

# NVTC Commission Meeting

## January 7, 2021

The meeting will start momentarily.



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# Welcome by the NVTC Chair

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

# NVTC January 2021 Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Remarks
2. Consent Agenda
  - Resolution #2432 Finding Need to Conduct January 7, 2021 Meeting Electronically
3. Approve the Minutes and Meeting Summary
4. Annual Leadership and Governance
  - Four Action Items
5. Year in Review and 2021 Transit Outlook
  - Guest Speaker: Beth Osborne, Transportation for America
6. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
7. Transit Technology Program
  - Resolution #2435: Accept the 2021 Northern Virginia Regional Fare Collection Strategic Plan
8. Commuter Choice Program
9. Virginia Railway Express
  - Approve Resolution #2436: Adopt and Refer VRE's Revised FY 2021 and FY 2022 Recommended Budgets to the Jurisdictions
10. Department of Rail and Public Transportation
11. Executive Director Report
12. Closed Session

## 2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Resolution #2432: Finding Need to Conduct January 7, 2021 Meeting Electronically

*Commission will be updated on any public comments received prior to the meeting.*

## 3. Approve Minutes and Meeting Summary

- A. Approve the Meeting Minutes from the December 3, 2020 Commission Meeting
- B. Approve the Meeting Summary of the December 7, 2020 Joint NVTC-PRTC Legislative Briefing



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## 4. ACTION ITEM: Annual Leadership and Governance

A. Approve the Recommended Slate of Officers for 2021



## 4. ACTION ITEM: Annual Leadership and Governance



- B. Approve Resolution #2433: Selection of NVTC Representatives to Various Boards
- C. Approve the Recommended NVTC Committee Membership
- D. Approve Resolution #2434: Designation of NVTC Signatories and Pension Trustees

