 On May 2, NVTC will comment on [the Commonwealth's draft FY 2017-2021 Six Year Improvement Plan and the HB2 Evaluation Process](#). This hearing is a small component of NVTC's core responsibility of securing and stewarding funds for transit in the region.

Year round, NVTC works with NVTA and TPB to promote regional investment and planning strategies to ensure an integrated transportation network that maximizes benefits to riders, drivers and residents. We help all NOVA systems and jurisdictions tap existing resources, from TIGER Grants and TLC, to TIFIA financing and HIM formula funds. We are now developing and implementing transportation funding programs, such as Transform 66 Inside the Beltway and, soon, I-395.

Other ways we secure transit funding include:

- **Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee** | analyzing the impact of capital tiering and performance-based operating assistance; participating in an annual review of these formulas in May in Richmond.
- **Commission on Transit Capital Funding** | preparing information on transit needs, developing options for new revenues for capital revenue bonds, encouraging appropriate regional representation on the study commission.
- **Federal Funding** | providing technical expertise on efforts to ensure that federal funding policy treats buses operating on HOT lanes fairly; seeking full appropriations for transit, especially PRIIA, for state of good repair funds for WMATA; tapping innovative finances and grant funding for bus, rail and planning activities in the region.
- **Sustainable Funding for Regional Transit** | seeking a floor on the regional gas tax; identifying new funding sources to maintain and expand VRE; collaborating with Northern Virginia's Transit Means Business Partnership; organizing roundtables and policy forums on ways to secure sustainable funding.

Do you have questions or suggestions about NVTC's work on transportation funding or finance? Let me know.



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[Link to NVTC's Annual Calendar](#)

Transform 66 Multimodal Public Hearing

May 5, 2016
6 p.m. Open House
7 p.m. Public Hearing

2300 Wilson Blvd.
First Floor Conference Room
Arlington

2300 Wilson Blvd., Ste. 620
Arlington, VA 22201
703-524-3322
info@nvtdc.org
www.novatransit.org

Transform 66 April Updates

On March 6, NVTC issued a Call for Components for the [Transform I-66 Inside the Beltway Multimodal Project](#). NVTC staff completed a technical review of all 19 components submitted, assessing eligibility of the components and applying the [evaluation criteria approved by the Commission](#) at its March meeting.

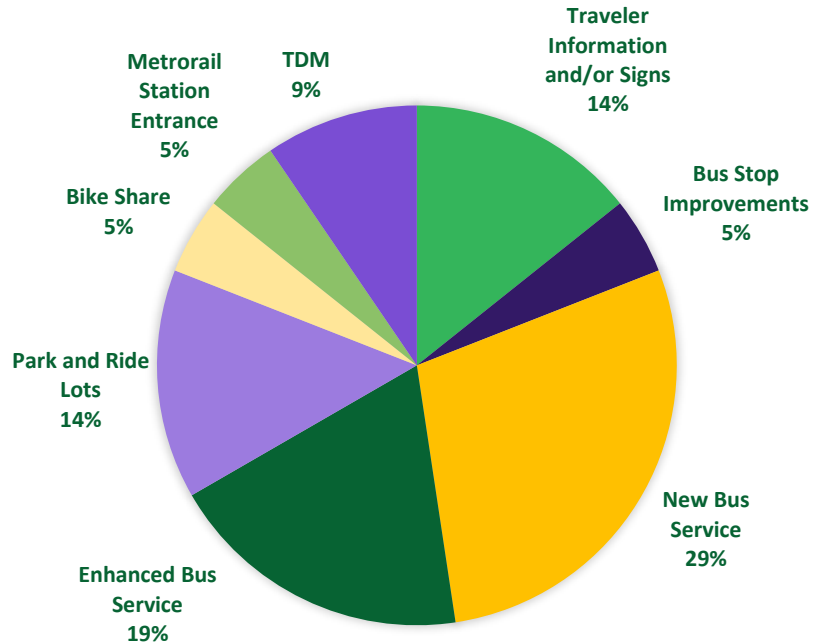
Beginning on April 4, NVTC will seek public comment on the components, culminating in a public hearing on May 5. NVTC released the [list of components](#) to the Commission and the public and will be accepting public comments through May 5.

