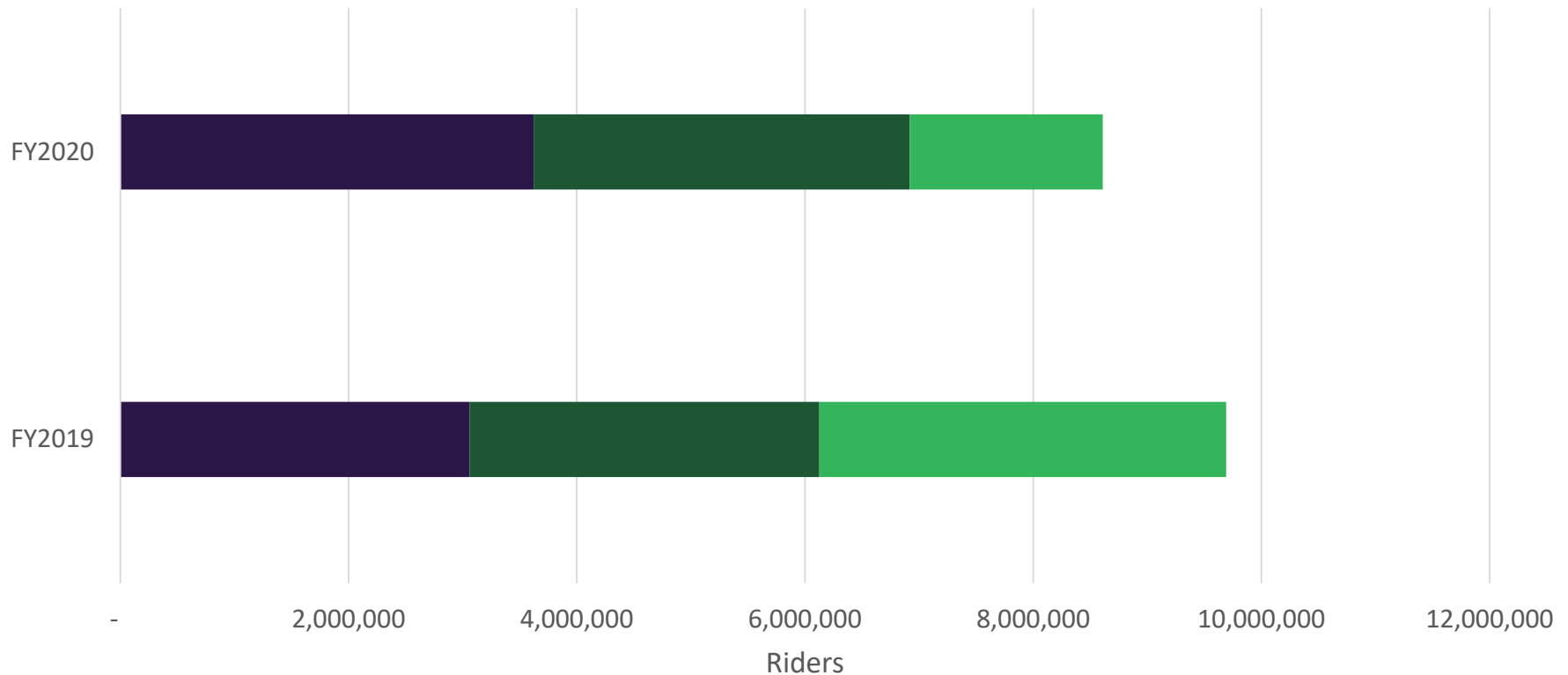
March ridership decreases ranged from 30% to 50% compared to last year.