# Advancing Transit

2020 YEAR IN REVIEW



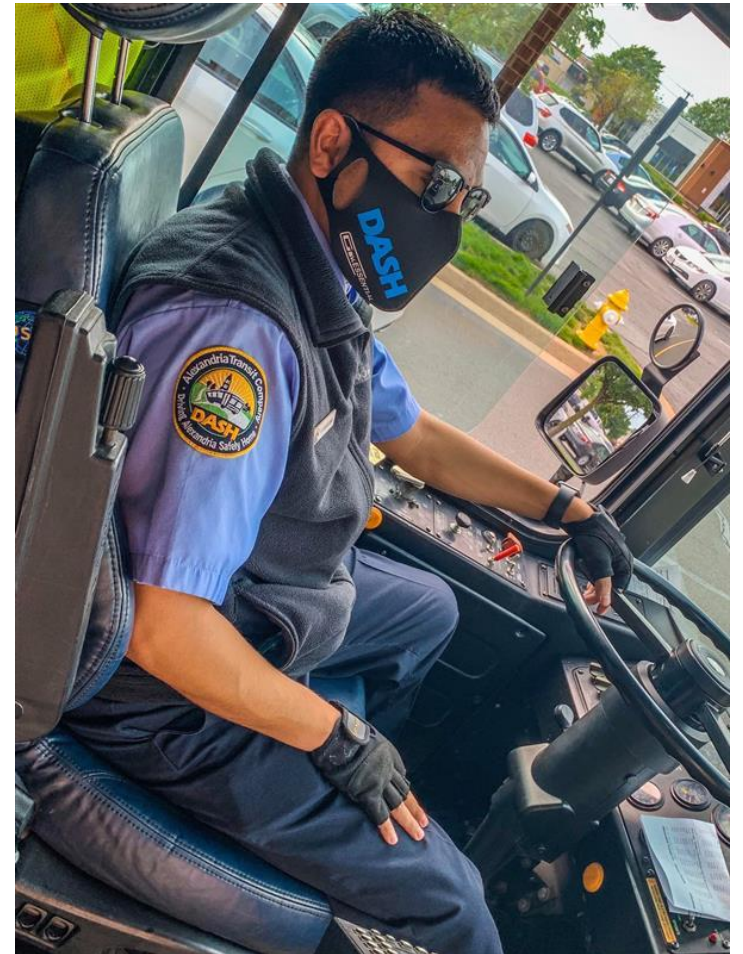


# Overview

## A Transformative Transportation Bill, Then A Global Pandemic

### COVID-19 and The Commission

- COVID-19 creates funding challenges
- COVID-19 changes how NVTC works





# Overview

## 2020 NVTC Officers

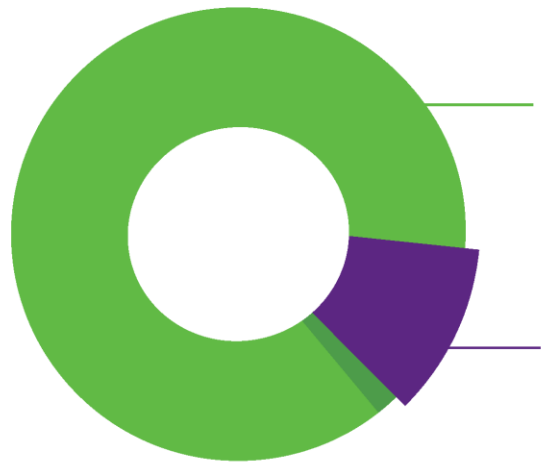


# Overview

## NVTC welcomes new Commissioners



# Financial Management



**\$203.4MIL**  
DISPERSED FOR WMATA

**\$21.3MIL**  
DISPERSED FOR LOCAL SYSTEM NEEDS

**\$228.3MIL**  
**SPECIAL REVENUE**

During fiscal 2020, the transit special revenue fund allocated \$228.3 million in state and regional assistance to member jurisdictions.

**\$25.6MIL**  
**COMMUTER CHOICE PROGRAM**

The special revenue funds for the Commuter Choice program received \$25.6 million in fiscal 2020 and disbursed \$12.6 million for regional projects.

**\$179.5MIL**  
**ENTERPRISE FUND**

NVTC maintained an enterprise fund, recognizing NVTC's share of ownership of VRE, which equaled \$179.5 million as of June 30, 2020.



# Financial Management

**\$27.4MIL**

Revenues from the 2.1% regional gas tax, which NVTC received and disbursed to WMATA for operating and capital requirements, equaled \$27.4 million.

**\$20.8MIL**  
**TRANSIT ASSISTANCE**

Department of Rail and Public Transportation transit assistance to VRE, for which NVTC served as recipient, totaled \$20.8 million.

**\$159**  
**MILLION**  
**STATE ASSISTANCE**



State assistance for WMATA, through NVTC, came to \$159 million.

**\$41MIL**

State assistance for which NVTC applied on behalf of its member jurisdictions' transit systems, came to \$41 million.

**\$20,500,000**

**FEDERAL GRANTS** on behalf of two NVTC jurisdictions totaled \$20.5 million, of which \$1.3 million was received in fiscal 2020. NVTC served as recipient for the awards and ensured its jurisdictions' compliance with Federal Transit Administration requirements.