On May 5, the Commission will be asked to prioritize and approve a list of Components for the Initial Program and to provide them to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Scores for each application will be available to the Commission.

Under the terms of the [Memorandum of Agreement](#), the CTB is expected to approve the list provided that recommended components are eligible for funding. Prioritization and selection for submission is the sole responsibility of the Commission.

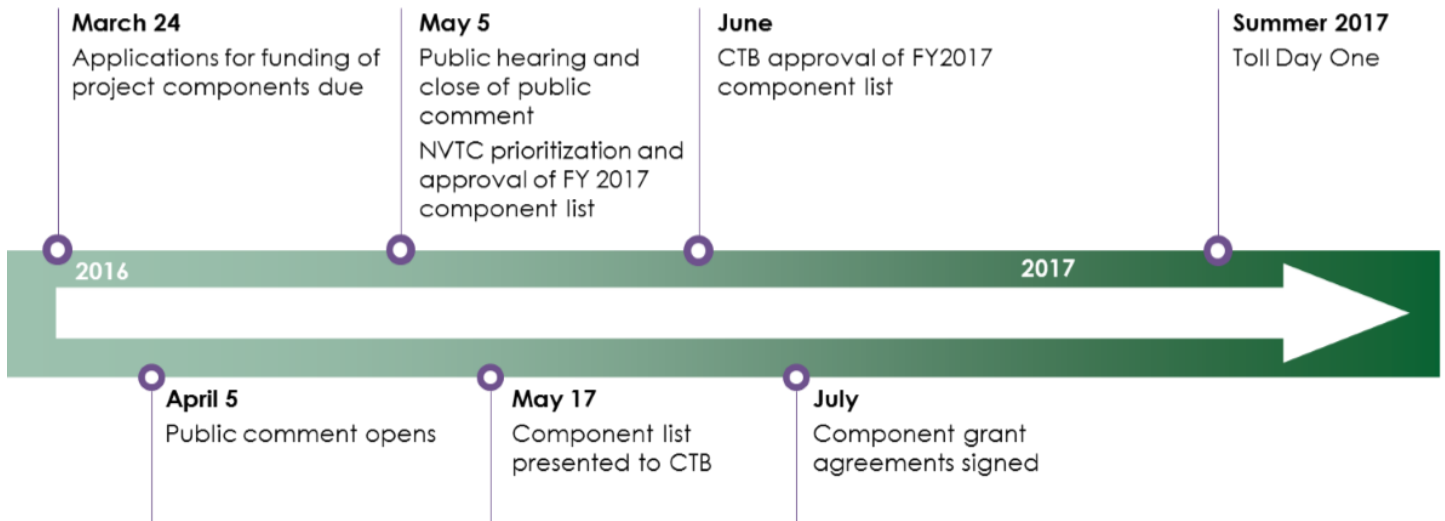
Selected components may be ready to be implemented as early as summer 2016.

COMPOSITION OF FY 2017 MULTIMODAL APPLICATIONS



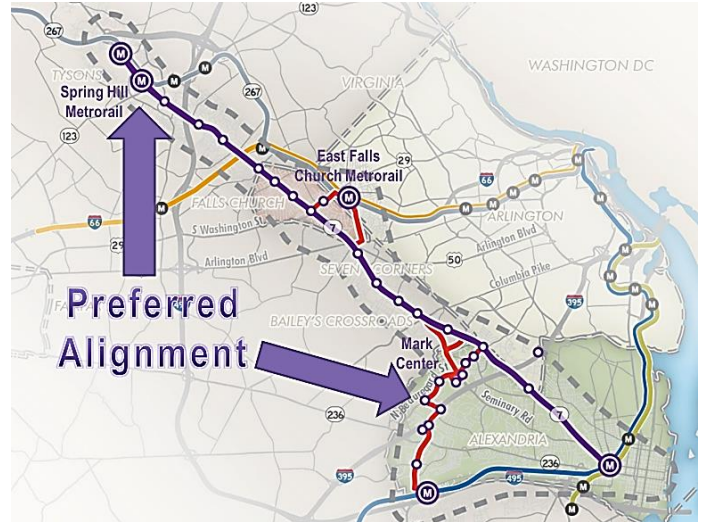
KEY DOCUMENTS

- [NVTC Multimodal Public Hearing Notice](#)
- [List of FY2017 Submitted Applications](#)
- [NVTC Transform 66 Multimodal Evaluation/Prioritization Process](#)
- [Transform 66 Memorandum of Agreement](#)
- [Transform 66 Inside the Beltway Fact Sheet](#)
- [2013 DRPT Transit/TDM Study for the I-66 Corridor](#)
- [VDOT I-66 Multimodal Study – Inside the Beltway](#)