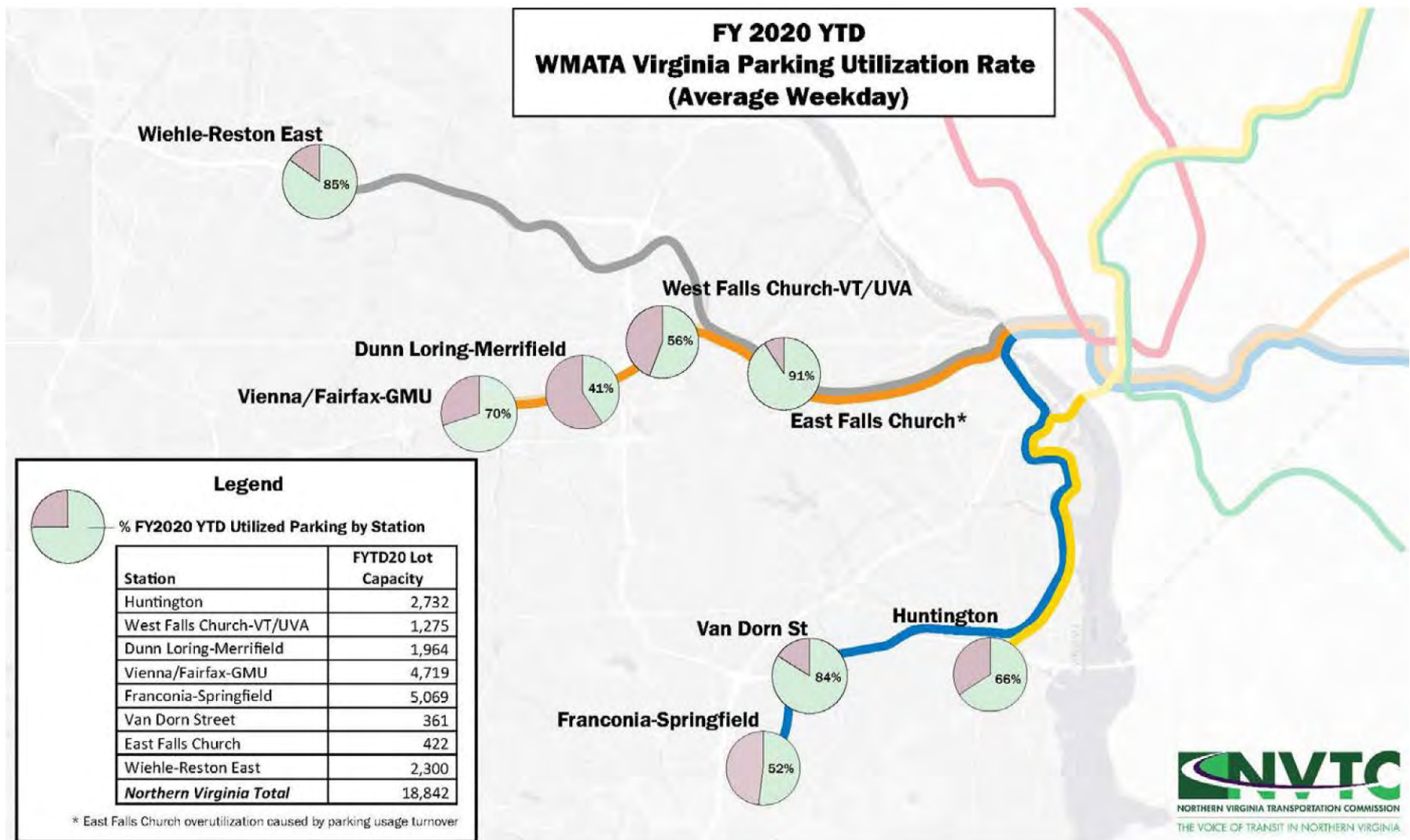
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3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Metrorail ridership increased for the months of January and February, but decreased by over 50% in March.

