

# NVTC Commission Meeting

## March 3, 2022

The meeting will start momentarily.



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# NVTC March 3, 2022 Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Remarks
2. Recognition of New and Departing Commissioners
3. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve Minutes of January 6, 2022 Meeting
4. **ACTION ITEM:** Consent Agenda
5. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
  - WMATA GM/CEO Paul Wiedefeld
6. Report from the Chair of the Program Advisory Committee
  - Commuter Choice
  - Transit Resource Center
  - **ACTION ITEMS:** DRPT Grant Applications for NVTC Program Activities
7. Legislative Update
8. Virginia Railway Express
  - CEO Report and Minutes
9. Department of Rail and Public Transportation
10. Executive Director Report



**CANEK AGUIRRE**

NVTC CHAIR  
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

# 1. Opening Remarks

## 2. Recognition of New and Departing Commissioners

- A. Oath of Office for New Commissioners
- B. Recognition of Departing Commissioners
  - ACTION ITEM: Approve a Resolution of Commendation for the Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn on Her Departure from NVTC
  - ACTION ITEM: Approve a Resolution of Commendation for the Honorable Paul Krizek on His Departure from NVTC
  - ACTION ITEM: Approve a Resolution of Commendation for the Honorable David Reid on His Departure from NVTC
  - ACTION ITEM: Approve a Resolution of Commendation for the Honorable Richard Sullivan on His Departure from NVTC

## 3. Approve Minutes

Approve Meeting Minutes from the January 6, 2022 Commission Meeting

## Oath of Office for New Commissioners

*I do solemnly swear that I will support  
the Constitution of the United States and  
the Commonwealth of Virginia  
and that I will faithfully discharge all the  
duties incumbent upon me  
as a member of the Northern Virginia  
Transportation Commission,  
according to the best of my ability.*

## 4. Consent Agenda

- A. Appoint Senator Adam Ebbin to the NVTC Executive Committee
- B. Authorize the Executive Director to Execute the Marketing Campaign Contracts
- C. Approve Resolution #2471: Approve the Submission of State Assistance Applications to DRPT