Envision Route 7 Update

Next week, the Commission will discuss alignment and mode for new transit on Route 7. As proposed, bus rapid transit would connect the Spring Hill Metrorail Station in Tysons to the Mark Center in Alexandria, with a connection at the East Falls Church Metrorail Station. April's presentation will include an overview of funding options.



Rendering of BRT on Route 7 in Falls Church

Key Dates

- April 7 Commission presentation on preferred alignment and mode.
- June 6-8 Public meetings in Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. (Times and locations to be announced.)
- Summer Commission reviews public comment and preferred alignment and mode.

ENVISION ROUTE 7 BY THE NUMBERS

| | LRT | BRT |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Travel Time Saved | 55% | 50% |
| New Daily Transit Riders | 9,600 | 8,600 |
| Passengers Per Vehicle | 200 | 120 |
| Capital Costs | \$990 M | \$250 M |
| Operating Costs | \$31 M | \$17 M |

General Assembly Update

WMATA Oversight

On February 25, Governors McAuliffe and Hogan and Mayor Bowser signed a [MOU to establish the Metropolitan Safety Commission](#). The agreement calls for the D.C. Council to consider MSC legislation this year and the Virginia and Maryland General Assemblies to do so in 2017.

Legislation

The General Assembly passed bills [requiring the CTB to review VRE's financial plan](#) and [establishing an advisory board to study the effects of reduced transit funding](#). NVTC will continue work on establishment of both a regional gas tax floor and Metropolitan Safety Commission.

Commonwealth Transportation Board

Highlights of the March CTB meeting included:

- [Northern Virginia TDM Study](#)
- [Virginia Beach Light Rail](#)
- [Revised HB2 funding scenario](#)
- Approval of \$5 million to fund the [I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension](#) Study.
- Approval of [emergency authority](#) to allocate supplemental funds to Northern Virginia transit agencies related WMATA's March 16 shut-down.

Key Dates

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|------------|---|
| Apr. 19-20 | CTB Meeting (Lynchburg District) |
| Apr. 20 | General Assembly Reconvenes to Consider Gov's Vetoes/Amendments |
| May 2 | VDOT Six Year Improvement Plan Public Hearing (Fairfax) |
| May 5 | Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee (TSDAC) Meeting |
| May 17-18 | CTB Meeting (Staunton District) |
| June 14-15 | CTB Meeting (Richmond) |
| July 18 | Prefiling for 2017 General Assembly Regular Session |

Federal Update

FTA News

At the end of March, Acting Administrator Therese McMillan left FTA to join Los Angeles Metro. McMillan was the longest serving political appointee in FTA's and its predecessor agency's, (UMTA) history. FTA has not named a replacement.

FTA Rulemaking

- [Final Rule for State Safety Oversight](#) | FTA must certify and approve State Safety Oversight Agencies, which have financial and legal independence from the agencies they oversee.
- [Transit Asset Management](#) | FTA plans to issue a rule this summer defining "state of good repair" and establishing performance measures and reporting requirements for transit agencies.

DOT Funding

TIFIA | DOT published a [Notice of Funding Availability](#) requiring agencies interested in applying for credit assistance to complete a [Letter of Interest form](#).

TIGER | April 29 is the application deadline for the \$500 million FY 2016 [TIGER Discretionary Grant program](#). This year's TIGER program priority is funding capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities, both urban and rural. Agencies must apply online at [grants.gov](#).

FASTLANE | The FAST Act authorized the [new FASTLANE program](#) to fund highway and freight projects. Up to \$800 million is available for FY 2016. DOT's application deadline is April 14. Agencies must apply online at [grants.gov](#).

