



# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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*Moving Northern Virginia Forward*

# ABOUT THE AUTHORITY



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Director, DRPT



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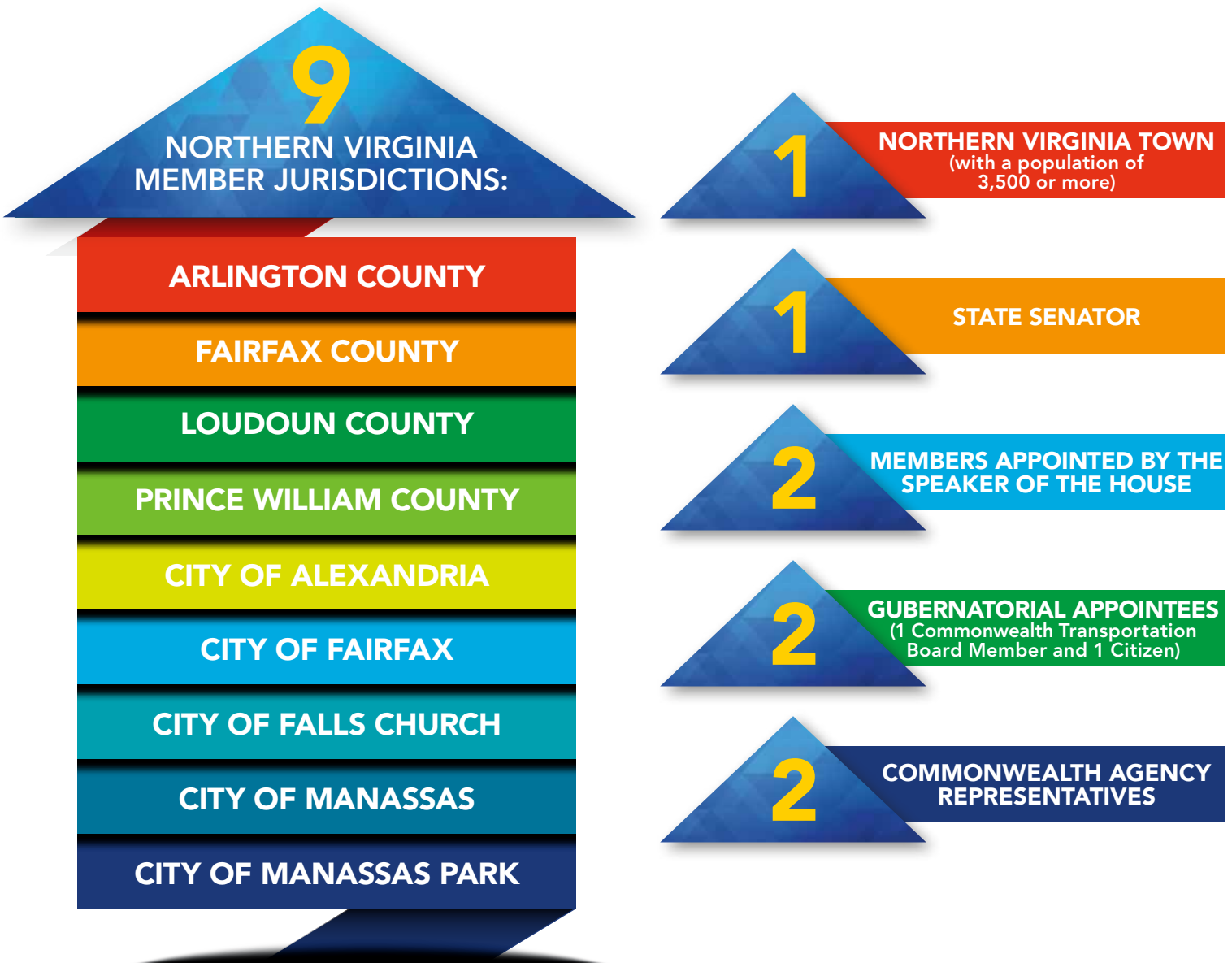
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## AUTHORITY STRUCTURE