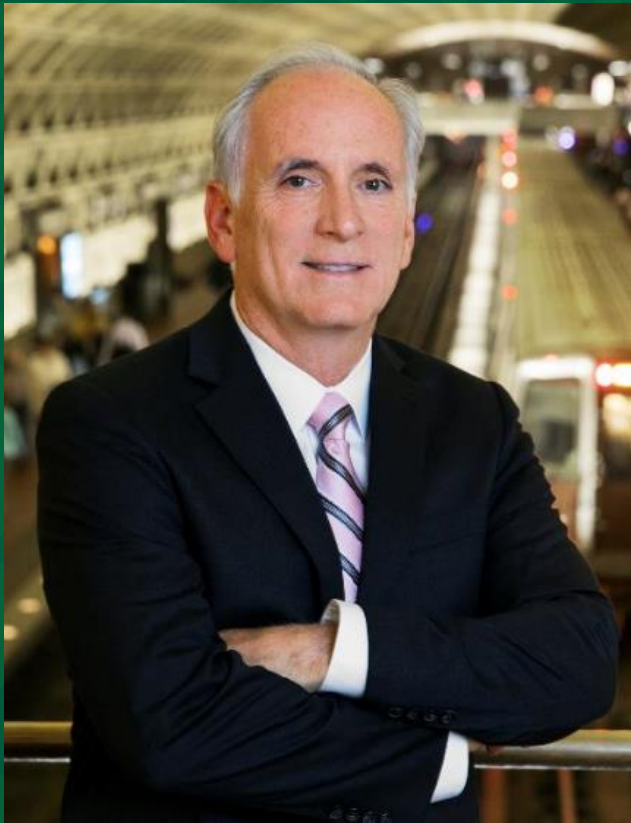


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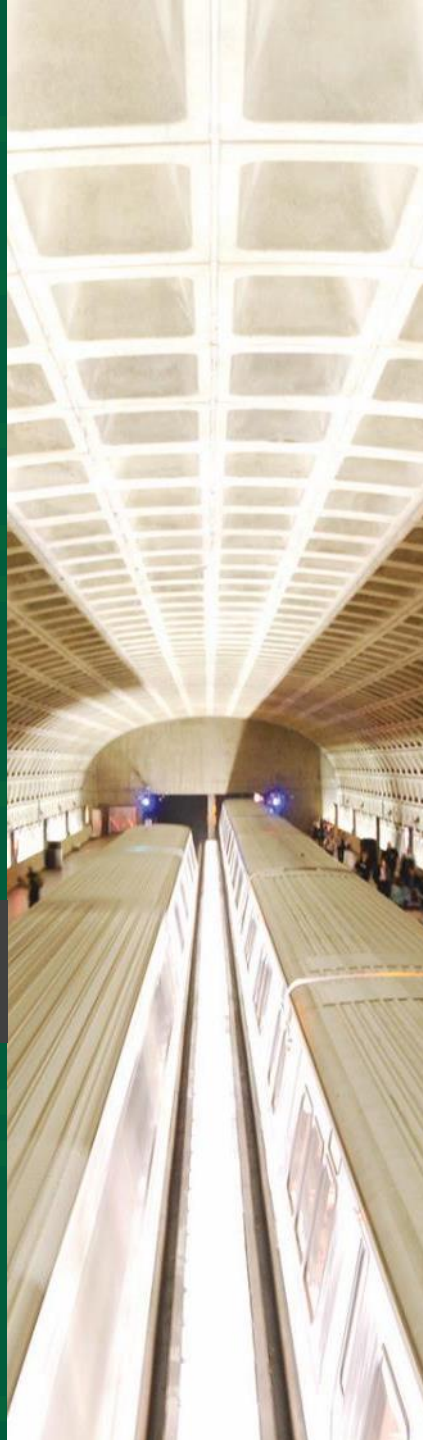
## 5. WMATA

- A. Presentation by WMATA General Manager/CEO Paul Wiedefeld



**PAUL WIEDEFELD**

*General Manager/CEO Washington Metropolitan  
Area Transit Authority*



## 5. WMATA

- B. Report from the Virginia WMATA Board Members
- C. Report from the Chair of the NVTC WMATA Committee
- D. Other WMATA News



**PAUL SMEDBERG**  
COMMONWEALTH APPOINTEE TO THE  
WMATA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**MATT LETOURNEAU**  
NVTC APPOINTEE TO  
THE WMATA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
LOUDOUN COUNTY



**WALTER ALCORN**  
NVTC APPOINTEE TO  
NVTC WMATA COMMITTEE CHAIR  
FAIRFAX COUNTY

## 6. Report from the Chair of the Program Advisory Committee



**DAVE SNYDER**

CHAIR PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

### A. Commuter Choice

- I-66 Round Five (FY 2023-2024) Project Eligibility Results

### B. Transit Resource Center

- Envision Route 7 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update

### C. DRPT Grant Applications for NVTC Program Activities

- **ACTION ITEM:** Approve Resolution #2472: Approve the Submission of a Technical Assistance Application to DRPT for a Northern Virginia Regional Zero-Emission Bus Strategic Plan
- **ACTION ITEM:** Approve Resolution #2473: Approve the Submission of a Technical Assistance Application to DRPT for a Northern Virginia Regional Bus Analysis





on the I-66 corridor



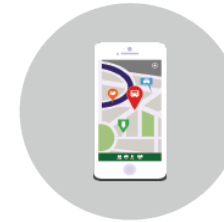
## A. Commuter Choice

Proposed projects *must* benefit I-66 Inside the Beltway tollpayers and support corridor improvement goals:

**Maximize Person Throughput + Implement Multimodal Improvements**



Improve  
mobility



Support new,  
diverse travel  
choices



Enhance  
transportation  
safety and  
travel reliability

## Eligible types of project include:



Transit service  
expansions  
including  
needed  
vehicles



Transit capital  
improvements –  
stops, stations,  
park & rides,  
dedicated lanes,  
signal priority