BUS GRANTS | FTA published a [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for buses and bus facilities of approximately \$211 million. A \$55 million carve out for low- and no-emission vehicles is also available. Agencies must apply by May 13 online at [grants.gov](#).

NVTC Programs & Projects

Emergency Preparedness

Station Plans

NVTC continues to develop station-specific plans, which are critical to the safe evacuation of Virginia's Metrorail stations. The Transit Emergency Preparedness Group has reviewed nine plans to date. It will begin work on King Street, Eisenhower Avenue and Braddock Road stations in April.

NVTC's Fellows are mapping bus and pedestrian routes and gathering locations for each of the 25 Virginia stations. This visual tool will facilitate evacuations, particularly in the event that the number of passengers leaving the station exceeds available bus capacity.

Exercises and Training



NVTC's Laurel Hammig participated in a full-scale emergency response drill on Mar. 13 outside the Eisenhower Avenue Metrorail Station. Coordinated by WMATA and the City of

Alexandria, the exercise involved a derailed train on elevated tracks about 1,000 feet from the platform, partially inside a tunnel. These boots on the ground exercises often inform plan modifications and development of future plans.

NVTC's Kate Mattice and Laurel Hammig have attended tabletop exercises to test station-based emergency response plans for facilities in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax.

Regional Bus

Since August 2015, NVTC staff has worked with jurisdictions to define performance measures for the Regional Bus Agenda with a goal of demonstrating how buses perform in the region. NVTC staff has developed a set of performance measures based on jurisdictional input at workshops held last year. The workshops developed performance-based definitions for the regional goals of quality, accessibility, efficiency

and safety. The performance measures will be evaluated across different geographies, socio-economic factors and service types in corridors and the region as a whole.

Next Generation Fare Payment

WMATA has accepted all three elements of the NEPP pilot – Metrobus, Metrorail and Parking. WMATA is proceeding with an analysis of the proposed program while NVTC continues to detail concerns regarding the cost effectiveness and regional implementation of the project.

Concurrently, NVTC is exploring possibilities for an interim solution to address the immediate need for functional fare boxes. WMATA is looking to pilot an interim solution and is researching the implications of that pilot on the quantities and costs of fare boxes quoted to the regional partners last fall.

Multimodal Planning

The [I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension Project](#) was submitted for the [Air Quality Conformity Analysis](#) of the [2016 CLRP Amendment](#) at the March 16 TPB meeting. [The TPB resolution](#) stipulates that the Commonwealth will amend the I-395 project into the CLRP by conducting a transit TDM study in partnership with NVTC and PRTC, identifying an annual guaranteed transit contribution and taking other actions.

The Commission will hear an update from DRPT on the I-395 Transit/TDM Study at April's meeting.

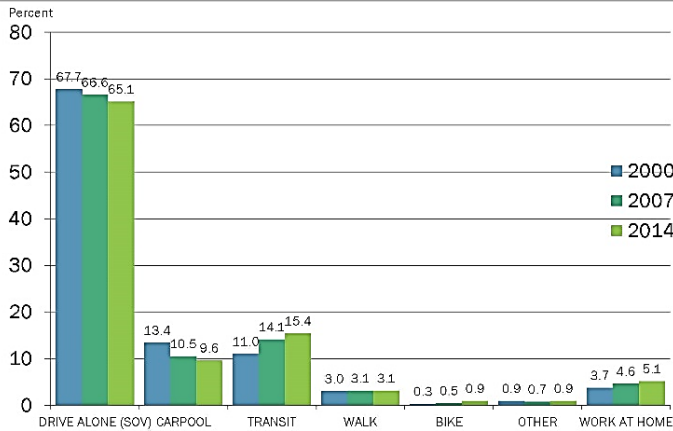
VDOT has scheduled two public meetings on the [I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension](#) project.

- Mon., Apr. 11, 2016, 6:30 -8:30 p.m.
presentation starts at 7 p.m.
Wakefield High School
[1325 S. Dinwiddie St., Arlington](#)
- Wed., Apr. 13, 2016, 6:30 -8:30 p.m.
presentation starts at 7p.m.
Francis C. Hammond Middle School
[4646 Seminary Road, Alexandria](#)

More Commuters Choose Transit

A [recent TPB analysis](#) shows that, despite a drop in transit riders, the percentage of those who commute by bus and rail is rising. Also of interest, telecommuting was up 16 percent (2001-2013) and vehicle miles traveled was down two percent (2000-2014).