**\$285MIL**  
**RECIPIENT OR AGENT OF FUNDS**

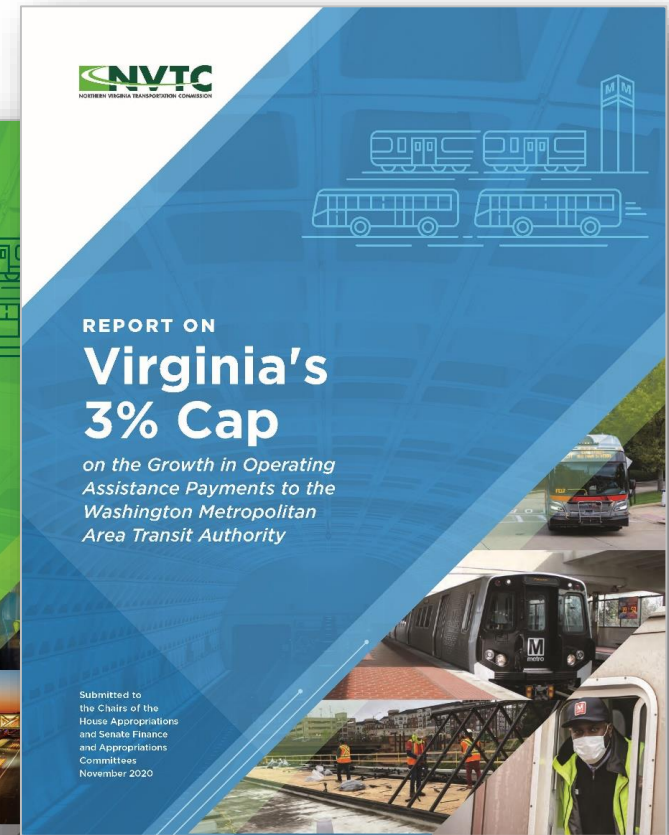
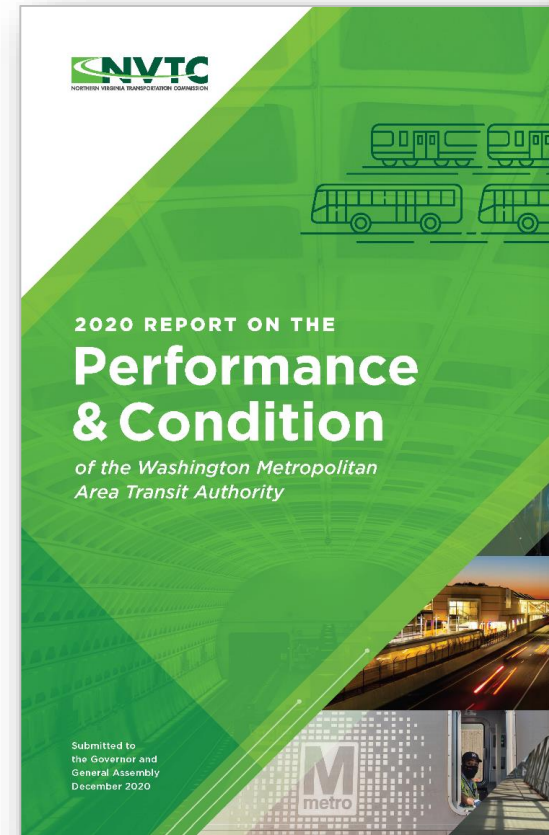
NVTC served as the recipient or agent of funds for more than \$285 million in fiscal 2020.



# Regional Cooperation

## Metro Policy and Governance

- ✓ Appointed Loudoun County's first Metro Board member
- ✓ Continued to elevate Virginia's voice on the Metro Board of Directors
- ✓ Found Virginia's budget cap a useful tool
- ✓ Continued to press for increased service and cost controls at Metro



# Regional Cooperation

## Metro Regional Response Coordination

- ✓ Coordinated local, state and federal response to shutdown of nine Orange and Silver Line stations
- ✓ Prepared for early 2021 shutdown of Arlington Cemetery Station and the Blue Line





# Regional Cooperation

## Commuter Choice

- ✓ Despite severe loss of revenue on I-66, NVTC awarded a FY 21 program focused on strategic low-cost, high impact projects
- ✓ NVTC's initial round of I-395/95 projects hit the ground in the new year and the next call for projects is currently open
- ✓ Current projects are scaling back to meet riders needs and will be ready to add more service as riders return.



# Regional Cooperation

## Transit Technology :

### Regional Fare Collection program

- ✓ Assisted with coordination of SmarTrip mobile fare technology rollout
- ✓ Coordinated regional implementation of updated bus fare collection hardware
- ✓ Mapped out the needs for off-board fare payment options
- ✓ Produced Northern Virginia Regional Fare Collection Strategic Plan update