Roadway  
improvements  
in the corridor

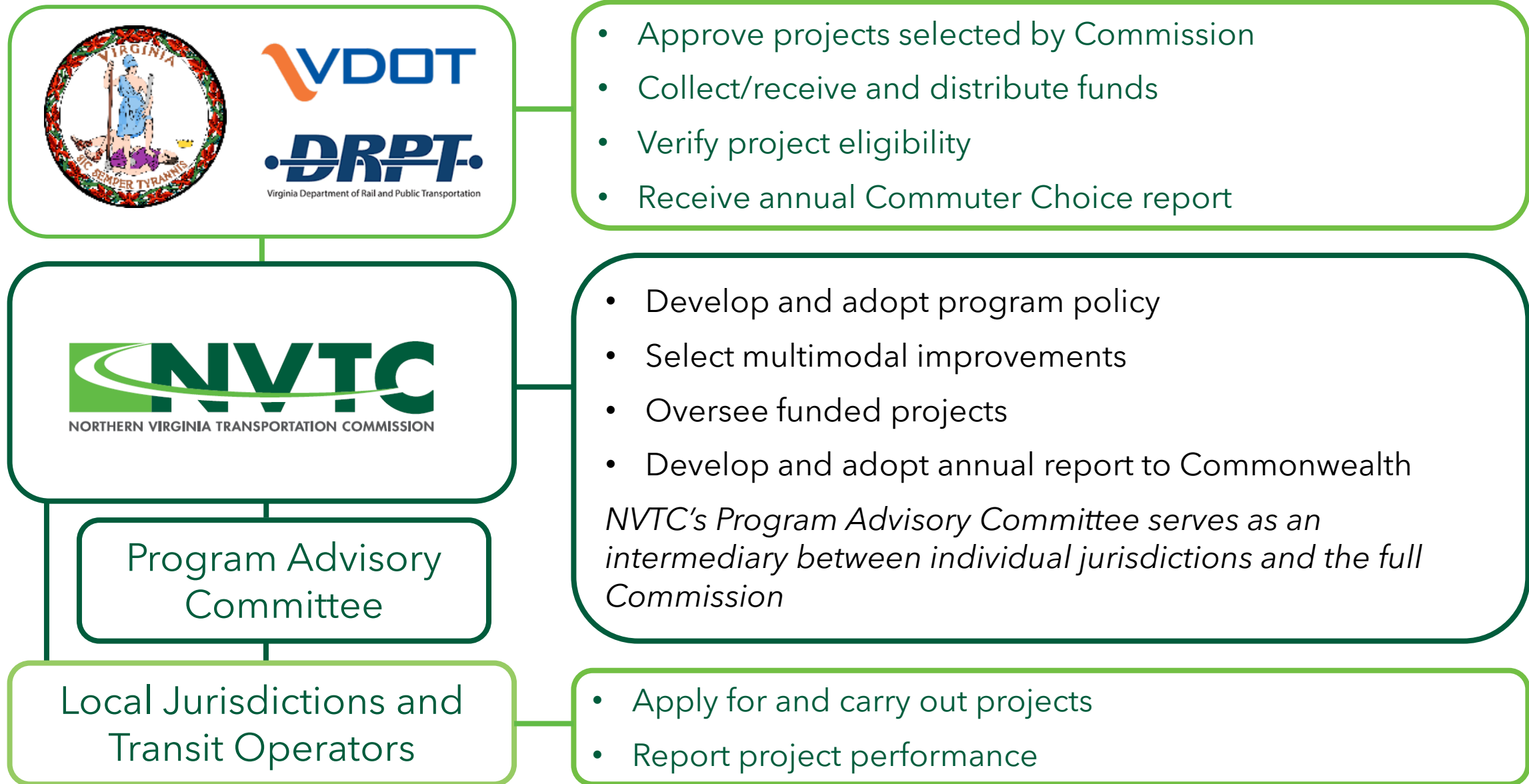


Strategies to  
improve bike  
and walk  
access to  
transit



Commuter  
incentive  
programs

# Commuter Choice: Key Roles and Responsibilities



# Commuter Choice: Eligibility Screening

## Nine Eligible Applications for \$21.8M

Applicant	Application Title	Funding Request
Arlington County	Ballston-MU Metrorail West Entrance	\$4,500,000
Fairfax County	Renewal of Bus Service from Vienna Metrorail Station to Pentagon	\$1,232,850
Fairfax County	Enhanced Bus Service from Stringfellow Park-and-Ride to Pentagon	\$2,876,812
Fairfax County	Trail Access to Vienna Metrorail Station	\$2,200,000
Fairfax County	Trail Access to Monument Drive Commuter Garage	\$4,361,458
City of Manassas Park	Manassas Park VRE Station Parking Garage	\$2,500,000
OmniRide	Renewal of Bus Service from Haymarket to Rosslyn	\$947,554
OmniRide	Renewal of Bus Service from Gainesville to Pentagon and Navy Yard	\$2,560,449
Prince William County	TDM Strategy - Fare Buy-Down on I-66 Commuter Bus Service	\$650,000

