

MINUTES
NVTC COMMISSION MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2026
FIRST FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM – 2300 WILSON BLVD.
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

The meeting of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission was called to order by Chair Snyder at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present

Canek Aguirre (*via electronic participation*)
Walter Alcorn
Sarah Bagley
James Bierman, Jr.
Juli Briskman
Maureen Coffey
Matt de Ferranti
Adam Ebbin
Darien B. Flowers
Takis Karantonis
Paul Krizek
Matt Letourneau
Alfonso Lopez
Tom Peterson (Alternate, City of Fairfax)
David Reid (*via electronic participation*)
Saddam Azlan Salim
Rachna Sizemore Heizer
David Snyder
Justine Underhill (Alternate, City of Falls Church)

Members Absent

Dalia Palchik
Catherine Read
Daniel Storck

Staff Present

Kate Mattice, Executive Director	Tenley O’Hara
Jason Adle	Aimee Perron Seibert (<i>via electronic participation</i>)
Shannon Bacon	Sophie Spiliotopoulos
Genoveva Cutrell	Melissa Walker
Andrew D’huyvetter	Henry Watkins (<i>via electronic participation</i>)
Matt Friedman	Owen Williams
Rhonda Gilchrest	MinhChau Corr (NVTC/VRE)
Sarah Godfrey	Dallas Richards (VRE)
Adam Hager	Mark Schofield (VRE)
Scott Kalkwarf	Joe Swartz (VRE)
Hwajung Kim	Mark Sickles (former NVTC Commissioner)
Daniel Knickelbein	Paul Smedberg (former NVTC Commissioner)
Ann McGrane	

Opening Remarks

Chair Snyder welcomed everyone to the January 8, 2026 NVTC meeting and noted that the meeting is also being livestreamed on YouTube for the public. Board Administrator Rhonda Gilchrest confirmed an in-person quorum.

Chair Snyder stated that Mr. Aguirre requested electronic participation for a medical reason since he is sick. Mr. Reid requested electronic participation for a personal reason as he is in Richmond for pre-Session meetings. Ms. Bagley moved, with a second by Mr. Letourneau, to approve Commissioners Aguirre and Reid's electronic participation. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Briskman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Ebbin, Flowers, Karantonis, Letourneau, Peterson, Salim, Sizemore Heizer and Snyder. The motion passed.

Chair Snyder gave a special welcome to new Commissioner Rachna Sizemore Heizer from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. She won the special election in December for the Braddock District seat and she fills Fairfax County's vacant seat on NVTC, left when James Walkinshaw won his congressional seat. He also welcomed new Commissioner Darien Flowers, who has been appointed by Secretary of Transportation Miller to serve on NVTC and the WMATA Board, succeeding Paul Smedberg's appointment which expired on January 5, 2026. He also thanked Fairfax City Councilmember Tom Peterson for serving as Mayor Read's alternate for this meeting, since she needs to attend the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) meeting. Chair Snyder also welcomed NVTC Alternate Justine Underhill from the City of Falls Church.

Ms. Mattice gave a brief overview of the meeting agenda. She announced two additional Commissioners who will be departing NVTC. Governor-elect Spanberger announced appointments including DRPT Director-nominee Mariia Zimmerman to replace Tiffany Robinson and the selection of Senator Adam Ebbin to serve on Virginia's Cannabis Authority, leading to him stepping down from the Virginia Senate in mid-February. Ms. Robinson and Senator Ebbin will be officially honored for their service at the March Commission meeting.

Chair Snyder noted that Senator Ebbin has a long tenure serving on the Commission. He first served on NVTC starting in 2004 as a delegate from June 2004 thru Jan 2012, then rejoined as senator from May 2016 thru present. Senator Ebbin has been a tireless advocate for NVTC and public transit, in general, especially in his recent role as chair of the SJ 28 Joint Subcommittee.

Ms. Mattice reported that one general public comment was received this month from County Taxpayers' Alliance Board Member Rob Whitfield. His comment was emailed to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

New and Departing Commissioners

Oath of Office for New Commissioners. Chair Snyder stated that Fairfax County has appointed Rachna Sizemore Heizer to NVTC and the Secretary of Transportation has appointed Darien Flowers to NVTC and the WMATA Board of Directors. Chair Snyder noted that he will also administer the ceremonial oath of office to Mr. Peterson as this is his first meeting as Mayor Read's alternate. (The board administrator administered the official oath of office to the three members prior to the meeting.)

Chair Snyder administered the ceremonial oath of office to Ms. Sizemore Heizer, Mr. Flowers and Mr. Peterson. The Commission welcomed them to NVTC.

Mr. Flowers expressed his excitement to be a member of NVTC and the WMATA Board and he appreciates the opportunity to serve as he represents the Commonwealth. He acknowledged his predecessor, Paul Smedberg, for all his hard work and leadership. Mr. Peterson thanked the Commission for letting him "be part of the family." Ms. Sizemore Heizer stated that she is excited to be on NVTC and to work with her colleagues and regional partners on transportation issues.

Recognition of Departing Commissioners. Chair Snyder stated that both Paul Smedberg and Mark Sickles have served with distinction on NVTC and have been instrumental in the most recent efforts to secure long-term sustainable transit funding for WMATA, VRE and Northern Virginia's local bus providers.

Chair Snyder noted that Paul Smedberg's second term on the WMATA Board expired on January 5, 2026. Mr. Smedberg served on the WMATA Board during a time of uncertainty as well as growth, and it is safe to say that WMATA is better off due to his service on the Board. He led the WMATA Board as its chair as they navigated the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, selected Randy Clarke as WMATA's General Manager/CEO, and celebrated key Metrorail expansions in Virginia, including the Silver Line Phase 2 to Dulles and the Potomac Yard Station in Alexandria. He also shepherded initiatives that will shape the region for years to come, including the first major redesign of the Metrobus network and the restructuring of WMATA's subsidy allocation formulas to better align investment and service. Most recently, Mr. Smedberg served as the co-chair of DMVMoves and as a member of the SJ 28 Joint Subcommittee, helping identify a path forward for sustainable transit funding in the region. Chair Snyder stated that he could go on and on but referred Commissioners to the prepared commendation resolution prepared for Mr. Smedberg.

Mr. Letourneau moved, with a second by Mr. Alcorn, to approve the Resolution of Commendation for the Honorable Paul C. Smedberg on his departure from NVTC. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Briskman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Ebbin, Flowers, Karantonis, Letourneau, Peterson, Salim, Sizemore Heizer and Snyder. A roll call vote was conducted for Commissioners participating electronically and Mr. Aguirre and Mr. Reid voted in the affirmative. The motion passed. (A copy of the resolution is attached.)

Ms. Mattice read the following remarks from DRPT Director Tiffany Robinson, who was not able to attend the meeting:

Although I have only been with DRPT a limited time, I had the privilege of meeting with Paul in my prior role as Deputy Chief of Staff for the Governor where he met with us along with WMATA management multiple times to help ensure the long-term sustainability of Metro. He has been a great leader on the Board, took his oversight role very seriously, and has been a solid partner to the Commonwealth.

In particular, I want to commend Paul for his engagement and leadership on the recent WMATA Operational Analysis (presented to the CTB this week), which he has helped position to be a guiding resource for the Board and WMATA management. My hope is that this work product will offer additional options to help WMATA better manage its growing costs and increase self-generated revenue, allowing the Commonwealth and the jurisdictions to get the most possible for our dollars. Paul's tenure reflected a deep understanding of both regional needs and statewide responsibilities in a way that has transcended partisan divides...AND he was very helpful to me along the way as well. Thank you for your service, Paul!

*Sincerely,
Tiffany P. Robinson / DRPT Director*

Mr. Alcorn thanked Mr. Smedberg for his service and noted the amount of work he accomplished while he served as chair of the WMATA Board. Mr. Smedberg was a credit to the Commonwealth, especially for all his recent work co-chairing DMVMoves and serving on the SJ 28 Joint Subcommittee.

Mr. Letourneau reflected that NVTC is not just saying goodbye to Mr. Smedberg as a member of the WMATA Board but also as an NVTC Commissioner. Mr. Letourneau observed that as he served as Mr. Smedberg's colleague on the WMATA Board for the last five years, it cannot be overstated the significant impact Mr. Smedberg had on the WMATA Board and the entire Metro system. Given everything that happened over the last five years at WMATA, there can't be a more consequential member of the WMATA Board than Paul Smedberg, especially during his tenure as Board chair. It also speaks volumes that Mr. Smedberg was a Commonwealth appointee for both Governor Northam and Governor Youngkin. Mr. Smedberg had the ability to keep the entire Board moving in the same direction. On a personal level, Mr. Letourneau thanked Mr. Smedberg for being a good friend and colleague. He encouraged Mr. Smedberg that there is life after serving on the WMATA Board and he wished him the very best.

Mr. Lopez joined the discussion at 7:23 p.m.

Mr. de Ferranti expressed his appreciation for Mr. Smedberg's extraordinary leadership. On behalf of the City of Alexandria, Ms. Bagley thanked Mr. Smedberg for his pivotal work on the Potomac Yard Station, which took 20 years of vision to get it accomplished. She thanked him for his service on both NVTC and WMATA. Mr. Sickles thanked Mr. Smedberg for his leadership and for always doing the hard things.