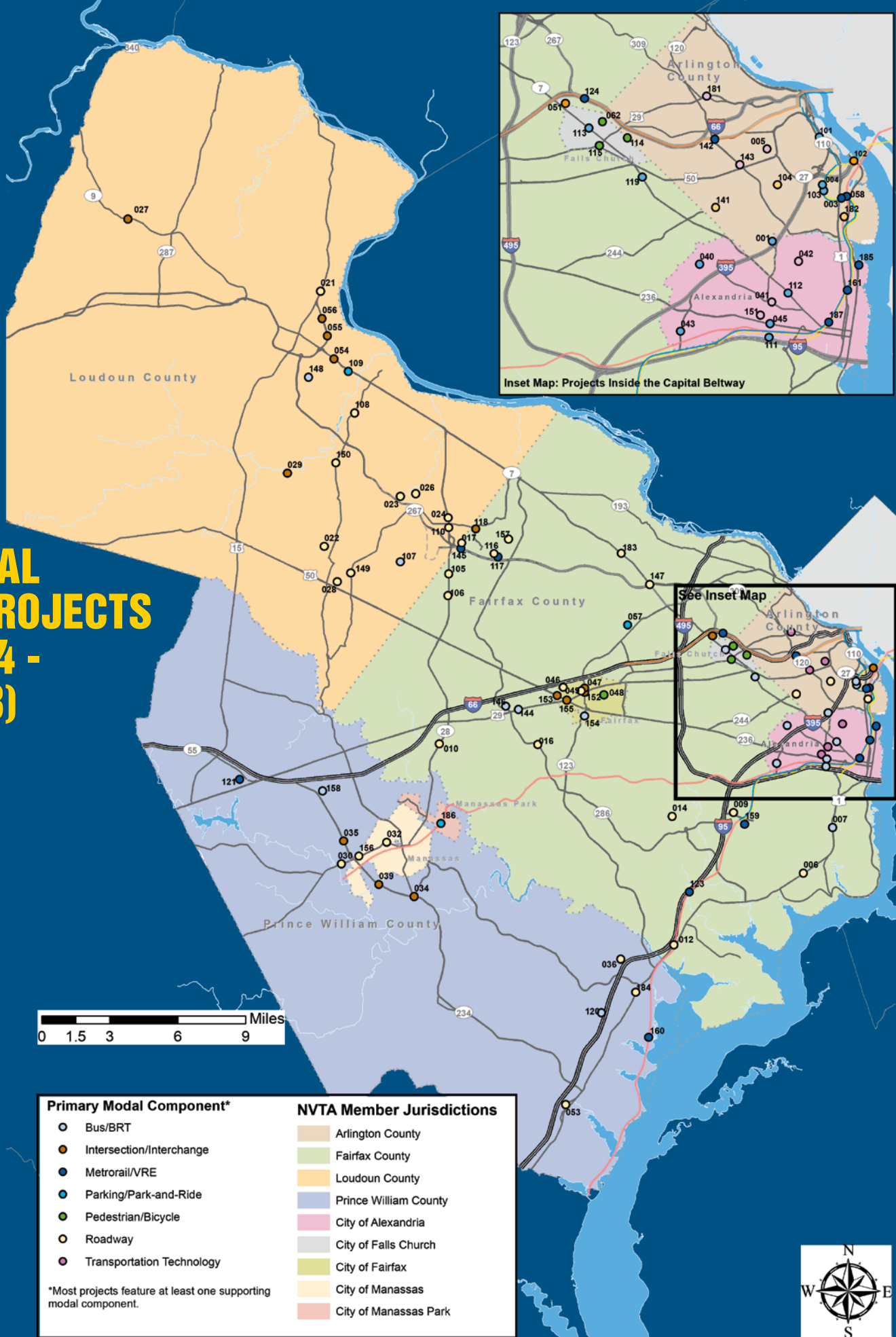


## PLANNING AND PRIORITIZING FOR THE REGION

### PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ▶ **Develop** and **update** long-range transportation plan, TransAction
- ▶ **Prioritize** and **fund** regional transportation projects – Six Year Program
  - **Project Selection** – Congestion Reduction Relative to Cost and Qualitative Considerations (modal/geographical balance, cost sharing, etc.)
- ▶ **Work** on consensus basis
- ▶ **Collaborate** with Authority's regional partners
- ▶ **Reduce congestion** in most cost-effective manner
  - **4** Funding Programs
  - **94** NVTAFunded Regional Multimodal Projects
    - Totaling nearly **\$2 Billion**
    - Across **7** Modes of Transportation