Regional Trend: Commute Mode Share



NVTC Helps Create National Transit Map



NVTC staff will work with local jurisdictions to participate in development of [a national transit map](#), an initiative of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. This initiative will establish a national repository of voluntarily provided, public domain GTFS feed data to be compiled into a common format with data from fixed route systems.

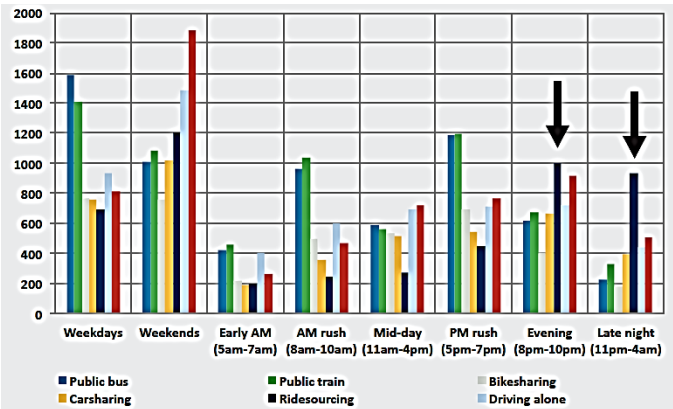
“With this information in hand, DOT, planning agencies, and researchers can do a far better job of demonstrating the importance and role of transit in American society, and identify and address gaps in access to public transportation,” wrote Foxx.

Email questions to NationalTransitMap@dot.gov.

Shared Mobility

APTA's [Shared Mobility Report](#) explores rideshare (such as Uber and Lyft) and transit provider partnerships. Findings include:

- Rideshare use peaks on weekends and evenings, complementing transit by providing community options outside of transit system operating hours.
- Public sector-rideshare partnerships can provide more efficient, effective paratransit service.



Ridesourcing: Top in evening and late night trips

First-Mile Last-Mile Solution

A Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's (PSTA) pilot program with Uber and United Taxi provides residents with access to bus stops. The agency calls it [“the first step in turning them into public transit users.”](#)



PSTA's Direct Connect program, highlighted at the recent APTA conference, allows riders to take Uber or a taxi to/from a series of designated stops to connect with a bus. The transit provider PSTA will pay half the cost of the Uber or taxi ride, up to \$3. The six-month pilot illustrates how transit-rideshare partnerships can address community needs.

TransAction

Slated for completion in 2017, [TransAction](#), the region's long-range transportation plan, will contain a needs assessment, now underway. The assessment involves both a review of all jurisdictional plans and public engagement.

[View the TransAction video](#)



NVTA FY2017 Program

This summer, NVTA will adopt its FY2017 Program. The Call for Projects, issued in September 2015, closed on November 30. Public comment will open in May. The FY2017 Program will be the last based on projects evaluated in TransAction 2040.

Over the next several weeks, NVTA's PPC will review the proposed projects. NVTC will participate in those meetings.

[FY2017 Candidate Project List](#)

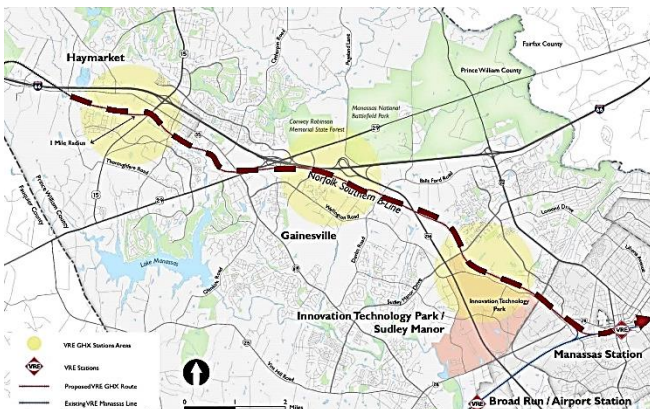
[FY2017 Program Project Selection Process](#)

[FY2017 Program Project Application Form](#)

VRE: Gainesville to Haymarket



Train schedule options and passenger station locations for the [Gainesville-Haymarket Extension \(GHX\)](#) of the Manassas Line are the focus of VRE's community meeting on Wed., Apr. 27 from 6-8 p.m. at [Gainesville Middle School](#) (8001 Limestone Drive, Gainesville).



