

Legislative and Policy Committee

September 10, 2020

Agenda

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 Legislative and Policy
 Committee
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Update on the 2020 General Assembly Special Session



Proposed 2021 Legislative and Policy Agenda: State Priorities



Connect People to Opportunity through Transit

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



Protect Transit Funding

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



Preserve Regional Stewardship of Regional Programs

As an experienced transit steward and regional partner to the Commonwealth, the General Assembly should continue to support NVTC's role in administering programs that promote transit Northern Virginia.



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.



Update Remote Public Meeting Requirements

NVTC proposes clarifying language to allow joint meetings of public entities to convene remotely during a state of emergency.





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.

Reauthorize the FAST Act and Fix the Highway Trust Fund

 NVTC proposes reauthorizing the surface transportation bill and addressing the long-term sustainability of the Highway Trust Fund to meet the needs of transit today and in the future.

Identify Federal Funding for Long Bridge

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

Support Transit in any COVID-19 Relief Bill

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

Next Steps

Fall 2020 (Date TBD):

 NVTC Legislative and Policy Committee Meeting

December 3, 2020:

 Commission considers the 2021 Legislative and Policy Agenda

December 7, 2020:

 NVTC-PRTC Joint Virtual Legislative Briefing

January 13, 2021:

 General Assembly Session Convenes