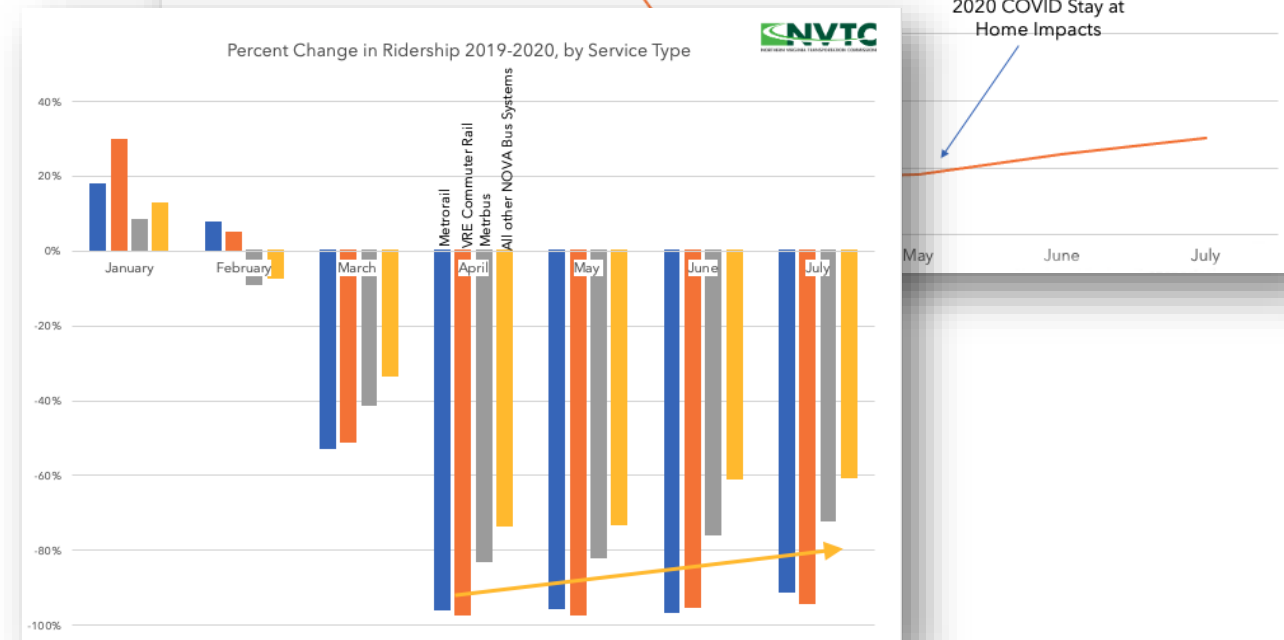
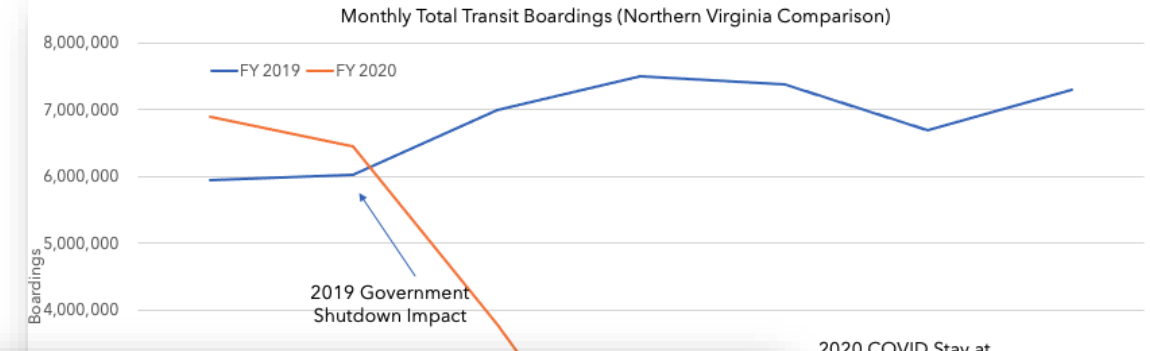




# Regional Cooperation

## Transit Resource Center

- ✓ Provided analysis of the COVID-19 pandemic on transit ridership and teleworking
- ✓ Used TBEST tool to help Fairfax County evaluate transit alternatives related to Phase 2 of the Silver Line, service in Centreville and Franconia-Springfield, and help Alexandria re-imagine their bus service plan
- ✓ Compiled and reported transit utilization data and visualization for Northern Virginia