GHX Study Area

VTA Annual Conference



NVTC is supporting program development for VTA's 2016 Transit Conference in Fredericksburg, May 24-25. Highlights include:

Phil Washington, CEO of Los Angeles County Metro, opens with "Stand Up for Public Transportation – Keep the Momentum"

NVTC Commissioner David F. Snyder, VTA's incoming president, moderates Transportation Innovations & Technology—A Brave New World.

NVTC Executive Director Kelley Coyner joins leaders from Richmond and Hampton Roads for a Transit Means Business roundtable, focusing on hosting a successful forum.

[Click here to register](#)

Save the Dates

GMU P3 Forum

George Mason University 3rd Annual P3 Forum



April 26
GMU Arlington Campus

[learn more](#)

APTA Seminar

Transit Board Members & Board Support Seminar



April 30 – May 3
San Antonio, Texas

[learn more](#)

Infrastructure Week

National Infrastructure Week



May 16 – 23
All Across America

[learn more](#)

Transit Means Business

Hampton Roads Transit Means Business



May 24
Sandler Center, Virginia Beach

[learn more](#)

2016 Annual Commission Agenda

JANUARY 7, 2016

- Election of NVTC Officers and Board Appointments
- Recognition of 2015 Chair
- Public Comment
- Electronic Participation Policy Update
- Transform 66 Multimodal Project Update
- NVTC Programs and Projects: A Year in Preview
- TransAction Presentation
- WMATA General Manager/CEO Presentation
- Report from the Virginia Board Members of WMATA
- VRE Report and Action Items
 - VRE FY2017 Budget Presented for Approval
 - Announce 2016 VRE Operations Board Officers
 - Gainesville-Haymarket Extension Project Update
 - Commission Roles and Responsibilities
- NVTC Financial Report
- Committee Meetings: Executive Committee

Monthly WMATA Report includes:

- Safety and Related Issues
- Financial Management
- Budget and Finance
- Capital Funding Agreement
- WMATA Virginia Ridership and Parking Facility Utilization
- Key WMATA Milestones/Dates

FEBRUARY 11, 2016 Richmond - *Joint Meeting with PRTC*

- General Assembly Legislative Update
- Transform 66 Multimodal Project Update
- Report from the Virginia Board Members of WMATA
- VRE Report
- DRPT Report
- NVTC Financial Report

MARCH 3, 2016

- Approve Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) Testimony to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
- Submission of State Assistance Request to DRPT
- NVTC FY2016 2nd Quarter Ridership Report
- Legislative and Policy Update
- Transform 66 Multimodal Project
 - Evaluation Criteria and Prioritization Scoring Presented for Approval
 - Call for Components Presented for Approval
 - Advertising of Public Hearing Presented for Approval
- Presentation on I-395 Managed Lanes Project
- Report from the Virginia Board Members of WMATA
- NVTC FY2016 2nd Quarter Ridership Report
- VRE Report and Action Items
- DRPT Report
- NVTC Financial Report
- Committee Meetings: Executive Committee

APRIL 7, 2016

- Envision Route 7 Preferred Alignment and Mode
- Transform 66 Multimodal Project Update
- I-395 Transit/TDM Study
- Letters of Endorsement for US DOT TIGER/FASTLANE Grant Applications Presented for Approval
- Quarterly Report on the Regional Bus Agenda
- Legislative and Policy Issues
 - General Assembly Update
- Report from the Virginia Board Members of WMATA
- VRE Report and Action Items
- DRPT Report

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APRIL 7, 2016

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- NVTC Financial Report
- Committee Meetings: Executive Committee

MAY 5, 2016

- Transform 66 Multimodal Project Update
 - Public Hearing
 - List of Components Presented for Approval
 - Authority to Execute Grant Agreements Presented for Approval
- High-Speed Rail (DC2RVA) Update
- Report from the Virginia Board Members of WMATA
- VRE Report and Action Items
 - Option Year for Keolis Operating Contract
 - Gainesville-Haymarket Extension Project Presentation
 - VRE Financial Plan Presentation
- National Transit Database Contract Renewal Presented for Approval
- Report on Commonwealth's Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP)
- NVTC Annual Transit Performance Update
- NVTC FY2016 3rd Quarter Ridership Report
- DRPT Report
- NVTC Financial Report
- Committee Meetings: Executive Committee