Mr. Smedberg thanked the Commission for the kind words. He observed that NVTC is a very different Commission than what it was when he joined in 2005. With Kate Mattice's

knowledge and leadership, where staff are mentored and fostered, NVTC has made remarkable progress. NVTC is the “go to organization” for everything transit. He thanked NVTC staff, with a special shout-out to Kate Mattice, Rhonda Gilchrest, Andrew D’huyvetter, Adam Hager and Shannon Bacon; Jen Monaco (DRPT); Jennifer Mitchell (former DRPT Director); Adam Ebbin and Mark Sickles (SJ 28); Matt de Ferranti and Mark Sickles (DMVMoves); and Walter Alcorn (WMATA Board). He especially recognized Matt Letourneau who served with him on the WMATA Board for five years. Mr. Smedberg stated that appointing Mr. Letourneau to chair the Finance Committee was one of the best decisions he made as WMATA Board chair. Mr. Smedberg stated that the time he served on the WMATA Board was a challenging time, but it was rewarding to see all that they accomplished.

Chair Snyder invited Mr. Smedberg up front and presented him with the commendation resolution and a trophy award. Commissioners honored Mr. Smedberg with a round of applause.

Chair Snyder stated that the Commission is also saying goodbye to Delegate Mark Sickles as Governor-elect Spanberger has selected him to serve on her cabinet as her secretary of finance. On behalf of the entire Commission, Chair Snyder congratulated Mr. Sickles on his appointment.

Chair Snyder noted that Delegate Sickles was appointed to NVTC in April 2024 and, although his time on NVTC has been relatively short, he has made a lasting impact by working tirelessly with local, regional and state officials to propose long-term sustainable transit funding for WMATA, VRE and Northern Virginia’s local bus providers. Delegate Sickles served on the Task Force of DMVMoves and the SJ 28 Joint Subcommittee. In these roles, he offered early and consistent vocal support to both transit funding initiatives and worked closely with colleagues in Maryland and the District of Columbia to ensure the broader region could collectively develop a long-term transit funding solution. He then collaborated with Senator Ebbin to draft a bill supporting the solution and has ensured it will be in good hands as he leaves the House of Delegates. He did all of this while continuing to meet the needs of his constituents in the 17th House District, which he has served for 22 years. Chair Snyder thanked Mr. Sickles for his service to NVTC, Northern Virginia and to the Commonwealth.

Mr. Ebbin moved, with a second by Ms. Bagley, to approve the Resolution of Commendation for the Honorable Mark Sickles on his departure from NVTC. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Briskman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Ebbin, Flowers, Karantonis, Letourneau, Lopez, Peterson, Salim, Sizemore Heizer and Snyder. A roll call vote was conducted for Commissioners participating electronically and Mr. Aguirre and Mr. Reid voted in the affirmative. The motion passed. (A copy of the resolution is attached.)

Mr. Ebbin stated that he has been a friend of Mr. Sickles before he was elected and he expressed his appreciation for Mr. Sickles dedication to finding a legislative solution for the region’s transit funding needs. Mr. Alcorn specifically thanked Mr. Sickles for his work on SJ 28 and his transit funding work as he has a remarkable ability to combine substance with politics and to understand the political “possible” while getting into the details of what will actually work.

Mr. Krizek arrived at 7:34 p.m. and joined the discussion.

Mr. Smedberg noted that Delegate Sickles is also known for doing the tough things. He is adept at combining policy and politics and managing them beyond that. Mr. Smedberg noted that Delegate Sickles is highly respected among his fellow legislators. He also thanked him for his work on SJ 28.

Delegate Sickles thanked the Commission for the kind words. He stated that both legislative bills regarding the transit funding solve the problem and they have gotten a lot of attention even before the Session. He observed that he never requested to be appointed to NVTC, but he has enjoyed his time as a Commissioner and is impressed with the organization and noted that it is well run.

Chair Snyder thanked Delegate Sickles for his unfailing sense of humor, the ability to deal with civility without limitation, and his firm commitment to transit. Chair Snyder then invited Delegate Sickles up front and presented him with the commendation resolution and a trophy award. Commissioners honored Delegate Sickles with a round of applause.

Minutes and Meeting Summary

Chair Snyder suggested voting on the minutes and summary as a block vote. There were no objections.

Mr. Lopez moved, with a second by Mr. Krizek, to approve the Minutes of the December 4 Commission Meeting and the Meeting Summary of the December 15 Joint Legislative Forum. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Briskman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Ebbin, Flowers, Karantonis, Krizek, Letourneau, Lopez, Peterson, Salim, Sizemore Heizer and Snyder. A roll call vote was conducted for Commissioners participating electronically and Mr. Aguirre and Mr. Reid voted in the affirmative. The motion passed. (A copy of the resolution is attached.)

Annual Leadership and Governance

Slate of Officers for 2026. Chair Snyder reported that the Executive Committee recommends the following slate of officers for 2026:

Chair: Sarah Bagley (City of Alexandria)
Vice-Chair: Matt Letourneau (Loudoun County)
Secretary-Treasurer: Maureen Coffey (Arlington County)

Chair Snyder asked for any further nominations from the floor and there were none.

Mr. Alcorn moved, with a second by Mr. Bierman, to approve the recommended slate of officers. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Briskman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Ebbin, Flowers, Karantonis, Krizek, Letourneau, Lopez, Peterson, Salim,

Sizemore Heizer and Snyder. A roll call vote was conducted for Commissioners participating electronically and Mr. Aguirre and Mr. Reid voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Chair Snyder invited the new officers up front and he administered the oath of office. Commissioners congratulated the new officers with a round of applause.

Outgoing-Chair Snyder congratulated the new officers and stated that the Commission is lucky to have these remarkable new officers. He recognized their leadership and experience to serve well in these roles. He then passed the gavel to Chair Bagley, who took over chairing the meeting.

Chair Bagley thanked the Commission and stated that she is excited for this next year and for the opportunity to serve as NVTC chair. She has observed the leadership of her predecessors – Canek Aguirre, Dalia Palchik and David Snyder – and has learned so much from them.

Resolution of Commendation for the Honorable David F. Snyder for His Service as Chair for 2025. On behalf of the entire Commission, Chair Bagley thanked Mr. Snyder for his exceptional service as chair during 2025. He has the distinction of being one of NVTC's longest serving Commissioners (31 years) and he has served as NVTC's chair a record number of four times. Chair Bagley highlighted some of NVTC's accomplishments under his leadership, which are included in the resolution:

- Chair Snyder led NVTC during its 61st year of operations, which was a standout year for the Commission as it celebrated record-breaking ridership across the region's public transit agencies, including key bus routes funded through NVTC's Commuter Choice program.
- The past year was pivotal for building the case to strengthen the public transit network. Both NVTC Commissioners and staff played integral roles in two initiatives to establish sustainable, long-term funding for public transit – DMVMoves and SJ 28.
- Under Chair Snyder's leadership, NVTC staff supported this critical work and other NVTC projects and programs by producing timely reports and online explorers to provide deeper understanding of the complex way public transit is funded, how bus priority measures can improve the overall rider experience, how agencies can work together to plan for zero-emission bus infrastructure and other studies designed to offer functional transit-focused research.
- Chair Snyder supported the Commuter Choice program, which set records in 2025 with the highest reported ridership numbers in the history of the program.
- Chair Snyder championed NVTC's Envision Route 7 project to bring better bus service to the to the Route 7 corridor while simultaneously planning for bus rapid transit (BRT) connecting Tysons and Alexandria.
- Chair Snyder supported NVTC's Transit Data and Analysis program, which in 2025 elevated the use of data to tell the story of public transit in Northern Virginia.
- Chair Snyder continued to faithfully chair NVTC during a personally challenging time while he underwent treatment following a diagnosis of oral cancer. His dedication to NVTC, his constituents and the region is inspirational.

Chair Bagley stated that it is a privilege to follow someone in leadership who has so much experience and a lengthy perspective. She looks forward to continuing that with Mr. Snyder in his role as immediate past chair.

Mr. Letourneau moved, with a second by Mr. Ebbin, to approve the Resolution of Commendation for the Honorable David F. Snyder for his service as chair for 2026. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Briskman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Ebbin, Flowers, Karantonis, Krizek, Letourneau, Lopez, Peterson, Salim, Sizemore Heizer and Snyder. A roll call vote was conducted for Commissioners participating electronically and Mr. Aguirre and Mr. Reid voted in the affirmative. The motion passed. (A copy of the resolution is attached.)

Mr. Letourneau observed that Mr. Snyder has been a stalwart defender of transit for all these years and is highly respected by this body and throughout the region, especially at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Mr. Letourneau thanked Mr. Snyder for his service and for making the region a better place.

Mr. Salim thanked Mr. Snyder for his service and expertise. He stated that it is a privilege to serve alongside Mr. Snyder. Mr. Smedberg thanked Mr. Snyder for asking the hard questions and for his advocacy for transit. Mr. de Ferranti stated that Mr. Snyder is good at being able to synthesize information, which is a good leadership trait. Mr. Alcorn agreed that Mr. Snyder has the ability to ask the hard questions and has good common sense.