*Note: One application (City of Falls Church, Renewal of Bike Share Operations, \$250,000) was deemed ineligible and one application (OmniRide, Renewal of Enhanced Bus Service from Gainesville to D.C., \$213,621) was withdrawn by its applicant.*

# Commuter Choice: Next Steps

**March**

- Technical evaluation of all eligible applications

**April**

- PAC Meeting, April 14: Endorse draft program of projects
- Public comment opens mid-month

**May**

- Commission and CTB briefings on proposed program of projects
- Public comment concludes mid-month

**June**

- Approval of program of projects by Commission and CTB
- Distribution of project agreements

**July**

- Implementation of funded projects begins



# Envision Route 7: Connecting Tysons to Alexandria

Bus Rapid Transit...

connects  
Tysons and  
Mark Center...

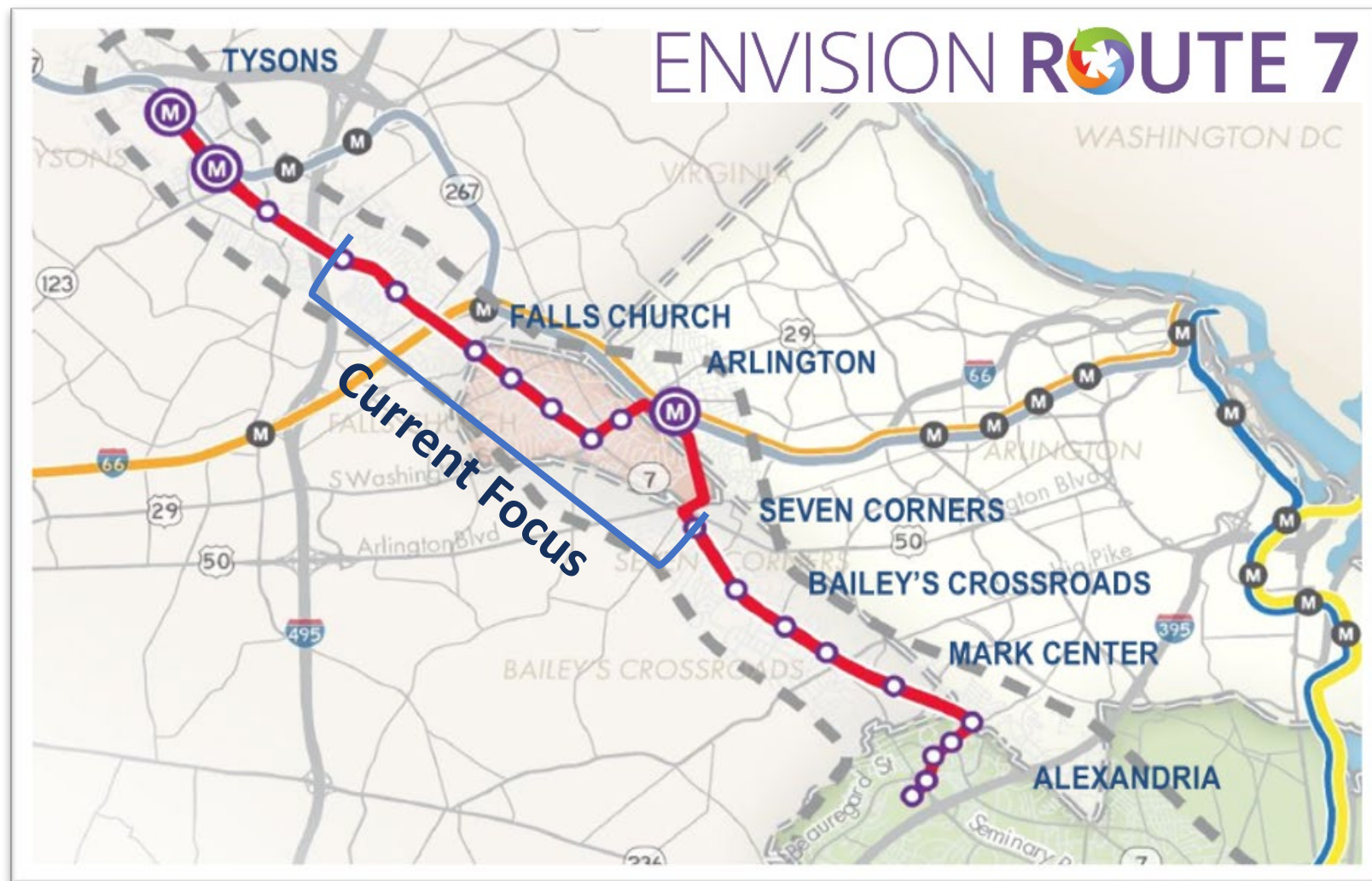
and serves  
East Falls  
Church





# Envision Route 7 – Phase 4 Mobility Analysis

- Determine the **mobility (travel time) benefits** to travelers of BRT
- Understand the **impacts of BRT on traffic and traffic operation**
- Conduct a comprehensive public and **stakeholder engagement process** that facilitates an understanding of how a BRT would operate along Route 7





## ENVISION ROUTE 7

*Regular engagement with jurisdictional staff throughout the entire study process.*

**Spring**

**Summer**

**Fall**

# Envision Route 7 - Phase 4 Mobility Analysis Next Steps

- Data Collection
- Existing Traffic Simulation Model
- April PAC Update

- Future Traffic Demand Modeling
- Future Traffic Simulation
- Preparation for Public Outreach

- Public Meeting #1 and Outreach Begins
- Ongoing Traffic Simulation and Demand Modeling Analysis
- Update to the PAC and Commission

# Envision Route 7 Strategic Implementation Plan



- Complementary effort led by NVTC that will serve as a flexible, adaptable strategic roadmap for the Commission and staff
- Key issues to address:
  - Project Governance