JUNE 6, 2016, JUNE 7, 2016, June 8, 2016

- Public Hearings on Envision Route 7

JUNE 2, 2016

- VTRANS Update and Comment
- Regional Bus Agenda Proposed Performance Dashboard Proposed for Approval
- Transform 66 Multimodal Project Update
- Report from the Virginia Board Members of WMATA
 - Quarterly WMATA System Performance (Vital Signs) – prepared by NVTC
- VRE Report and Action Items
- DRPT Report
- NVTC Financial Report
- Committee Meetings: Executive Committee, Legislative and Policy Committee

JULY 7, 2016

- FY2018 Key Budget Issues
- Envision Route 7 Locally Preferred Alternative Presented for Approval
- Transform 66 Multimodal Project Update
- Report from the Virginia Board Members of WMATA
- VRE Report and Action Items
- DRPT Report
- NVTC Financial Report
- Committee Meetings: Executive Committee, Legislative and Policy Committee, Funding Partners Working Group

AUGUST 2016 – No Commission Meeting

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016* (note meeting is second Thursday of month)

- FY2018 Key Budget Issues Presented for Discussion
- Transform 66 Multimodal Project Update
- Regional Bus Agenda Baseline Report on Performance
- High Speed Rail (DC2RVA) Update
- NVTC FY2016 4th Quarter Ridership Report

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2016* (note meeting is second Thursday of month) (continued from previous page)

- Report from the Virginia Board Members of WMATA
 - Quarterly WMATA System Performance (Vital Signs) – prepared by NVTC
- Transform 66 Multimodal Project Update
- VRE Report and Action Items
- DRPT Report
- NVTC Financial Report
- Committee Meetings: Executive Committee, Legislative and Policy Committee, Funding Partners Group

OCTOBER 7, 2016

- Preliminary NVTC FY2018 Budget Presented for Discussion
- Pre-Allocation Testimony to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Presented for Approval
- Updated NVTC Federal and State Legislative and Policy Agenda Presented for Discussion
- 2017 Meeting Schedule Presented for Approval
- Transform 66 Multimodal Project Update
- Notice of Direct Contributions to Jurisdictions
- Presentation of Updated NVTC Federal and State Legislative and Policy Agenda
- Report from the Virginia Board Members of WMATA
- VRE Report and Action Items
 - Forward VRE Budget to Jurisdictions
- DRPT Report
- NVTC Financial Report
- Committee Meetings: Executive Committee, Legislative and Policy Committee, Funding Partners Group

OCTOBER 20, 2016 (Tentative)

- FY 2018 NVTC Budget Work Session

NOVEMBER 3, 2016

- FY2018 Budget Presented for Approval
- Updated NVTC Federal and State Legislative and Policy Agenda Presented for Approval
- Transform 66 Multimodal Project Update
- Call for Nominations to NVTC Committees
- High-Speed Rail (DC2VA) Update
- NVTC FY2017 1st Quarter Ridership Report
- Report from the Virginia Board Members of WMATA
- VRE Report and Action Items
 - VRE Legislative Agenda Presented for Approval
- DRPT Report
- NVTC Financial Report
- Committee Meetings: Executive Committee

DECEMBER 2016 (May combine with Joint NVTC/PRTC Legislative and Policy Briefing)

- Second Annual Transit Means Business Forum

DECEMBER 1, 2016

- NVTC and VRE Audits Presented for Acceptance
- Transform66 Multimodal Project Update¹
- Report from the Virginia Board Members of WMATA²
 - WMATA Preliminary Budget
 - Quarterly WMATA System Performance (Vital Signs) – prepared by NVTC
- VRE Report and Action Items
- DRPT Report
- NVTC Financial Report
- Committee Meetings: Executive Committee serving as Nominating Committee and Audit Committee

DECEMBER 7, 2016 (tentative)

- Joint NVTC/PRTC Federal and State Legislative and Policy Briefing