Chair Bagley presented the resolution to Mr. Snyder and thanked him for his for his service. Commissioners thanked him with a round of applause.

Mr. Snyder thanked the Commission for the kind words. He observed that NVTC is a unique entity with the ability for members to come together and work collaboratively. It is a precious thing and he knows that the new leadership will carry this forward. It didn't happen by accident, as NVTC's prior leadership and Commissioners helped build this body into what it is today. However, he observed that it is the staff that does the work and deserves most of the credit. He thanked Ms. Mattice and her staff for moving NVTC to its highest level. He stated that this past year was about putting down a foundation for the future, especially ensuring a world class transit system in the future, the Envision Route 7 BRT project and the connections it will make, and VRE with its new long-term plan and a new CEO. While foundations are great, they are just a beginning so it is a collective responsibility to finish the important work that has begun. Mr. Snyder thanked everyone who has been involved in the success of NVTC. Commissioners recognized him with a round of applause.

Mr. Snyder recognized his colleague, Justine Underhill, and noted that he will need to step out during the meeting and Ms. Underhill will vote as his alternate during his absence. He does plan to return.

Chair Bagley suggested presenting the next three items and then voting on them as a block vote. There were no objections.

NVTC Appointments to Various Boards for 2026. Chair Bagley reported that each January NVTC appoints and/or reconfirms its appointments to the WMATA Board of Directors, the Virginia Railway Express Operations Board and the Virginia Transit Association Board of Directors. For the WMATA Board, it is recommended that Walter Alcorn continue as the NVTC principal appointee to the WMATA Board, with Canek Aguirre as his alternate. Resolution #2591 has been updated to add Darien Flowers as the Commonwealth principal appointee to the WMATA Board. Matt de Ferranti will continue to serve as the alternate to the Commonwealth appointee. The VRE Operations Board appointments are selected by each VRE jurisdiction and then appointed by NVTC. Fairfax County has selected Rachna Sizemore Heizer to serve as a VRE Operations Board principal member, which fills the vacancy from James Walkinshaw's departure. Virginia Transit Association Board of Directors appointments remain the same as last year.

Chair Bagley reminded Commissioners that some of these actions may be contingent on subsequent action by local boards and councils as their NVTC appointments may not have been adopted as of today. Resolution #2591 reflects the following appointments:

NVTC's WMATA Board of Directors

Principals

Darien B. Flowers
Commonwealth Appointee
(term expires 01-01-2030)

Walter L. Alcorn
NVTC Appointee
(term expires 01-05-2029)

Alternates

Matt de Ferranti
Alternate to Commonwealth Principal
(term expires 01-04-2028)

Canek Aguirre
Alternate to NVTC Principal
(term expires 01-05-2027)

Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Operations Board

Principals:

Fairfax County:
Rachna Sizemore Heizer
Daniel Storck

City of Alexandria:

Sarah Bagley

Arlington County:

Takis Karantonis

Alternates:

Fairfax County:
James Bierman

City of Alexandria:

Canek Aguirre

Arlington County:

Maureen Coffey

Virginia Transit Association (VTA) Board of Directors

Principals:

David Snyder
Kate Mattice

Alternates:

Sarah Bagley
Canek Aguirre

NVTC Committee Membership for 2026. Chair Bagley stated that as outlined in NVTC's By-Laws, NVTC has four committees – the Executive Committee, WMATA Committee, Legislative and Policy Committee and Program Advisory Committee. Each

January the Commission approves the committee roster and the 2026 committee assignments are reflected in Resolution #2592. For 2026, the changes to note are: 1) Takis Karantonis will replace Maureen Coffey on the Program Advisory Committee; 2) Committee vice-chairs have been added to help facilitate meetings if the chair cannot be present at a meeting, as this will help to keep the continuity of committee work moving forward; and 3) Darien Flowers has been added to the Executive Committee and the WMATA Committee. Chair Bagley reminded everyone that all Commissioners can attend any committee meeting and they are public meetings. Committee membership for 2026 is as follows:

NVTC Executive Committee

Chair, Sarah Bagley
 Vice-Chair, Matt Letourneau
 Secretary-Treasurer, Maureen Coffey
 WMATA Committee Chair, Matt de Ferranti
 Legislative and Policy Committee Chair, Canek Aguirre
 Program Advisory Committee Chair, Dalia Palchik
 Immediate Past Chair, David F. Snyder
 General Assembly Member, Adam Ebbin
Non-Voting Members:
 WMATA Principal Member, Walter Alcorn
 WMATA Principal Member, Darien B. Flowers

NVTC Legislative and Policy Committee

Chair, Canek Aguirre
 Vice-Chair, James Bierman, Jr.
 Maureen Coffey
 Matt Letourneau
 Catherine Read
 David Snyder
Non-Voting Member:
 General Assembly Member, Adam Ebbin

NVTC WMATA Committee

Chair, WMATA Alternate Member, Matt de Ferranti
 Vice-Chair, Matt Letourneau
 WMATA Principal Member, Walter Alcorn
 WMATA Principal Member, Darien B. Flowers
 WMATA Alternate Member, Canek Aguirre
 David Snyder

NVTC Program Advisory Committee

Chair, Dalia Palchik
 Vice-Chair, Juli Briskman
 Sarah Bagley
 Takis Karantonis
 David Snyder

Mr. Ebbin noted that he will need to be replaced on the Executive Committee and Legislative and Policy Committee. Ms. Mattice suggested revisiting this and taking action at the March 5 meeting since Senator Ebbin doesn't resign until February 18.

Designation of NVTC Signatories and Pension Trustees. Chair Bagley stated that Resolution #2593 is an administrative housekeeping item that is done every January to designate the newly appointed secretary-treasurer as an NVTC signatory and pension trustee. Maureen Coffey is listed in the resolution as the new secretary-treasurer.

Chair Bagley reviewed the actions for the block vote:

- Resolution #2591: Approve the NVTC Board Appointments for 2026
- Resolution #2592: Approve NVTC Committee Membership for 2026
- Resolution #2593: Approve NVTC Signatories and Pension Trustees

Mr. de Ferranti moved, with a second by Mr. Alcorn, to approve Resolutions #2591, #2592 and #2593. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Briskman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Ebbin, Flowers, Karantonis, Krizek, Letourneau, Lopez, Peterson, Salim, Sizemore Heizer and Snyder. A roll call vote was conducted for Commissioners participating

electronically and Mr. Aguirre and Mr. Reid voted in the affirmative. The motion passed. (Copies of the resolutions are attached.)

Mr. Snyder left the meeting at 8:02 p.m. (but returned later in the agenda). Ms. Underhill voted as his alternate during his absence.

Consent Agenda

Chair Bagley stated that there is one item on the Consent Agenda to authorize the executive director to submit a DRPT Technical Assistance Grant application for NVTC Strategic Planning.

Mr. de Ferranti moved, with a second by Mr. Letourneau, to approve the Consent Agenda. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Briskman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Ebbin, Flowers, Karantonis, Krizek, Letourneau, Lopez, Peterson, Salim, Sizemore Heizer and Underhill. A roll call vote was conducted for Commissioners participating electronically and Mr. Aguirre and Mr. Reid voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

NVTC 2025 Year in Review and 2026 Look Ahead

2025 Year in Review. Ms. Mattice stated that NVTC's communications team published a 2025 Year in Review, which was provided to Commissioners at their seats. She noted that 2025 was a very busy year at NVTC. It was a milestone year for public transit in the region that was marked by record ridership on bus and rail, major progress on bus rapid transit planning, and critical work to secure long-term funding for the region's transit network. NVTC's 2025 Year in Review highlights these efforts, detailing the continued success of the Commuter Choice program, major planning and outreach activities for the Envision Route 7 bus rapid transit project, and the role of NVTC staff and Commissioners in DMVMoves and the SJ 28 Joint Subcommittee, which are two efforts that provided recommendations for sustainable transit funding.

Ms. Mattice also stated that NVTC continued its fiscal stewardship, its oversight of WMATA, and the support it provides to the local jurisdictions and transit agencies that move more than two million riders each week.

2026 Look Ahead. Ms. Mattice stated that first and foremost, for 2026 NVTC will continue its strong and effective financial management of public transportation funding. NVTC expects 2026 to be a critical year for Northern Virginia transit as funding recommendations from DMVMoves and the Virginia General Assembly's SJ 28 Joint Subcommittee guide new legislation in the Virginia General Assembly's 2026 Session. The recommendations, if enacted into law, have the potential to provide long-term financial stability for the regional transit network, which experienced record-breaking ridership last year. She invited Commissioners to attend NVTC's Legislative Reception in Richmond on February 5 to meet with lawmakers and continue advocating for transit initiatives that will

be working their way through the General Assembly this year. The Virginia Transit Association will also be holding a Transit Advocacy Day on January 26.