# REGIONAL FUND PROJECTS (FY 2014 - FY 2023)





## REGIONAL FUND PROJECTS LIST (FY 2014 - FY 2023)

PROJECT ID	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT SPONSOR	NVTA FUNDS	PRIMARY MODE(S)
101	Blue/Silver Line Mitigation (4 New Buses)	Arlington County	\$1,000,000	Bus/BRT
102	Boundary Channel Drive Interchange	Arlington County	\$4,335,000	Intersection/Interchange
103	Crystal City Multimodal Center	Arlington County	\$1,500,000	Bus/BRT
104	Columbia Pike Multimodal Street Improvements - East	Arlington County	\$12,000,000	Roadway
141	Columbia Pike Multimodal Street Improvements - West	Arlington County	\$10,000,000	Roadway
142	Ballston Metrorail Station West Entrance	Arlington County	\$12,000,000	Metrorail/VRE
143	Glebe Road Corridor ITS Improvements	Arlington County	\$2,000,000	Transportation Technology
181	Lee Highway Corridor ITS Enhancements	Arlington County	\$3,000,000	Transportation Technology
182	Crystal City Streets: 12th Street Transitway	Arlington County	\$11,600,000	Roadway
001	ART Operations and Maintenance Facilities	Arlington County	\$39,027,000	Bus/BRT
003	Crystal City Metrorail Station Second Entrance	Arlington County	\$5,000,000	Metrorail/VRE
004	Pentagon City Multimodal Connections and Transitway Extension	Arlington County	\$28,850,000	Bus/BRT
005	Intelligent Transportation System Improvements	Arlington County	\$10,000,000	Transportation Technology
105	Route 28 Widening 6 to 8 lanes (NB from McLearn Road to Dulles Toll Road)	Fairfax County/VDOT	\$11,100,000	Roadway
106	Route 28 Widening 6 to 8 lanes (SB from Dulles Toll Road to Route 50)	Fairfax County/VDOT	\$20,000,000	Roadway
145	Innovation Center Metrorail Station	Fairfax County	\$69,000,000	Metrorail/VRE
006	Route 1 Widening - Mount Vernon Memorial Highway to Napper Road	Fairfax County	\$128,000,000	Roadway
009	Frontier Drive Extension & Interchange Improvements	Fairfax County	\$27,000,000	Roadway
010	Route 28 Widening: Prince William County Line to Route 29	Fairfax County	\$26,000,000	Roadway
014	Rolling Road Widening: Hunter Village Drive to Old Keene Mill Road	Fairfax County	\$16,111,000	Roadway
016	Fairfax County Parkway Widening FROM Ox Road to Lee Hwy	Fairfax County	\$87,000,000	Roadway
144	Connector Buses (12 New)	Fairfax County	\$6,000,000	Bus/BRT
146	West Ox Bus Garage Expansion	Fairfax County	\$20,000,000	Bus/BRT
147	Route 7 Bridge Widening: Over Dulles Toll Road	Fairfax County/VDOT	\$13,900,000	Roadway
183	Route 7 Widening – Colvin Forest Drive to Jarrett Valley Drive	Fairfax County	\$10,000,000	Roadway
007	Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit	Fairfax County	\$250,000,000	Bus/BRT
012	Richmond Highway (Route 1)/CSX Underpass Widening	Fairfax County	\$12,000,000	Roadway
017	Rock Hill Road Bridge	Fairfax County	\$20,604,670	Roadway
107	Two New Transit Buses	Loudoun County	\$880,000	Bus/BRT