  - Phased Implementation
  - Strategic Funding Decisions
- Engagement with PAC, Commission, and at the staff level
- Partnership between Fairfax County and NVTC
- Anticipate seeking approval to release RFP at May Commission meeting

# Zero-Emission Bus Regional Working Group

## Purpose and Need

- To provide **regional coordination for NVTC partner agencies**, all of whom are currently in the planning stages for transitioning to a low or zero-emission fleet
- To provide a monthly forum for Northern Virginia partner agency staff **to share information** on zero-emission plans, procurements, and funding, discuss opportunities to work together, as well as provide technical expertise from industry experts

## Objective

- To assist agencies in **building capacity** and **realizing economies of scale** through regional ZEB coordination

## Group Members

- Staff from Northern Virginia transit agencies (ART, CUE, DASH, OmniRide, Loudoun County Transit, Connector) and WMATA
- Opportunities to involve other agencies and organizations in the region



# Northern Virginia Zero-Emission Bus Strategic Plan



Overnight charging  
Credit: LoBus.com



Continuous charging  
Credit: <http://1-smol.ru>



Conductive charging  
Credit: <http://insideevs.com>



Inductive charging  
Credit: Arup

## **ACTION ITEM: Approve Resolution #2472:**

### **Technical Assistance Application for a Northern Virginia Zero-Emission Bus Strategic Plan**

- Identify regional zero-emission strategic goals and objectives with a focus on realizing economies of scale;
- Leverage individual agency goals and plans as well as stakeholder input;
- Document strategies and priorities to achieve those strategic goals and objectives;
- Identify and leverage local, state, and federal funding to accomplish the goals laid out in the strategic plan; and
- Identify short, medium, and long-term action items for NVTC to achieve the plan's strategic goals and objectives.