# Community Engagement

## Partnerships



# Community Engagement

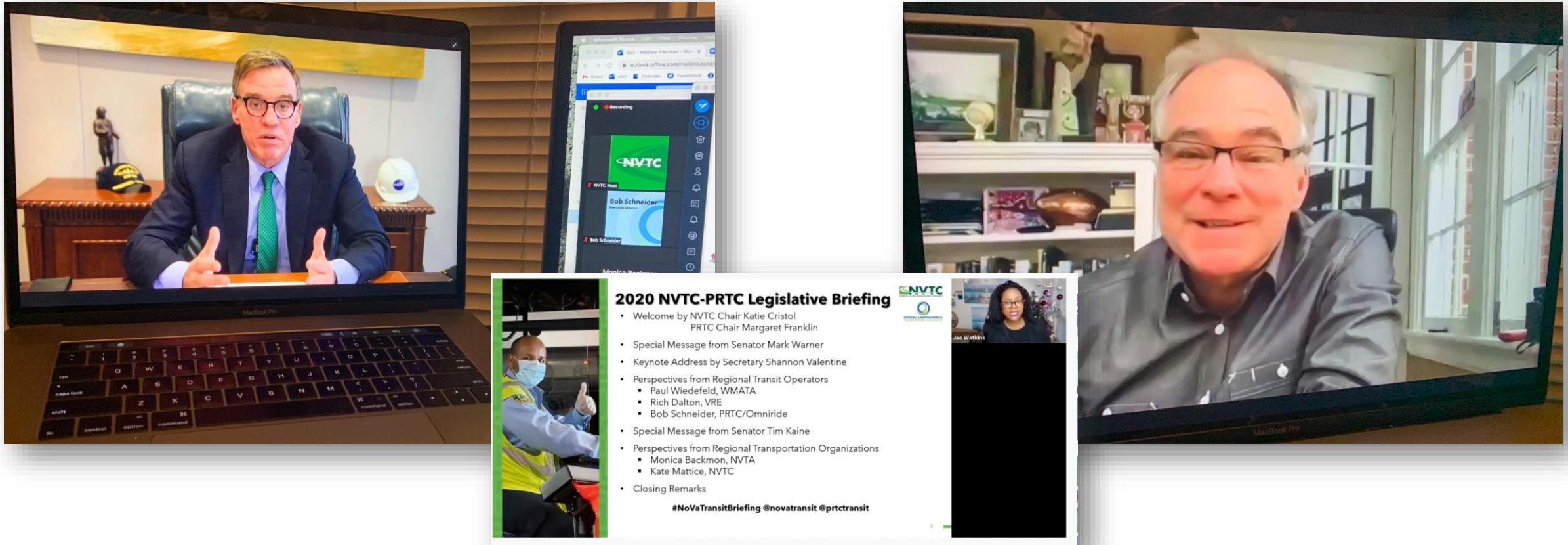
## NVTC in the news





# Community Engagement

## NVTC in the community









# Community Engagement

## NVTC in the community



**Panelists**

 <b>Andrew D'huyvetter, AICP</b> WMATA Program Manager Northern Virginia Transportation Commission <i>Moderator</i>	 <b>Jen Debruhl, AICP</b> Chief of Public Transportation Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation <i>Panelist</i>	 <b>Ben Owen</b> Commuter Choice Program Manager Northern Virginia Transportation Commission <i>Panelist</i>	 <b>Amanda Baxter</b> Development Director TransUrban North America <i>Panelist</i>
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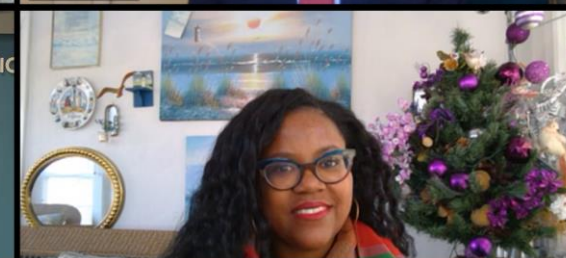
Talking: Whitney Sokolowski  
Andrew D'huyvetter





