



NVTC 2024 Legislative and Policy Agenda - Initial Priorities

STATE PRIORITIES

- Advocate for long-term, sustainable, dedicated state funding and expanded revenue opportunities to ensure WMATA, VRE and NOVA transit systems meet the growing needs of public transit in our region.
- Protect state funding of public transit in Northern Virginia and ensure sustainable growth in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund.
- Protect existing NVTC autonomy, programs and funding sources.
- Continue support for state investment in Transforming Rail in Virginia and other passenger rail initiatives.
- Support funding for development and implementation of transit innovations including transit signal priority, zero and low-emission public transit, and fare payment technologies.

FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- Maximize the region's access to federal transportation funding programs and competitive grant opportunities.
- Recognizing the importance of public transit in accessing federal agencies and facilities, identify and secure federal long-term funding opportunities that benefit our local transit systems, including WMATA and VRE.
- Encourage federal return-to-work policies focused on transit use.
- Continue support for commuter tax benefits for both the private and public sector.

NVTC Legislative Look-Ahead

September 2023

- **September 7 - Commission Meeting**
- September 21 - WMATA Committee Meeting

October 2023

- **October 5 - Commission Meeting**
- October 19 - Joint Legislative and Policy/WMATA Committee Meeting

November 2023

- **November 2 - Commission Meeting** (*presentation of NVTC 2024 Legislative and Policy Agenda*)
- November 7 - Virginia General Elections
- November TBD - Legislative and Policy Committee meeting (*post-election debrief*)
- November 30- Bill pre-filing deadline

December 2023

- December 1 - Joint NVTC, PRTC & VRE Legislative Forum (Arlington)
- **December 7 - Commission Meeting** (*adoption of NVTC 2024 Legislative and Policy Agenda*)
- December 20 - FY 2024-2026 Biennial Budget release

January 2024

- **January 5 - Commission Meeting**
- January 10 - General Assembly session convenes
- January 22 - Virginia Transit Association Transit Advocacy Day

February 2024

- **February 1 - Commission Meeting in Richmond**
- February 13 - General Assembly Crossover

March 2024

- **March 7 - Commission Meeting**
- March 9 - General Assembly *Sine die*