Ms. Mattice highlighted NVTC's upcoming milestones for the Commuter Choice program, including the I-66 Needs Assessment, another round of I-66 project programming, and issuing a next Call for Projects for I-395/95. The Envision Route 7 project, which completed a planning and outreach push in the fall, will go out to the community again this spring to update riders on project progress between Seven Corners and Southern Towers/Mark Center and gather additional input. NVTC will continue its strong relationship with WMATA, as it is charged with the funding and stewardship of WMATA, is represented on the WMATA Board, manages regional and state funding for WMATA on behalf of NVTC's local jurisdictions, and reports Metro performance data. Throughout the year, NVTC will continue to use committees for a great deal of the work – all of which are meetings open to all Commissioners and the public in person.

Chair Bagley recognized the teamwork of staff and Commissioners.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

Chair Bagley asked WMATA Board Principal Walter Alcorn to give an update on the WMATA budget and then the WMATA Board Member Report.

Proposed FY 2027 WMATA Budget. Mr. Alcorn reported that the proposed FY 2027 WMATA Budget was previewed to the WMATA Board on December 11. He provided some context for the major elements in the budget, which will help facilitate the discussion in the next agenda item regarding NVTC's budget comments.

Mr. Alcorn stated that the proposed operating budget anticipates continued ridership and revenue growth, reinvesting anticipated savings into better service, and 3% growth in total jurisdictional subsidy. He also reported that service enhancements in Virginia include additional Orange/Silver/Blue service, additional peak-period rail service, and expanded peak-period bus service on two routes with high ridership. Most of the service enhancements will be funded through savings from Automatic Train Operation (ATO) efficiencies and bus scheduling efficiencies as WMATA continues to refine and optimize the Better Bus Network.

Mr. Alcorn stated that the major decision points with this budget are in the capital program. The proposed budget contains two scenarios: one with DMVMoves funding and one without. The WMATA Board will need some level of confidence that the DMVMoves funding needs in Virginia, Maryland and the District are going to be met in order to proceed with that scenario. In the baseline scenario (without DMVMoves funding), WMATA staff have proposed advancing rail modernization on the Red Line. The tradeoff is that there is not sufficient funding for the first option of the 8000-series railcars. Fewer railcars will limit future service improvements and potentially reduce railcar reliability as the fleet ages. Right now, WMATA funded the base order of 256 cars. The first option, which would support an additional 104 railcars, needs to be executed by December 2026. On the other hand, rail modernization on

the Red Line is WMATA's highest priority capital need and would serve as the starting point for the systemwide rail modernization program. Mr. Alcorn stated that beyond this key decision point, there are several other capital program areas that would be severely limited without DMVMoves funding: bridges, tunnels, heating and cooling, and maintenance facilities to name a few. More information should be available in the next few weeks regarding the budget public comment period timeline. The budget is anticipated to be approved in April.

Report from the Virginia WMATA Board Members. Mr. Alcorn reported that he attended the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) meeting on January 6 where there was a presentation on the WMATA Operational Analysis. This study was funded by the Commonwealth to assess opportunities to drive costs down and increase revenues through optimization and internal efficiencies. The presentation was well received by CTB members and will be a tool for WMATA management into the future.

Mr. Alcorn noted that the written report includes extensive information on the rail modernization program, the updated Strategic Transformation Plan and the Blue and Yellow Line track work beginning next month between Pentagon City and National Airport.

Mr. Alcorn welcomed Mr. Flowers to NVTC and the WMATA Board and asked Mr. Flowers if he would like to make any comments. Mr. Flowers stated that he is looking forward to working with his fellow WMATA Board members and NVTC Commissioners. He provided some background information on his experience with transportation and infrastructure since he moved to this region 13 years ago. He is also a member of the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA).

Mr. Snyder returned to the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Mr. Ebbin stepped out of the room at 8:19 p.m.

Chair Bagley observed that the need for capital investments is so important. She appreciates all the work on the DMVMoves and SJ 28.

Report from the Chairs of the WMATA Committee / Legislative and Policy Committee

Chair Bagley asked WMATA Committee Chair Matt de Ferranti and Ms. Mattice to give the report.

NVTC's FY 2027 Proposed Budget Comments to WMATA. Mr. de Ferranti stated that due to the anticipated public outreach schedule, WMATA's proposed budget documents will be released following NVTC's January meeting and the public comment period will close before the next Commission meeting in March. Based upon preliminary information presented to the WMATA Board in December, staff recommend the letter reflect the following themes:

- Support legislative efforts in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia to advance the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) scenario that includes DMVMoves funding.
- Advance rail modernization on the Red Line and continue to refine the costs and benefits of a systemwide modernization program.
- Ensure that funding is secured to allow Option 1 of the 8000-series railcar contract to be executed to avoid production disruptions or delays.
- Until legislation removes the need to address the current 3% cap on growth in Virginia's operating assistance to WMATA, ensure Virginia's proposed subsidy does not conflict with the 3% cap thereby causing the withholding of state aid to NVTC jurisdictions.
- Continue to look for opportunities to identify one-time and recurring cost savings in the operating and capital budgets.

Mr. de Ferranti explained that the recommended action is to authorize the WMATA Committee chair to submit budget comments. After Commission action, staff will work with the chair of NVTC's WMATA Committee to finalize and submit a letter from NVTC to WMATA regarding its FY 2027 Proposed Budget and CIP prior to the close of the public comment period. The NVTC WMATA Committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 29 at NVTC.

Mr. Lopez moved, with a second by Mr. Krizek, to authorize the WMATA Committee chair to submit the budget comments. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Briskman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Karantonis, Krizek, Letourneau, Lopez, Peterson, Salim, Sizemore Heizer and Snyder. Mr. Flowers abstained. A roll call vote was conducted for Commissioners participating electronically and Mr. Aguirre and Mr. Reid voted in the affirmative. The motion passed. (Mr. Ebbin was not present for the vote.)

2026 General Assembly Legislative Session. Ms. Mattice reported that the Legislative Committee and NVTC staff are closely tracking this year's General Assembly Session, which convenes on January 14. NVTC passed its 2026 Legislative and Policy Agenda at the last Commission meeting, and those priorities are guiding staff through this Session. In December, Governor Youngkin presented his budget, noting that General Fund revenues are up 5.2% year-over-year. The introduced budget represents the starting point for the General Assembly's budget deliberations and is expected to undergo significant revision during the 2026 Session. With respect to transportation, the proposal includes only modest new General Fund support and largely maintains existing funding frameworks. As expected, longer-term transportation and transit funding issues are not addressed in the introduced budget and would require separate legislative action or future budget amendments.

Ms. Mattice stated that it is expected that there will be two bills introduced that would address the transit needs identified through DMVMoves and SJ 28. In either case, a combination of statewide and regional funding is identified to sustainably fund the region's transit network. One bill achieves this by modernizing Virginia's sales tax to include services (and thus generating other revenue to fund additional statewide priorities) and the second

bill achieves this by focusing specifically on the SJ 28 recommendations and a handful of revenue sources identified through that process.

Ms. Mattice introduced NVTC Legislative Liaisons Aimee Perron Seibert and Henry Watkins for additional updates. Ms. Perron Seibert gave an update on the upcoming General Assembly Session. She thanked Senator Ebbin and Delegate Sickles who have been gracious and helpful to continue the work on transit funding legislation. Senator Ebbin can carry his bill through Crossover on February 17 and Senator Scott Surovell has agreed to help with the senate legislation after that. Ms. Perron Seibert stated that Delegate Richard Sullivan, who serves as vice-chair of the Finance Committee, has agreed to patron the larger bill in the House and Delegate Kathy Tran, who is the majority caucus chair, will patron the SJ 28 legislation.

Senator Ebbin returned to the discussion at 8:25 p.m.

Ms. Perron Seibert noted that there are lots of changes for this General Assembly Session, with a record number of special elections and a new administration with Governor-elect Spanberger. They will need everyone's help to talk with legislators to make this transit funding legislation a priority.

In response to a question from Mr. Lopez, Ms. Perron Seibert stated that they have already submitted a request to give a presentation to the Northern Virginia Delegation. Mr. Alcorn asked about down-state support and Ms. Perron Seibert stated that Ms. Mattice has been speaking to Hampton Roads and Mr. Sickles has been speaking with multiple people, including the Speaker of the House and Senator Louise Lucas. She stated that it is a hard road ahead. Mr. Smedberg noted that Nick Donohue as Secretary of Transportation will be invaluable as he previously served as facilitator for the DMVMoves effort. Mr. de Ferranti noted that there are many moving pieces, and asked staff to let Commissioners know when they are needed and Commissioners should be ready to help.

Ms. Mattice gave a quick overview of how she and other NVTC staff will be actively engaged down in Richmond. Staff will also be tracking other legislation of interest to NVTC. She sadly announced that this is Andrew D'huyvetter's last meeting as he and his family are relocating to Australia. His service to NVTC will be recognized later in the agenda but she wanted to note that Andrew has played a pivotal role in all of NVTC's hard work on transit funding legislation. The good news is that Ann McGrane is stepping into the role of Director of Programs and Policy. Ms. Mattice also announced that Sarah Godfrey has been promoted to Director of Strategic Communications. Ms. Mattice asked both of them to provide more details on what NVTC is doing to advocate for a transit funding solution and how Commissioners can help.