# Community Engagement

## Honors and awards



# What's Next

## Outlook for NVTC's 2021 Work

- ✓ Launch "Moving Together" transit campaign
- ✓ Press WMATA on FY 2022 Budget concerns
- ✓ Reconvene 3% Cap Working Group
- ✓ Award second round of Commuter Choice in the I-395-95 Corridor projects
- ✓ Evaluate mid and long-term impact of transit ridership changes
- ✓ Launch regional fare payment strategic plan actions
- ✓ Embark on next phase of Envision Route 7 BRT analysis
- ✓ Continue solid financial management of regional gas tax, state aid to localities, Commuter Choice, and federal grants



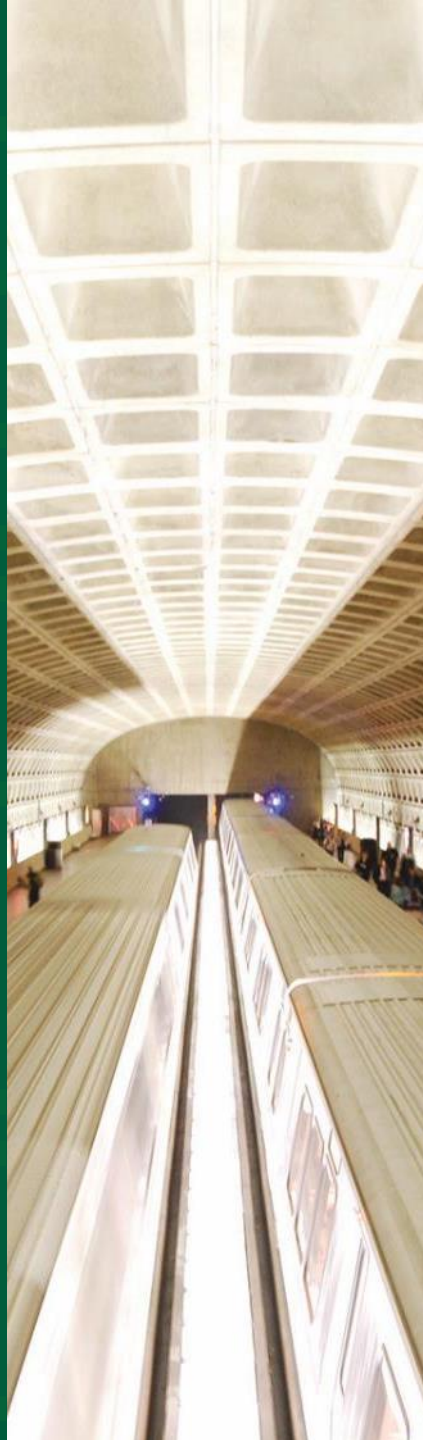
## 5B. 2021 Transit Outlook



Beth Osborne, Director







## 6. WMATA

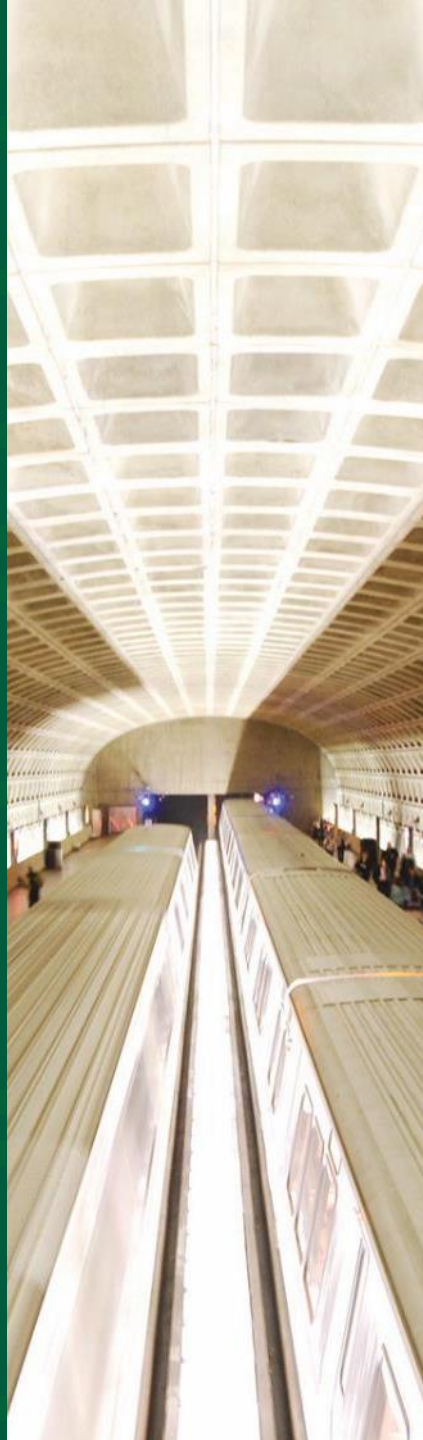
- A. WMATA COVID-19 Response
- B. Report from the Virginia WMATA Board Members
- C. Other WMATA News





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## 6. WMATA (continued)

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

- Next WMATA Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 6PM



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NVTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**PATRICIA HAPP**  
TRANSIT TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM  
MANAGER



## 7. Transit Technology Program

- A. ACTION ITEM: Approve Resolution #2435: Accept the 2021 Northern Virginia Regional Fare Collection Strategic Plan

# NVTC's Regional Fare Collection Strategic Plan

## Northern Virginia Regional Fare Collection Vision Statement:

Northern Virginia transit systems envision an enhanced regionally-integrated fare collection system with local flexibility to meet evolving customer expectations.

- 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 adopted in 2018—update needed to align with new and emerging transit agency needs



# Related NVTC Actions

The **2021 Northern Virginia Regional Fare Collection Strategic Plan** proposes the following actions for NVTC's support:

Immediate Through CY 2021	A.	Continue Farebox State of Good Repair
	B.	Support Immediate Mobile Payment Needs
	C.	Facilitate Information Exchange on Installation of Bus Operator Safety Barriers
