

**MEETING SUMMARY
JOINT NVTC-PRTC-VRE LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING
DECEMBER 15, 2025**

**George Mason University, Mason Square 3351 Fairfax Drive Arlington, Virginia
8:30 A.M.**

NVTC Members Present

Canek Aguirre
Walter Alcorn
Sarah Bagley
James Bierman, Jr.
Juli Briskman
Maureen Coffey
Adam Ebbin
Matt de Ferranti
Dalia Palchik
Catherine Read
Mark Sickles
Paul Smedberg
David Snyder

NVTC Members Absent

Takis Karantonis
Paul Krizek
Matt Letourneau
Alfonso Lopez
David Reid
Saddam Azlan Salim
Daniel Storck

NVTC Staff Present

Kate Mattice, Executive Director
Jason Adle
Shannon Bacon
Genoveva Cutrell
Andrew D'huyvetter
Matt Friedman
Rhonda Gilchrest
Sarah Godfrey
Adam Hager
Meg Johnston
Scott Kalkwarf
Hwajung Kim
Daniel Knickelbein
Ann McGrane
Becky Merriner
Tenley O'Hara
Aimee Perron Seibert
Vikram Sinha
Sophie Spiliotopoulos
Coletia Quarles
Colie Touzel
Melissa Walker
Henry Watkins
Owen Williams

PRTC Members Present

Victor Angry
Andrea Bailey
Kenny Boddye
Sarah Husain (Alternate)
Darryl Moore

PRTC Members Absent

Tinesha Allen
Margaret Franklin
Deborah Frazier
Tom Gordy
Lori Hayes
Rozia A. Henson, Jr.
Jannan Holmes
Deshundra Jefferson
Jeremy McPike
Tiffany Robinson
Ralph Smith
Josh Thomas
R. Pamela Yeung

PRTC Staff Present

Bob Schneider, Executive Director
Althea Evans
Alyson Foster
Declan Goslen
Giann Kim
Ben Matters
Susan McGowan
Becky Merriner
Kimberly Mitchell
Perrin Palistrant
William Phillips
Cynthia Porter-Johnson
Joe Stainsby

VRE Operations Board Members Present

Canek Aguirre (Alternate)
Victor Angry (Alternate)
Sarah Bagley
Andrea Bailey
James Bierman, Jr. (Alternate)
Kenny Boddye (Alternate)
Maureen Coffey (Alternate)
Darryl Moore (Alternate)
Pamela Yeung (Alternate)

VRE Operations Board Members Absent

Meg Bohmke
Margaret Franklin
Tom Gordy
Lori Hayes
Jannan Holmes
Takis Karantonis
Sonia Vasquez Luna
Alanna Mensing
Tiffany Robinson

VRE Staff Present

Julianne Bar
MinhChau Corr
Lindsey Martin
William Montgomery
Nicolas Ruiz
Mark Schofield
Joe Swartz
Detrius Williams

Opening Remarks: Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) Executive Director Kate Mattice

Ms. Mattice welcomed attendees into the George Mason University Van Metre Hall Multipurpose Room at approximately 9:15 a.m. She acknowledged several familiar faces, elected officials, and transit professionals. After a few housekeeping items, Ms. Mattice passed the microphone to PRTC Chair Victor Angry to provide welcoming remarks.

Welcoming Remarks: Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) Chair Victor Angry

PRTC Chair Victor Angry provided welcoming remarks. He noted that commuter bus ridership in Northern Virginia doubled between January and March 2025.

Introduction of Special Guest Speaker: Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) Chair Dave Snyder

NVTC Chair Dave Snyder introduced Special Guest Speaker, Tysons Community Alliance CEO Katie Cristol. He noted that Ms. Cristol has been a champion for Northern Virginia transit and a voice for the importance of bus and rail in helping local businesses and our economy thrive. She has been recognized by multiple trade organizations and received several accolades and awards for her work in community and business building.

Special Guest Remarks: Tysons Community Alliance CEO Katie Cristol

Ms. Cristol spoke to the importance of business and transit and noted that 86% of all new development in Tysons has occurred within a half mile of transit stations -- exceeding expectations of the plan's vision to add 200,000 jobs and 100,000 residents without adding to single occupancy vehicle traffic.

Transit Leaders on What's Next for Northern Virginia: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) General Manager/CEO Randy Clarke, Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Chief Financial Officer Mark Schofield, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)/OmniRide Executive Director Bob Schneider, Chief of Arlington Transit Pierre Holloman

This panel was moderated by Washington Post reporter Rachel Weiner. Ms. Weiner directed the questions around encouraging trends in transit ridership and growth, as well as challenging economic headwinds and planning for the future.

Virginia's Path to Sustainable Transit Funding Panel: Senator Adam Ebbin, Delegate Adele McClure, Delegate Mark Sickles, Fairfax County Board Chair Jeff McKay, and WMATA Board of Directors Vice-Chair Paul Smedberg

This panel was moderated by Kate Mattice filling in for Nick Donohue, Principal at Capitol Transportation Consultants and who recently served as the facilitator for DMVMoves.

Panelists shared updates on two key transit funding initiatives: DMVMoves and the General Assembly’s SJ 28 Northern Virginia Growing Needs of Public Transit Joint Subcommittee.

Closing Remarks: VRE Chair Sarah Bagley

VRE Chair Bagley closed out the forum by thanking those attending. She highlighted that Northern Virginia transit serves nearly 10 million people a month, adding that transit gets people to their destination safely and connects people to the economy and the community in an efficient way.

The 2025 Legislative and Policy Forum concluded at approximately 11:05 a.m.

Approved this 8th day of January 2026.

Sarah Bagley
Chair

Maureen Coffey
Secretary-Treasurer