Ms. McGrane provided an overview of what staff have been doing to create materials and educate stakeholders on the region's transit funding needs and the benefits that transit provides. They are not starting from zero as NVTC's Value of Transit Study from 2023 identified a financial benefit of \$1.5 billion to the Commonwealth due to Northern Virginia's transit system. Throughout these efforts, NVTC staff have been creating materials in

preparation for the legislative Session, including the 2026 Legislative and Policy Agenda, as well as ridership and transit funding need handouts.

Ms. Godfrey provided an overview of NVTC's advertising and media plan. NVTC is launching a small, strategic ad campaign during the General Assembly Session to remind Virginians that public transit is a valuable, essential service. NVTC is also issuing advertisements with two statistics (Virginia transit moved three million people per week and generates billions of dollars in economic activity every year) and a short message (Keep Virginia Moving Forward: Invest in Transit). These ads will run across four channels (Richmond Times Dispatch (print/digital), VaNews, VPM pod, social media coordinated with partners) between January 20 and February 18. NVTC will also continue to share other materials through usual NVTC channels, including in-person events, such as Virginia Transit Association's Advocacy Day on January 26 and NVTC's Legislative Reception on February 5.

Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee (TSDAC). Ms. Mattice reported that the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) briefed the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) on proposed changes to the MERIT program at the December 9 CTB meeting and recommended that CTB delay any action until June 2026. This is in keeping with the recommendations of the TSDAC resolution of November 24 and the comments that NVTC submitted as a member of the Virginia Transit Association. She stated that staff will continue to follow the process and provide updates as next steps are identified. The next TSDAC meeting will be in Richmond on January 20.

Federal Update. Ms. Mattice reported that Congress has not yet passed the FY 2026 spending bill for programs authorized through the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations process. Those programs are currently funded at FY 2025 levels through a continuing resolution that will expire on January 30. Programs authorized through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) expire on September 30, so it will be a busy year for surface transportation policy and funding. She also reported that USDOT released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for FY 2026 BUILD grants, which can be used to fund transit capital investments. Applications are due February 24. In response to a question from Mr. Lopez about the reauthorization bill, Ms. Mattice stated that there was a concern that transit funding would be pulled from the trust fund but that has been portrayed as a "non-starter" but staff will continue to monitor this. Mr. Letourneau stated that the big question is how to close the trust fund gap.

NVTC FY 2027 Budget and 2026-2027 Work Plan

Chair Bagley reminded Commissioners that there was a detailed presentation on the FY 2027 General and Administrative Budget and the 2026-2027 Work Plan at the December meeting. The proposed budget is the same budget presented last month. The budget totals \$5,074,850 including \$639,300 for the administration of the Commuter Choice program, which is funded entirely with toll related revenue, and the management of the Envision Route 7 BRT project, which includes \$60,300 in revenue from the related project budget. The balance of the general and administrative budget is funded primarily by the member jurisdictions through direct contributions and state aid received by NVTC. Other revenue

sources include interest earnings, project chargebacks, grant billings and a carryover of prior period favorable net budget variances in excess of minimum operating requirements. Total expenses are proposed to increase by \$141,050, or 2.9% over the FY 2026 Budget, which is the second consecutive year with a less than 3% increase. Staff levels are held constant from the prior year, and a provision for cost-of-living (COLA) and performance-based increases are included for existing staff.

Chair Bagley also noted that the Work Plan covers the work NVTC plans to accomplish with its proposed budget. NVTC's Work Plan is a living document that shapes the day-to-day management, analysis and oversight work conducted by NVTC staff and works in tandem with the budget. NVTC conducted a public comment period on the Work Plan and NVTC received and incorporated additional introductory information in the Work Plan to reflect one of the public comments received. The other comments were not relevant to the content of the Work Plan.

Mr. Alcorn moved, with a second by Ms. Coffey, to approve NVTC's FY 2027 Budget and the 2026-2027 Work Plan. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Briskman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Ebbin, Karantonis, Krizek, Letourneau, Lopez, Peterson, Salim, Sizemore Heizer and Snyder. Mr. Flowers abstained. A roll call vote was conducted for Commissioners participating electronically and Mr. Aguirre and Mr. Reid voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Report from the Chair of the Program Advisory Committee

Chair Bagley encouraged Commissioners to read the written report, which includes updates on the Envision Route 7 BRT project and the Commuter Choice program.

Virginia Railway Express (VRE)

Chair Bagley stated that last month NVTC and PRTC appointed Katie Choe as the new VRE CEO and it is anticipated that she will begin giving her VRE CEO Reports at the March meeting. She starts at VRE on January 20. Meanwhile, Acting VRE CEO Dallas Richards is here to give his CEO Report. Chair Bagley also noted that VRE Vice-Chair Dan Storck has agreed moving forward to introduce the VRE action items at NVTC meetings, but since he cannot be here tonight, she will go ahead and introduce them one last time. She suggested presenting the action items first and then doing a block vote at the end. There were no objections.

VRE CEO Report. Mr. Richards reported that on-time performance reached 87% for the month of November, and numbers are looking good for the month of December. Ridership took a hit with the federal government shutdown but it looks like it rebounded in December. Mr. Richards reported that in December VRE participated in several holiday events including the City of Alexandria's 54th Annual Scottish Walk Christmas Parade, VRE Santa Trains and toy collection for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tot campaign. VRE is one of the largest Toys for Tots donators in this region.

Mr. Richards gave an update on the Long Bridge project. Due to the District of Columbia's restrictions that construction cannot be done on weekends and nights, this will impact VRE daily service from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This will impact also AMTRAK and CSX service in the corridor. VRE is conducting a strong media blitz to get the word out on how this will impact service. No VRE trains are being eliminated. Morning and evening trains will continue running; however, some trains will start or end at Alexandria instead of Union Station. Riders who are impacted on the later trains in the morning, have the option to shift to an earlier train with no impact or they can reallocate their smart benefits to another mode of transit. Unfortunately, construction is expected to last for another five years. VRE staff does anticipate that this will have an impact on ridership.

In response to Mr. Krizek, Mr. Richards stated that there will be new signage to help passengers, both online and at the stations, and VRE will have ambassadors on the platforms to help riders. Chair Bagley noted that the new train recently added to the morning schedule is an additional option for riders. Mr. Richards explained that the new train was only possible because of the completion of the Seminary Yard project.

VRE's Amended FY 2026 and the Recommended FY 2027 VRE Operating and Capital Budgets to the Jurisdictions. Chair Bagley stated that Resolution #2594 will adopt and refer VRE's Amended FY 2026 and Recommended FY 2027 VRE Operating and Capital Budgets to the jurisdictions for their formal review and adoption. The resolution also authorizes the executive directors of NVTC and PRTC to take the necessary actions to apply for federal and state grant funding.

VRE Chief Financial Officer Mark Schofield reported that the total FY 2027 operating budget totals \$115.1 million and includes all operations, maintenance and existing debt service. This budget is down \$0.1 million versus the FY 2026 approved budget. The budget supports the existing 32 daily weekday trains and is balanced with all projected expenses supported by reasonably expected revenues. The jurisdictional subsidy is unchanged and there is a 5% fare increase to go into effect July 1, 2026. VRE conducted a public comment period on the proposed fare increase. VRE received 20 comments and opposition to a fare increase was expressed due to overall economic challenges, VRE reliability, and desire for additional services (e.g., WiFi). There were some comments requesting changes to \$5 flat fare and kids ride free fare.

Mr. Schofield stated that ridership remains hard to project in rapidly changing environment (i.e., return to work (RTO), government shutdown, economic uncertainty, work windows). Average daily ridership for FY 2027 is projected at 9,300 with total fare revenue of \$22.7 million. Regarding pandemic relief funding, \$36.7 million is projected for FY 2027, but VRE staff expect to bring that figure down through expense savings and alternative approaches to grant matching. VRE is still on trend for late FY 2028 for exhaustion of funds, so action on SJ 28 recommendations is critical. He also reviewed the different projects in the Capital Improvement Program for FY 2027-2032, which totals \$1.27 billion.

Chair Bagley noted that it is worthy to acknowledge that this budget is basically flat from the previous year's budget. She expressed appreciation to VRE staff for their work on the budget.

Chair Bagley explained that the next three VRE actions are related as they are all Capital Project Funding Addenda required by the Master Funding Agreement between the Commissions and the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA). For context, back in August 2022, the Commissions entered into a Master Funding Agreement with VPRA and under this agreement, any projects that commenced after the execution of the Master Funding Agreement require the Commissions and VPRA to enter into a Capital Project Addendum for each project, which establishes the project's scope, budget, schedule and VPRA funding commitment.

Capital Project Funding Addendum with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for the Woodbridge Station Platform Extension. Chair Bagley stated that Resolution #2595 will approve and authorize the VRE CEO to execute a capital project funding addendum with VPRA for the Woodbridge Station Platform Extension Project. This will facilitate VPRA providing up to \$3,281,260 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and non-federal match funds to VRE for this project.