Near-term Through CY 2022	D.	Coordinate and Support New Farebox Procurement and Implementation (Including Rear-Door Payment and All-Door Boarding)
	E.	Coordinate and Support Procurement of Off-Board Fare Collection System
	F.	Coordinate and Support Fare Capping Implementation Analysis
	G.	Monitor Mobile Payment Trends
	H.	Coordinate, Support and Market New Fare Products and Programs
Long-term Beyond CY 2022	I.	Coordinate and Support Expansion of Retail Network
	J.	Coordinate and Support Planning for Contactless Open Payments
	K.	Coordinate and Support Upgrades to WMATA's Back Office System
	L.	Coordinate and Support Integration of VRE with SmarTrip
	M.	Coordinate and Support SmarTrip App Enhancements

## 8. Commuter Choice Program

### Information Only

- A. Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Round Four Update
- B. Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 Corridor Round Two Update



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## 8. Virginia Railway Express

- A. VRE COVID-19 Response
- B. VRE CEO Report and Minutes
- C. ACTION ITEM: Approve Resolution #2436: Adopt and Refer VRE's FY 2021 Revised and FY 2022 Recommended Budgets to the Jurisdictions
- D. 2021 VRE Operations Board Officers





## 9. Department of Rail and Public Transportation

DRPT Monthly Report



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

# 11. Executive Director's Report

- A. Executive Director Newsletter
- B. NVTC Financial Reports (November 2020)



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## Commissioner Comments

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

Next Commission Meeting is December 3, 2020



## 12. Closed Session

Chair Cristol will request a motion to move into Closed Session.



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# NVTC Commission is in Closed Session.

For the listening public, if there is an interruption in the live feed, please go to NVTC's YouTube channel to connect to a new live feed.



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# NVTC Commission is back in Open Session.

Chair Cristol will request a motion to certify the Closed Session.



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Meeting is adjourned. Thank you for attending.



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