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Metrorail Ridership by Month FY2019 vs. FY2020

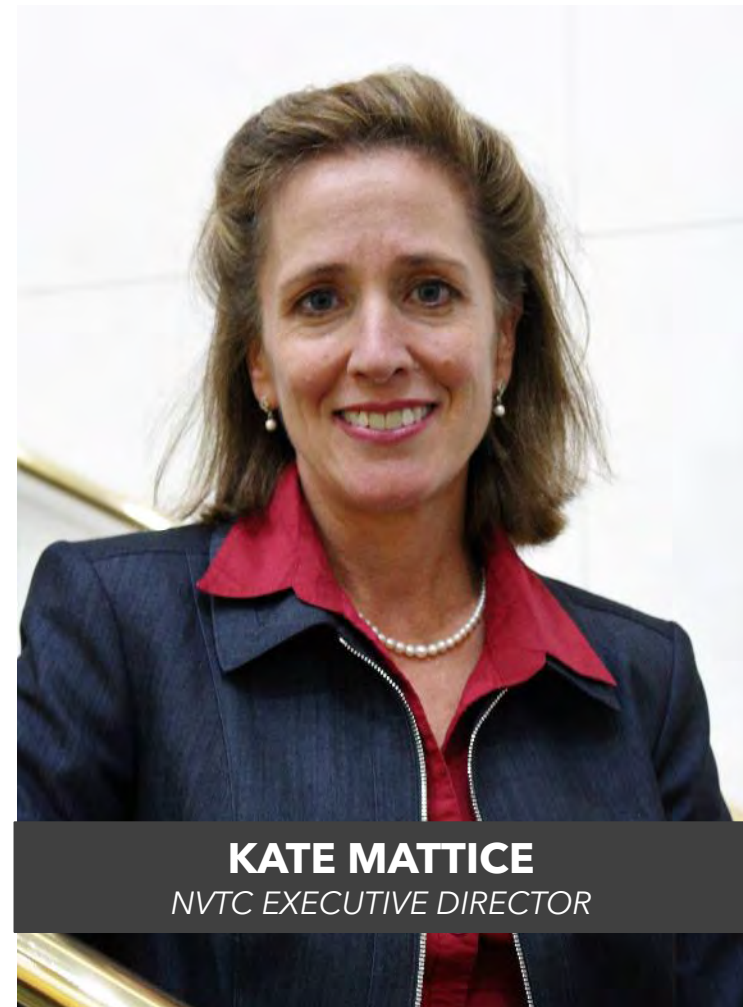


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# 12. Executive Director Report

## Report from NVTC Executive Director Kate Mattice



# Commissioner Comments

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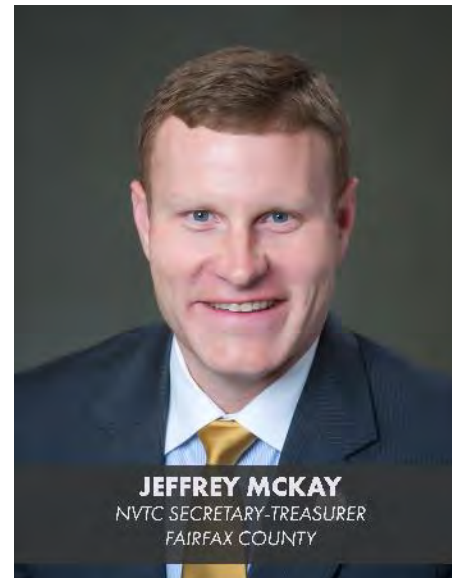
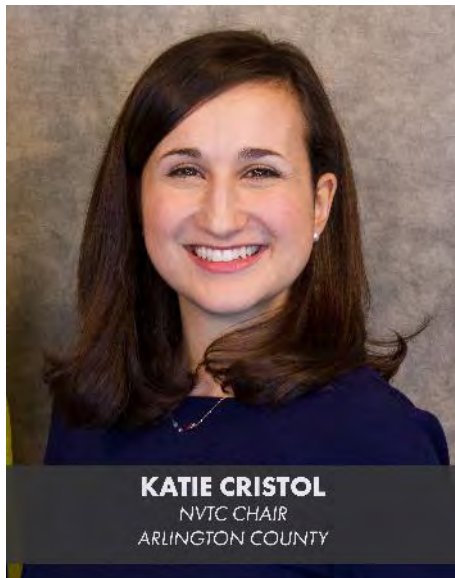
Chair Cristol will open the floor for any final questions and comments from Commissioners



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*Meeting Adjourned | Thank you for attending*



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