Capital Project Funding Addendum with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for the Rolling Road Platform Extension Project. Chair Bagley stated that Resolution #2596 will approve and authorize the VRE CEO to execute a capital project funding addendum with VPRA for the Rolling Road Platform Extension Project. This will facilitate VPRA providing up to \$600,000 in non-federal match funds to VRE for this project.

Capital Project Funding Addendum with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for the Backlick Road Platform Extension Project. Chair Bagley stated that Resolution #2597 will approve and authorize the VRE CEO to execute a capital project funding addendum with VPRA for the Backlick Road Platform Extension Project. This will facilitate VPRA providing up to \$2.5 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and non-federal match funds to VRE for the Backlick Road project.

In response to a question from Mr. Snyder, Mr. Schofield stated these actions are budgeted and funded in the VRE budget, are not a new financial liability, and usually do not require a local match.

Chair Bagley reviewed the four actions as part of the block vote:

- Resolution #2594: Adopt and Refer VRE's Amended FY 2026 and the Recommended FY 2027 VRE Operating and Capital Budgets to the Jurisdictions
- Resolution #2595: Approve and Authorize the VRE CEO to Execute a Capital Project Funding Addendum with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for the Woodbridge Station Platform Extension
- Resolution #2596: Approve and Authorize the VRE CEO to Execute a Capital Project Funding Addendum with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for the Rolling Road Platform Extension Project
- Resolution #2597: Approve and Authorize the Acting VRE CEO to Execute a Capital Project Funding Addendum with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for the Backlick Road Platform Extension Project

Mr. de Ferranti moved, with a second by Mr. Krizek, to approve Resolution #2594, #2595, #2596 and #2597. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Briskman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Ebbin, Karantonis, Krizek, Letourneau, Lopez, Peterson, Salim, Sizemore Heizer and Snyder. Mr. Flowers abstained as he is also a member of the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority. A roll call vote was conducted for Commissioners participating electronically and Mr. Aguirre and Mr. Reid voted in the affirmative. The motion passed. (Copies of the resolutions are attached.)

2026 VRE Operations Board Officers. Chair Bagley reported that at the December 19 VRE Operations Board meeting, the following slate of officers were approved and will be sworn in at the January VRE meeting:

Chair: Andrea Bailey (PRTC)
 Vice Chair: Daniel Storck (NVTC)
 Secretary: Lori Hayes (PRTC)
 Treasurer: Jannan Holmes (PRTC)
 Immediate Past Chair: Sarah Bagley (NVTC)
 At-Large: Sonia Vasquez Luna (PRTC)

Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Chair Bagley noted that DRPT Director Tiffany Robinson could not attend so the chair encouraged Commissioners to read the written DRPT Report. She noted that as mentioned earlier in the agenda, Governor-elect Spanberger has selected Mariia Zimmerman as the next DRPT Director. NVTC is excited to work with her and know she comes with strong credentials working on transit, affordable housing and transit-oriented development work. Tiffany Robinson's service will be recognized at the March meeting.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Mattice encouraged Commissioners to read the newsletter, which includes a recap of the December 15 annual NVTC-PRTC-VRE Legislative Forum. Over 200 people attended. The event had two panel discussions: one with Northern Virginia transit leaders and another on work to secure sustainable, dedicated transit funding. From the post-event survey, glowing comments were received about the information presented during the program, the opportunity to network with transit professionals, and the overall organization of the event. Ms. Mattice thanked Tenley O'Hara and Genoveva Cutrell for their leadership in putting together this year's forum. She also thanked everyone who attended and participated this year.

Ms. Mattice stated that as earlier mentioned Director of Programs and Policy Andrew D'huyvetter is leaving NVTC to move to Australia. He has been in this position for just over a year, but he's been at NVTC since 2016. When he first started at NVTC, he supported NVTC's work with VRE and transit ridership but the bulk of his tenure he supported WMATA and the

Virginia WMATA Board members. He is a wealth of information and has great stories from his time here as well as his previous jobs with Arlington County.

Mr. Alcorn stated that Mr. D’huyvetter has been an incredible resource for WMATA Board members. Mr. Letourneau stated that access to NVTC’s staff as a resource has been a big advantage to Virginia WMATA Board members. Maryland and the District don’t have this same resource. Mr. Letourneau also noted that Andrew is well respected at WMATA, from the general manager and on down. Mr. Ebbin thanked Mr. D’huyvetter for all his hard work on SJ 28. Mr. Smedberg thanked Mr. D’huyvetter for his work and noted that he worked very well with the other WMATA jurisdictions. Chair Bagley noted Mr. D’huyvetter’s tenure on NVTC and thanked him for his service. She noted that the internal handoff to Ann McGrane into the position of Director of Programs and Policy benefits everyone. Commissioners thanked Mr. D’huyvetter with a round of applause.

Ms. Mattice reviewed upcoming meetings:

- Joint WMATA Committee/Legislative and Policy Committee meeting on January 29 at 6:00 p.m.
- No February Commission meeting, but Legislative Reception in Richmond on Thursday, February 5 (4:45-7:00 p.m.) at the Commonwealth Strategy Group offices.
- Program Advisory Committee meeting on February 19 at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Joint WMATA Committee/Legislative and Policy Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Next Commission meeting on March 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. (Executive Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.)

Ms. Mattice stated that the November 2025 Financial Reports are provided in the meeting materials. There were no comments or questions.

Ms. Briskman congratulated Ms. Mattice on her WTS Woman of the Year award, which was announced at the last meeting and part of this month’s newsletter.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Bagley adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of March 2026.

Sarah Bagley
Chair

Maureen Coffey
Secretary-Treasurer



RESOLUTION #2591

SUBJECT: Approve the Appointments of NVTC Representatives to Various Boards for 2026

WHEREAS: NVTC is empowered to make appointments to the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) and the Virginia Transit Association (VTA);

WHEREAS: Some of NVTC’s jurisdictions may not formally appoint their NVTC members prior to NVTC’s January 2026 meeting and some may not be ready with recommendations for appointment to various boards; and

WHEREAS: Virginia Secretary of Transportation W. Sheppard Miller III designated Darien B. Flowers to be the secretary’s designee on NVTC and the WMATA Board, which became effective January 6, 2026 with the term expiring January 1, 2030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby appoints and confirms the following persons to serve as principals and alternates to the WMATA Board of Directors, subject to possible subsequent action by NVTC’s jurisdictions that alters their NVTC members for 2026 and their recommendations for members of the various boards:

WMATA Board of Directors

Principals:

Darien B. Flowers
Commonwealth.Appointee
(term expires 01-01-2030)

Walter L. Alcorn
NVTC.Appointee
(term expires 01-05-2029)

Alternates:

Matt de Ferranti
Alternate.to.Commonwealth.Principal.
(term expires 01-04-2028)

Canek Aguirre
Alternate.to.NVTC.Principal.
(term expires 01-05-2027)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC hereby appoints the following persons to serve on the VRE Operations Board, subject to possible subsequent action by NVTC’s jurisdictions that alters their NVTC members for 2026 and their recommendations for members of the various boards:

Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Operations Board

Principals:

Fairfax County:

Daniel Storck

Rachna Sizemore Heizer

City of Alexandria:

Sarah Bagley

Arlington County:

Takis Karantonis

Alternates:

Fairfax County:

James Bierman

City of Alexandria:

Canek Aguirre

Arlington County:

Maureen Coffey

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC hereby appoints the following persons to serve on the Virginia Transit Association Board, subject to possible subsequent action by NVTC's jurisdictions that alters their NVTC members for 2026 and their recommendations for members of the various boards:

Virginia Transit Association Board:

Principals:

David F. Snyder

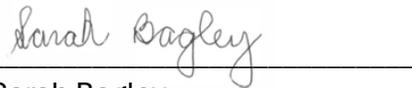
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Alternates:

Sarah Bagley

Canek Aguirre

Approved this 8th day of January, 2026.



