

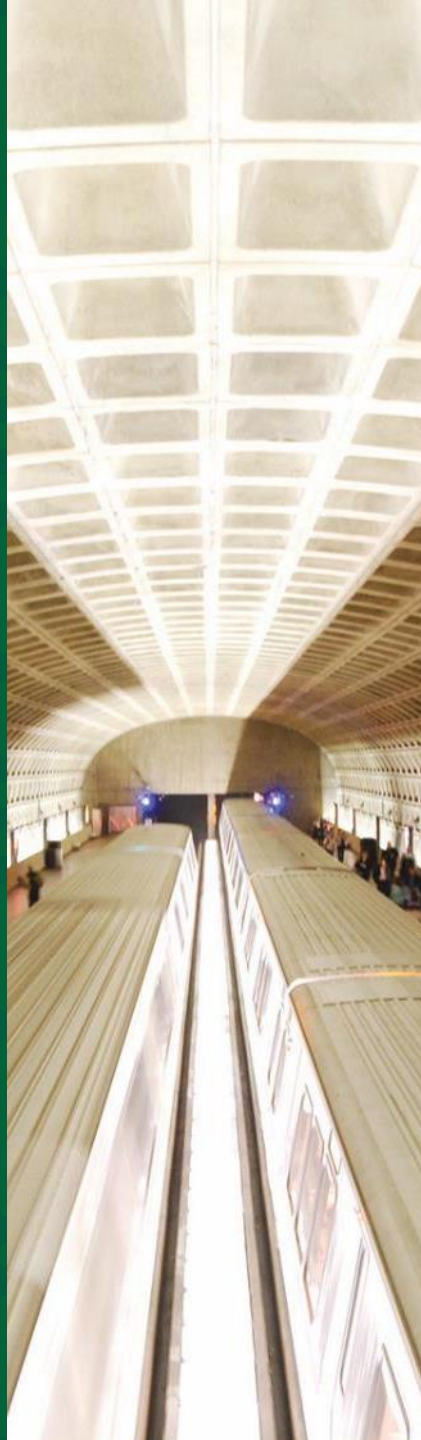


Legislative and Policy Committee

October 15, 2020

Agenda

1. **Summary of September 10, 2020 Legislative and Policy Committee**
2. **Update on the General Assembly Special Session**
3. **Discussion of the 2021 NVTC Legislative and Policy Agenda**
4. **Update on the December 7 NVTC-PRTC Legislative Briefing**
5. **Next Steps**



Update on the 2020 General Assembly Special Session

Proposed 2021 Legislative and Policy Agenda: State Priorities



Protect Existing Transit Programs and Funding

NVTC supports preserving transit's revenue sources for local transit systems and dedicated funding for WMATA and VRE.



Connect Riders to Opportunity through Transit

NVTC supports programs that reduce barriers to transit for low-income individuals.



Continue Support for the Transforming Rail in Virginia Program

NVTC encourages continued support for the Transforming Rail in Virginia Program.



Restore Funding for NVTA

NVTC supports restoring funding to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) to address critical transportation challenges and support economic development in the region.



Preserve NVTC Stewardship of NVTC Programs

The General Assembly should continue to support NVTC's role in administering programs that promote transit Northern Virginia.



Update Remote Public Meeting Requirements

NVTC proposes clarifying language to allow joint meetings of public entities to convene remotely during a state of emergency. In addition, NVTC will monitor legislation to allow public bodies to meet remotely outside of states of emergency.

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Proposed 2021 Legislative and Policy Agenda: Federal Priorities

Reauthorize Dedicated Federal Funding for WMATA

- The federal government should renew its financial commitment to “America’s Subway” with dedicated funding.

Continue support for COVID-19 Relief for Transit Agencies

- NVTC urges Congress to support transit in any future COVID-19 emergency response legislation to offset transit agencies' increased costs and revenue losses.

Reauthorize the FAST Act and Fix the Highway Trust Fund

- NVTC proposes reauthorizing a multi-year surface transportation bill and a structural fix to the Highway Trust Fund to address long-term funding stability and to meet the needs of transit today and in the future.

Identify Federal Funding and Financing for Long Bridge

- NVTC supports federal funding for this project of local, regional and national significance.

Update on December 7 NVTC-PRTC Legislative Briefing



Next Steps

November 5, 2020:

- Commission briefing on 2021 Legislative and Policy Agenda

December 3, 2020:

- Commission considers the 2021 Legislative and Policy Agenda

December 7, 2020:

- Joint NVTC-PRTC Virtual Legislative Briefing

January 13, 2021:

- General Assembly Session Convenes