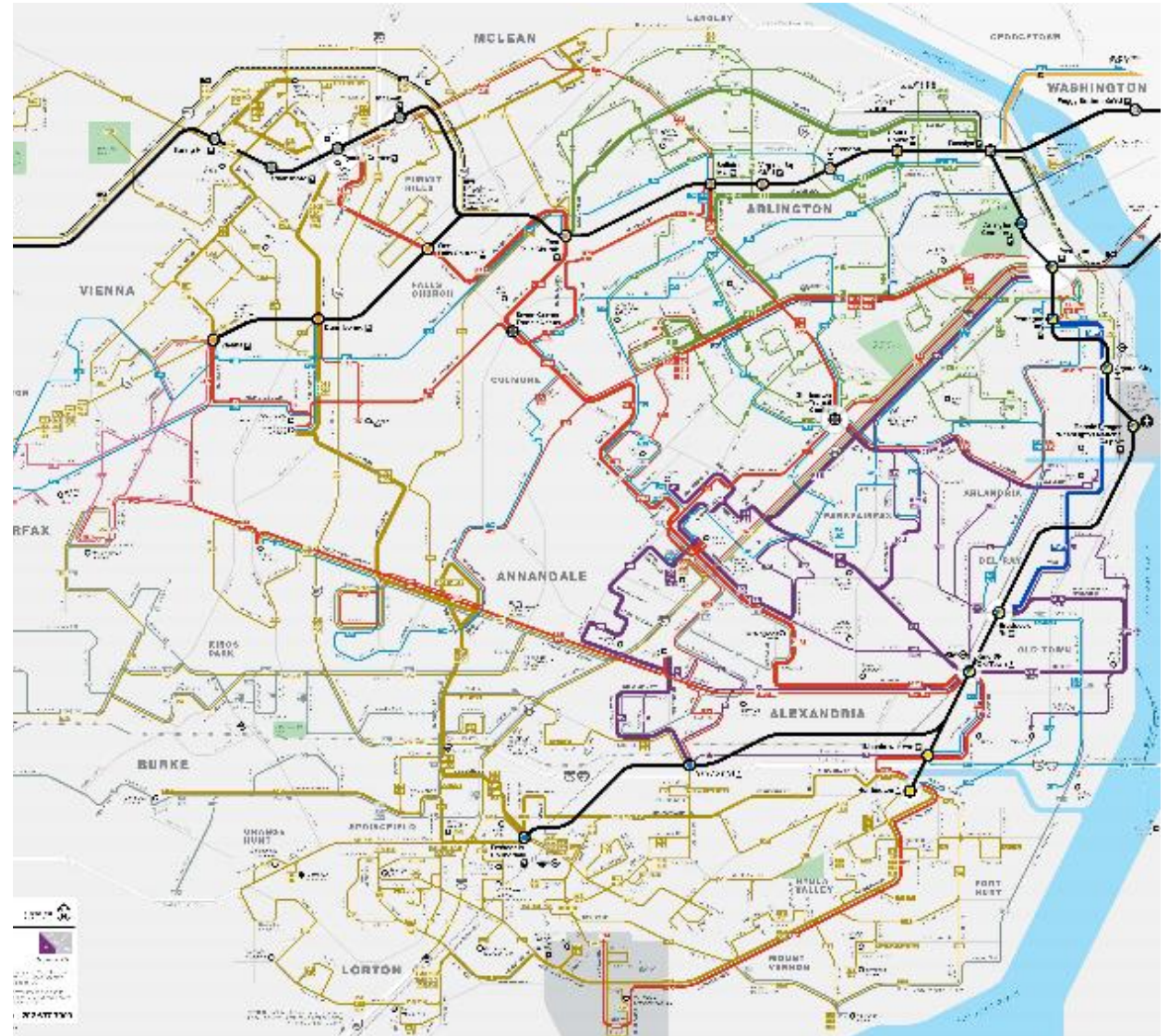
Budget: \$480,000 (50% DRPT, 50% Local Match)



# Northern Virginia Regional Bus Analysis

## **ACTION ITEM: Resolution #2473:** **Technical Assistance Application for a** **Northern Virginia Regional Bus Analysis**

- Builds on 2016 analysis by NVTC and jurisdictions' TSPs (Transit Strategic Plans)
- Significant changes to bus service (and transit in general) over the last six years
- Study Purpose:
  - Assess service gaps
  - Identify opportunities for service coordination and shared facilities/infrastructure
  - Regional overview of financial needs
- Budget: \$300,000 (50% DRPT, 50% Local Match)



## 7. Report from the Chair of the Legislative and Policy Committee

- A. General Assembly
- B. Federal Update



**DAVID MEYER**  
LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR  
CITY OF FARMER



**KATE MATTICE**  
NVTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**AIMEE PERRON-SEIBERT**  
NVTC LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