Sarah Bagley

Chair



Maureen Coffey
Secretary-Treasurer



RESOLUTION #2592

SUBJECT: Approve the 2026 NVTC Committee Membership

WHEREAS: Every January, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission approves the appointments to its four committees, including the Executive Committee, the WMATA Committee, the Program Advisory Committee, and the Legislative and Policy Committee;

WHEREAS: The NVTC By-Laws determine the membership of the Executive Committee and also speak to the make-up of the other committees;

WHEREAS: For the other three NVTC committees, membership is drawn from the member jurisdictions in a representative manner; and

WHEREAS: Some of NVTC’s jurisdictions may not formally appoint their NVTC members prior to NVTC’s January 2026 meeting and, therefore, subsequent action may be needed at a future date to update the committee membership roster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby approves the following Commissioners to serve on the four NVTC committees, subject to possible subsequent action by NVTC’s jurisdictions that alters their NVTC members for 2026:

NVTC Executive Committee

- Chair, Sarah Bagley
- Vice-Chair, Matt Letourneau
- Secretary-Treasurer, Maureen Coffey
- WMATA Committee Chair, Matt de Ferranti
- Program Advisory Committee Chair, Dalia Palchik
- Legislative and Policy Committee Chair, Canek Aguirre
- Immediate Past Chair, David F. Snyder
- General Assembly Member, Adam Ebbin
- Non_Voting.Members;
- WMATA Principal Member, Walter Alcorn
- WMATA Principal Member, Darien B. Flowers

NVTC WMATA Committee

- Chair, WMATA Alternate Member, Matt de Ferranti
 - Vice-Chair, Matt Letourneau
 - WMATA Principal Member, Walter Alcorn
 - WMATA Principal Member, Darien B. Flowers
 - WMATA Alternate Member, Canek Aguirre
 - David Snyder
- Arlington County
Loudoun County
Fairfax County
Commonwealth
City of Alexandria
City of Falls Church

NVTC Legislative and Policy Committee

Chair, Canek Aguirre
Vice-Chair, James Bierman, Jr.
Maureen Coffey
Matt Letourneau
Catherine Read
David Snyder
Non_Voting.Member;
General Assembly Member, Adam Ebbin

City of Alexandria
Fairfax County
Arlington County
Loudoun County
City of Fairfax
City of Falls Church

NVTC Program Advisory Committee

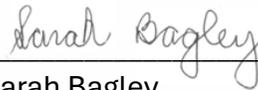
Chair, Dalia Palchik
Vice-Chair, Juli Briskman
Sarah Bagley
Takis Karantonis
David Snyder

Fairfax County
Loudoun County
City of Alexandria
Arlington County
City of Falls Church

Approved this 8th day of January, 2026.



Maureen Coffey
Secretary-Treasurer



Sarah Bagley
Chair



RESOLUTION #2593

SUBJECT: Approve the Designation of NVTC Signatories and Pension Trustees

WHEREAS: The Honorable Maureen Coffey has been elected secretary-treasurer of NVTC for 2026; and

WHEREAS: NVTC desires that the person holding the office of secretary-treasurer be designated as an official signatory as well as a pension trustee.

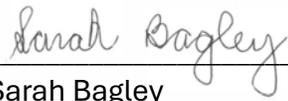
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby selects the following persons to serve as NVTC signatories (who are eligible to sign individually for any transaction of less than \$5,000 and with one other signatory for transactions of \$5,000 or greater):

Hon. Maureen Coffey
Katherine A. Mattice
Scott C. Kalkwarf

Secretary-Treasurer
Executive Director
Director of Finance and Administration

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the individuals listed above shall serve as NVTC employees' pension trustees, with the addition of NVTC's Comptroller Colethia Quarles.

Approved this 8th day of January 2026.



Sarah Bagley
Chair



Maureen Coffey
Secretary-Treasurer



RESOLUTION #2594

- SUBJECT:** Adopt and Refer the Amended FY 2026 and Recommended FY 2027 VRE Operating and Capital Budgets to the Jurisdictions
- WHEREAS:** The VRE Master Agreement requires the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (“Commissions”) be presented with a fiscal year budget for their consideration at their respective January meetings prior to the commencement of the subject fiscal year;
- WHEREAS:** The VRE Acting Chief Executive Officer has provided the VRE Operations Board with the recommended Fiscal Year 2027 Operating and Capital Budget within the guidelines developed in cooperation with the staff representatives of the local jurisdictions;
- WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board finds that the availability of emergency federal pandemic relief funding allows for VRE to supplement reduced passenger revenues and achieve a balanced budget without requiring service reductions;
- WHEREAS:** VRE staff recommends a budget based on a service level of 32 weekday daily revenue trains and average daily ridership of 9,300 weekday trips;
- WHEREAS:** The Fiscal Year 2027 budget includes no changes to VRE’s full-time equivalent (FTE) staffing level;
- WHEREAS:** The Fiscal Year 2027 budget includes a 5% increase to current passenger fares, to be implemented on or about July 1, 2026;
- WHEREAS:** VRE has undertaken the required Public Participation Program regarding the proposed increase to passenger fares, including in-person hearings, provision of online materials, and the collection of public comments;
- WHEREAS:** In accordance with its Major Service Change and Fare/Service Equity Policy, VRE has conducted a Title VI analysis on the recommended Fiscal Year 2027 fare increase and determined that the fare increase will not have a disparate impact based on race, color, or national origin, nor will it have a disproportionate burden on low-income populations;
- WHEREAS:** The Fiscal Year 2027 budget recommends a total jurisdictional subsidy contribution of \$19,764,843, unchanged from Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board recommends Commission approval of the following actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby adopt the FY 2027 VRE Operating and Capital Budget in the following amounts and forward this budget to the local jurisdictions for inclusion in their budgets and appropriations in accordance with the Master Agreement:

Operating Budget	\$115,141,936
Capital Budget	\$100,328,618
Total Operating and Capital	\$215,470,553

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby adopt the amended FY 2026 VRE Operating and Capital Budget in the following amounts:

Operating Budget	\$110,799,361
Capital Budget	\$119,956,196
Total Operating and Capital	\$230,755,557

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby authorize the VRE chief executive officer to amend the Passenger Tariff to increase base fares by 5%, with the exception that the flat \$5.00 fare for travel entirely within Zones 1 to 3 is retained, along with associated multi-ride fares.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC hereby concurs with the VRE Operations Board's recommendation that, given the availability of federal pandemic relief funding to supplement lost passenger revenues, that it is in the best interests of the Commissions and the riders of VRE that the Amended FY 2026 and Recommended FY 2027 Operating Budgets do not achieve a 50% recovery of operating expenses from passenger fares.

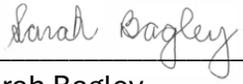
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC authorizes the executive directors of both PRTC and NVTC to submit to the Transportation Planning Board of the National Capital Region and to the Federal Transit Administration or other federal agencies, applications for Transit Improvement Program and grants for FY 2026 and FY 2027, the anticipated revenues from which have already been incorporated in the budgets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC does hereby authorize the NVTC executive director to submit to the Commonwealth the approved budget as part of any FY 2027 state grant or other funding applications.

Approved this 8th day of January, 2026.



Maureen Coffey
Secretary-Treasurer



Sarah Bagley
Chair



RESOLUTION #2595

SUBJECT: Approve and Authorize the Acting VRE CEO to Execute a Capital Project Funding Addendum with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for the Woodbridge Station Platform Extension Project

WHEREAS: On August 4, 2022, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (“Commissions”) entered into a Master Funding Agreement for VPRA-Supplied Funding on VRE Projects. (“Master Funding Agreement”) with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority;

WHEREAS: Under the Master Funding Agreement, projects commenced after the execution of the Master Funding Agreement would require the Commissions and VPRA to enter into a Capital Project Addendum for each project, which would establish the project’s scope, budget, schedule and VPRA funding commitment;

WHEREAS: VPRA has identified up to \$3,281,260 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and non-federal match funds available for the Woodbridge Station Platform Extension project; and

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board recommends Commission approval of the proposed Capital Project Funding Addendum for the Woodbridge Station Platform Extension Project to facilitate VRE’s access to up to \$3,281,260 in CMAQ and non-federal match funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby approve the Capital Project Funding Addendum with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for the Woodbridge Station Platform Extension Project and authorize the Acting VRE CEO to execute the Addendum on behalf of the Commissions.

Approved this 8th day of January 2026.

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Sarah Bagley
Chair

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Maureen Coffey
Secretary-Treasurer



RESOLUTION #2596

SUBJECT: Approve and Authorize the Acting VRE CEO to Execute a Capital Project Funding Addendum with the VPRA for the Rolling Road Platform Extension Project

WHEREAS: On August 4, 2022, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (“Commissions”) entered into a Master Funding Agreement for VPRA-Supplied Funding on VRE Projects. (“Master Funding Agreement”) with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority;

WHEREAS: Under the Master Funding Agreement, projects commenced after the execution of the Master Funding Agreement would require the Commissions and VPRA to enter into a Capital Project Addendum for each project, which would establish the project’s scope, budget, schedule and VPRA funding commitment;

WHEREAS: VPRA has identified up to \$600,000 in non-federal match funds available for the Rolling Road Platform Extension project;

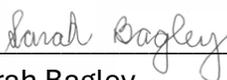
WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board recommends Commission approval of the proposed Capital Project Funding Addendum for the Rolling Road Platform Extension Project to facilitate VRE’s access to up to \$600,000 in non-federal match funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby approve the Capital Project Funding Addendum with VPRA for the Rolling Road Platform Extension Project and authorizes the acting VRE chief executive officer to execute the Addendum on behalf of the Commissions.

Approved this 8th day of January, 2025.



Maureen Coffey
Secretary-Treasurer



Sarah Bagley
Chair



RESOLUTION #2597

SUBJECT: Approve and Authorize the Acting VRE CEO to Execute a Capital Project Funding Addendum with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for the Backlick Road Platform Extension Project

WHEREAS: On August 4, 2022, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (“Commissions”) entered into a Master Funding Agreement for VPRA-Supplied Funding on VRE Projects (“Master Funding Agreement”) with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority;

WHEREAS: Under the Master Funding Agreement, projects commenced after the execution of the Master Funding Agreement would require the Commissions and VPRA to enter into a Capital Project Addendum for each project, which would establish the project’s scope, budget, schedule and VPRA funding commitment;

WHEREAS: VPRA has identified up to \$2.5 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and non-federal match funds available for the Backlick Road Platform Extension project; and

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board recommends Commission approval of the proposed Capital Project Funding Addendum for the Backlick Road Platform Extension Project to facilitate VRE’s access to up to \$2.5 million in CMAQ and non-federal match funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby approve the Capital Project Funding Addendum with VPRA for the Backlick Road Platform Extension Project and authorize the acting VRE chief executive officer to execute the Addendum on behalf of the Commissions.

Approved this 8th day of January, 2025.

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Sarah Bagley
Chair

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Maureen Coffey
Secretary-Treasurer



RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

SUBJECT: Commending the Honorable Mark R. Sickles on His Departure from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

WHEREAS: The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) serves as the voice of public transit in Northern Virginia, promoting the region's transit network and demonstrating that effective and efficient public transit fosters economic vitality in the region and the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS: On April 4, 2024, Virginia Speaker of the House Don Scott appointed Delegate Mark R. Sickles to serve as a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission;

WHEREAS: Delegate Sickles has served in the Virginia House of Delegate for 22 years representing the 17th House District which encompasses Kingstowne, Franconia, Huntington and Lorton;

WHEREAS: Delegate Sickles was the second-highest-ranking Democrat and vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee and served as a member of the House-Senate budget conference committee since 2018;

WHEREAS: Governor-elect Abigail Spanberger has selected Mark Sickles to serve in her cabinet as secretary of finance;

WHEREAS: During his tenure on NVTC, Delegate Sickles worked tirelessly with local and regional officials to propose long-term sustainable transit funding that will provide adequate growth to meet current and future operating and capital needs for WMATA, VRE and Northern Virginia's local bus providers;

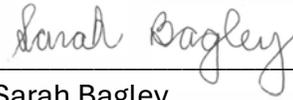
WHEREAS: Delegate Sickles served on the Task Force of the DMVMoves initiative and played a leading role on the Northern Virginia Growing Needs of Public Transit Joint Subcommittee, advocating for sustainable funding, cost containment measures and strategies to move the region toward a more integrated, seamless transit network; and

WHEREAS: As a testament to his vision and commitment, Delegate Sickles offered early and consistent vocal support in both regional transit funding initiatives and worked closely with colleagues in Maryland and the District of Columbia to ensure the broader region could collectively develop a long-term transit funding solution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends the Honorable Mark R. Sickles for his service to NVTC, WMATA, the citizens of Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mr. Sickles as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation of his work on NVTC.

Approved this 8th day of January, 2026.

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Sarah Bagley
Chair



RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

- SUBJECT:** Commending the Honorable Paul C. Smedberg on His Departure from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
- WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) serves as the voice of public transit in Northern Virginia, promoting the region's transit network and demonstrating that effective and efficient public transit fosters economic vitality in the region and the Commonwealth;
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Smedberg has served as a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission since June 2005, first representing the City of Alexandria where he served as a city councilmember through 2018 and then becoming the Commonwealth representative on NVTC in December 2018;
- WHEREAS:** NVTC is empowered to make appointments to the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA);
- WHEREAS:** NVTC first appointed Mr. Smedberg to serve as an alternate director to the WMATA Board of Directors from January 2016 through December 2018 representing the City of Alexandria;
- WHEREAS:** In December 2018, Virginia Secretary of Transportation Shannon Valentine designated Paul C. Smedberg to be the Secretary's designee on NVTC and the WMATA Board, which became effective January 1, 2019 with the term expiring January 4, 2022, and designated him again for a term starting on January 4, 2022 and expiring January 5, 2026;
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Smedberg served with distinction on the WMATA Board as chair from June 2019 to June 2024 and as 1st vice chair from June 2024 to January 2026;
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Smedberg led the WMATA Board through the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, demonstrating leadership during times of economic uncertainty and ensuring continuity of operations for the region's riders who rely on Metrorail, Metrobus and MetroAccess services;
- WHEREAS:** Under Mr. Smedberg's leadership, the WMATA Board selected Randy Clarke as WMATA's general manager and chief executive officer in May 2022, paving the way for a new chapter in the organization's history as ridership continued to rebound after the pandemic;

WHEREAS: During Mr. Smedberg’s tenure as WMATA Board Chair, WMATA celebrated the opening of two major investments in the Metrorail system including a new station at Potomac Yard in the City of Alexandria and Phase 2 of the Silver Line, providing the region its first rail connection to Washington Dulles International Airport;

WHEREAS: Mr. Smedberg led the development of several initiatives that will benefit Northern Virginia and the region for years to come including the first major redesign of the Metrobus network and the restructuring of WMATA’s subsidy allocation formulas that better align investment and service;

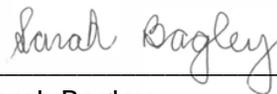
WHEREAS: In 2023, as a credit to his leadership and dedicated service, Mr. Smedberg was honored as Board Member of the Year by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA); and

WHEREAS: Most recently, he served as co-chair of DMVMoves, a historic initiative that developed a unified vision and sustainable funding model for public transit in the region, and as a member of the General Assembly’s Joint Subcommittee on the Growing Needs of Public Transit in Northern Virginia, which identified ways to fund Northern Virginia transit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends the Honorable Paul C. Smedberg for his service to NVTC, WMATA, the citizens of Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mr. Smedberg as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation of his work on NVTC and the WMATA Board of Directors.

Approved this 8th day of January, 2026.



Sarah Bagley
Chair



RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

SUBJECT: Commending the Honorable David F. Snyder for His Service as Chair of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for 2025

WHEREAS: The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) serves as the voice of public transit in Northern Virginia, promoting the region's transit network and demonstrating that effective and efficient public transit fosters economic vitality in the region and the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS: The Honorable David F. Snyder has served with distinction as a NVTC Commissioner since 1994 and served as chair in 2000, 2007, 2015 and 2025;

WHEREAS: In 2025, Chair Snyder led NVTC during its 61st year of operations, which was a standout year for the Commission as it celebrated record-breaking ridership across the region's public transit agencies, including key bus routes funded through NVTC's Commuter Choice program;

WHEREAS: The year 2025 was pivotal for the building the case to strengthen the public transit network as NVTC Commissioners and staff played integral roles in two initiatives to establish sustainable, long-term funding for public transit. While DMVMoves provided a roadmap for transit across the Greater Washington region, SJ 28, the General Assembly's Growing Needs of Northern Virginia Public Transit, studied long-term, sustainable, dedicated operations and capital funding as well as cost-containment controls and strategies to meet the growing needs of public transit agencies in Northern Virginia including WMATA, VRE, and local, regional and commuter bus operators serving the region;

WHEREAS: Under Chair Snyder's leadership, NVTC staff supported this critical work and other NVTC projects and programs by producing timely reports and online explorers to provide deeper understanding of the complex way public transit is funded, how bus priority measures can improve the overall rider experience, how agencies can work together to plan for zero-emission bus infrastructure and other studies designed to offer functional transit-focused research;

WHEREAS: In 2025, Chair Snyder engaged with the NVTC WMATA Committee, local jurisdictional leaders, regional stakeholders and staff to develop NVTC's 8th Annual Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA, highlighting key priorities; offering strategies for WMATA to continue its efforts toward reducing cost growth and increasing revenues as well as safety, reliability and financial performance data; and providing a framework to develop longer-term funding and reform solutions;

WHEREAS: Chair Snyder supported the Commuter Choice program, which set records in 2025 with the highest reported ridership numbers in the history of the program, supporting over 65,000 weekday trips on the I-395 and I-66 corridors resulting in 2,400 hours travel time saved and \$28,000 in fuel saved;

WHEREAS: Chair Snyder championed NVTC's Envision Route 7 project to bring better bus service to the to the Route 7 corridor while simultaneously planning for bus rapid transit (BRT) connecting Tysons and Alexandria. During 2025, NVTC engaged hundreds of people to hear how they want to improve bus service along this busy transit corridor;

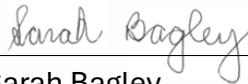
WHEREAS: Chair Snyder supported NVTC's Transit Data and Analysis program, which in 2025 elevated the use of data to tell the story of public transit in Northern Virginia in easy-to-understand formats, including debuting the Transit Funding Guide (an interactive tool created as an informational guide to how transit is funded in Northern Virginia at the federal, state, regional and local levels); giving a face-lift to the Transit Data Dashboard to prove a more streamlined and user-friendly experience; and developing the Envision Route 7 Explorer and the Bus Priority Interactive Map; and

WHEREAS: Chair Snyder supported NVTC's ongoing management of vital local, regional, Commonwealth and federal funds, including another clean audit that reflects both NVTC's impeccable financial record and the dedication of NVTC's professional financial team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends the Honorable David F. Snyder for his leadership as chair of NVTC for 2025 and his service to the citizens of Northern Virginia and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mr. Snyder as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation for his leadership and work on the Commission in promoting and funding public transit in Northern Virginia.

Approved this 8th day of January 2026.



Sarah Bagley
Chair