## 8. Virginia Railway Express

- A. VRE CEO Report and Minutes
- B. VRE Annual Commission Orientation



**JAMES WALKINSHAW**

SECRETARY, VRE OPERATIONS BOARD  
FAIRFAX COUNTY



**RICH DALTON**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS





## 9. Department of Rail and Public Transportation

### A. DRPT Monthly Report

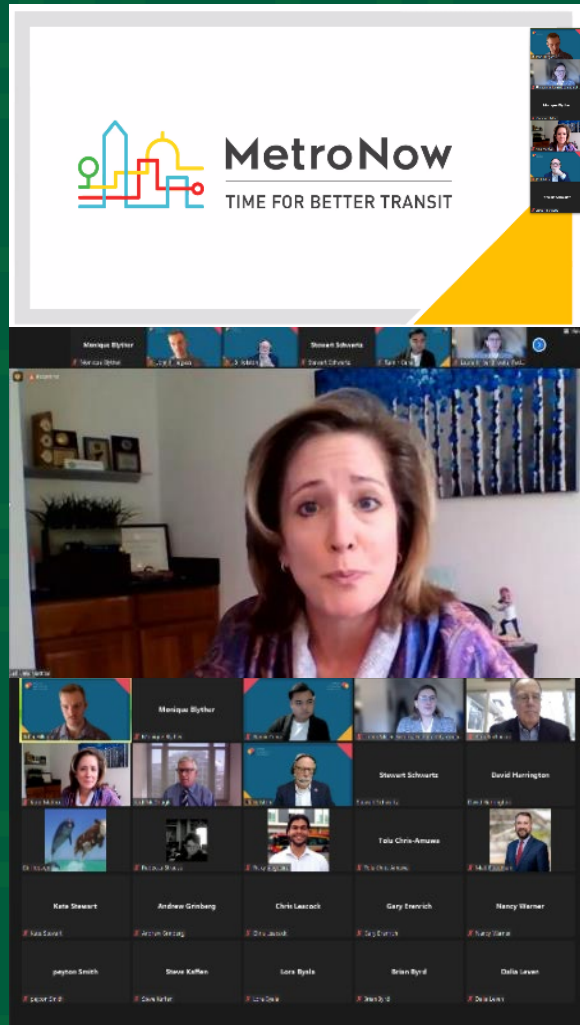


**JENNIFER MITCHELL**

*DIRECTOR, VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL  
AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION*



# 10. Executive Director's Report: January and February 2022 Highlights





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**The Washington Post**  
Democracy Dies in Darkness

Transportation

## Metro's prospects rise as omicron fades, but looming financial shortfall will shape service

The transit agency is likely to face two obvious but unappealing paths forward: Find financial help or cut service.

Listen to article 8 min



**VIRGINIA MERCURY**

TRANSPORTATION

COMMENTARY

## Forget the Metro. Can Northern Virginia fix its bus systems?

WYATT GORDON

FEBRUARY 18, 2022 12:03 AM



**Progressive RAILROADING**

RAIL NEWS: Passenger Rail

## Transportation panel advises WMATA to tighten 2023 budget

7/23/2022

The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) is advising the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to find ways to reduce spending in the agency's proposed fiscal year 2023 budget in order to close a projected budget gap in FY2024.

The NVTC, which represents local governments with financial obligations to WMATA operations, made its comments formally as part of the agency's budgeting process. NVTC outlined multiple priorities WMATA to consider before approving the FY2023 budget as well as the FY2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Those priorities include:

- Identify opportunities to adjust bus and rail service to match demand and seek opportunities to reduce the projected operating funding gap in FY2024;
- Implement fare policy changes to balance ridership and revenue;
- encourage a swift but safe opening of the Silver Line Phase 2 and Potomac Yard Stations;
- urge the safe and timely return of the 7000-series rail cars to service and make changes in safety culture; and

## Advancing Transit

**NVTC**  
NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

**Overview**

**Executive Summary**  
We may look back on 2021 as the year we understood the importance of transit in new ways.

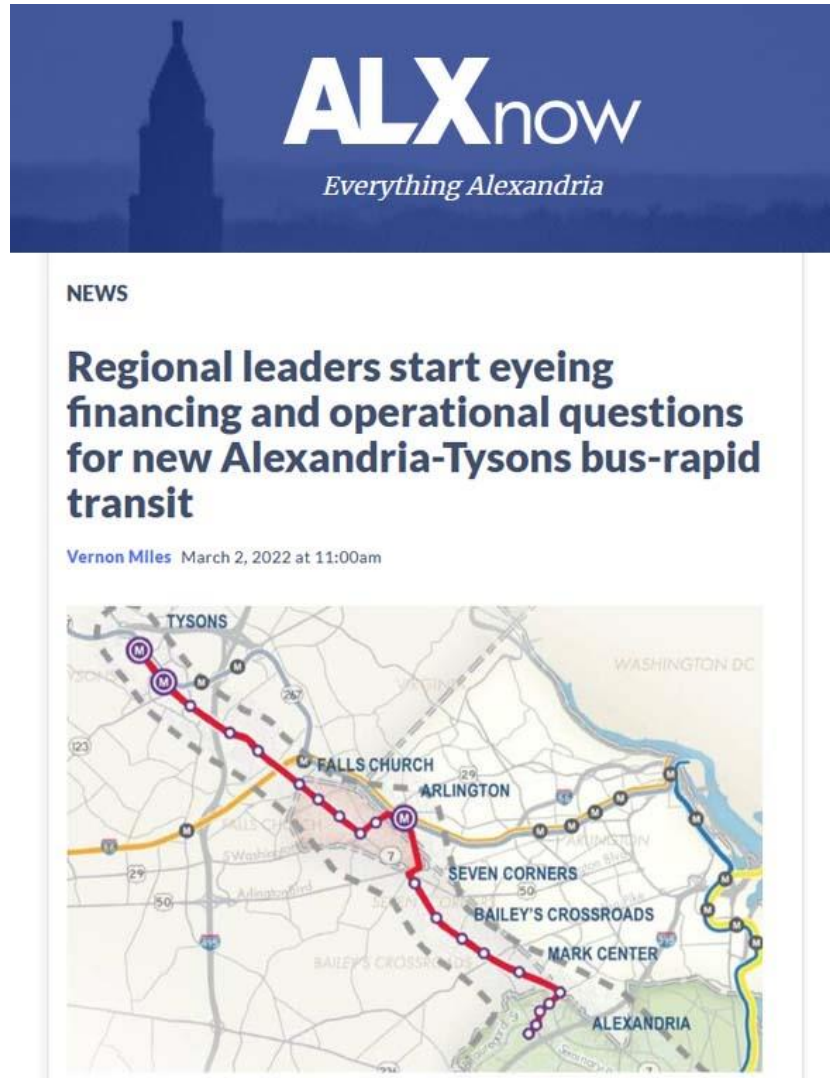
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**REGIONAL COOPERATION — 7**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT — 14**

14. Review of the 2021  
15. The NVTC in the News  
16. Public Comments  
17. Thank You

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## TRANSURBAN CONTRIBUTES \$15 MILLION TO COMMUTER CHOICE PROGRAM FOR IMPROVED TRANSIT SERVICE IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

VDOT leverages public-private partnership to invest \$45 million to date for the expansion of bus routes, fleets and infrastructure along the I-395/I-95 corridor



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ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 2, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- Today, Transurban announced its third annual contribution of \$15 million to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission's (NVTC) Commuter Choice program to improve transit services for travelers in the Commonwealth. This payment is the result of an agreement between the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Transurban, in which Transurban contributes a portion of its 395 Express Lanes toll revenue annually toward transit improvements benefitting the I-395/I-95 corridor over the life of the multi-decade public-private partnership concession. This third payment brings the total investment to more than \$45 million since 2019.



# 10. Executive Director's Report: March 2022 Highlights

**Celebrating  
WOMEN'S  
HISTORY MONTH**

The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission salutes the women who've helped make NoVa transportation system work better.

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The graphic features nine circular portraits of women arranged in two rows. The top row has five portraits, and the bottom row has four. A stylized map of Northern Virginia is in the background, and a train is at the bottom.

**NVTC**  
@NoVaTransit

NVTC advances a robust and reliable public transit network to support communities in Northern Virginia. Likes/RTs = endorsement. Monitored business hours only.

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Celebrating the women who helped pave the way for a robust transportation system in Northern Virginia.

Happy Women's History Month @DaliaPalchik @kcristol @SharonBulova #CathyHudgins #MaryHynes #MaryMargaretWhipple #ElaineMcConnell #EllenBozman #BeverlyBeidler

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## Upcoming Events

### **NVTC Program Advisory Committee**

April 14, 2022 (time to be confirmed)

### **NVTC's WMATA Committee**

April 21, 2022 at 6PM

### **NVTC Legislative Committee**

*If Needed*

## Questions?

- A. Commissioner comments and questions
- B. Reminder: Next Commission Meeting is **May 5, 2022**



**CANEK AGUIRRE**

NVTC CHAIR  
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA



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Meeting is adjourned. Thank you for attending!



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NVTC CHAIR  
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**DALIA PALCHIK**  
NVTC VICE CHAIR  
FAIRFAX COUNTY



**MATT de FERRANTI**  
NVTC SECRETARY-TREASURER  
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