108	Belmont Ridge Road, North of the Dulles Greenway	Loudoun County	\$20,000,000	Roadway
109	Leesburg Park and Ride	Loudoun County	\$1,000,000	Parking/PnR
110	Route 28 Hot Spot Improvements (Sterling Boulevard to the Dulles Toll Road)	Loudoun County/VDOT	\$12,400,000	Roadway
148	Transit Buses (4 New)	Loudoun County	\$1,860,000	Bus/BRT
149	Loudoun County Parkway Development	Loudoun County	\$31,000,000	Roadway
150	Belmont Ridge Road Widening (Truro Parish Dr to Croson Ln)	Loudoun County	\$19,500,000	Roadway
021	Route 15 Bypass Widening: Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road	Loudoun County	\$54,000,000	Roadway
022	Northstar Boulevard - Shreveport Drive to Tall Cedars Parkway	Loudoun County	\$64,805,000	Roadway
023	Extend Shellhorn Road: Loudoun County Parkway (RT 607) to Randolph Drive (RT 1072)	Loudoun County	\$16,000,000	Roadway
024	Route 28 Northbound Widening –between the Dulles Toll Road and Sterling Boulevard	Loudoun County/VDOT	\$20,000,000	Roadway
026	Prentice Drive Extension: Lockridge Road (Route 789) to Shellhorn Road (Route 643)	Loudoun County	\$76,230,000	Roadway
027	Route 9 Traffic Calming	Loudoun County	\$12,112,000	Intersection/Interchange
028	Dulles West Boulevard Widening	Loudoun County	\$47,800,000	Roadway
029	Evergreen Mills Road Intersection Realignments	Loudoun County	\$14,000,000	Intersection/Interchange
030	Route 28 Widening: Route 234 Bypass to Linton Hall Road	Prince William County	\$69,700,000	Roadway
184	Route 1 Widening: Featherstone Road to Marys Way	Prince William County	\$63,400,000	Roadway
032	Route 28 Corridor Roadway Improvements - East of Route 234	Prince William County	\$95,000,000	Roadway
034	Construct Interchange at Route 234 and Brentsville Road	Prince William County	\$54,900,000	Intersection/Interchange
035	Construct Interchange at Prince William Parkway and University Blvd	Prince William County	\$24,200,000	Intersection/Interchange
036	Summit School Rd Extension and Telegraph Rd Widening	Prince William County	\$11,000,000	Roadway
039	Construct Interchange at Prince William Parkway and Clover Hill Road	Prince William County	\$1,900,000	Intersection/Interchange
111	DASH Bus Expansion (5 New)	City of Alexandria	\$1,462,500	Bus/BRT
112	Shelters and RTI for DASH/WMATA	City of Alexandria	\$450,000	Bus/BRT
151	Duke Street Transit Signal Priority Installation	City of Alexandria	\$850,000	Transportation Technology

# REGIONAL FUND PROJECTS LIST (FY 2014 - FY 2023) CONTINUED

PROJECT ID	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT SPONSOR	NVTA FUNDS	PRIMARY MODE(S)
185	Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Development	City of Alexandria	\$69,500,000	Metrorail/VRE
040	West End Transitway: Northern Segment (Phase 1)	City of Alexandria	\$4,600,000	Bus/BRT
041	Alexandria ITS Projects	City of Alexandria	\$1,195,491	Transportation Technology
042	Alexandria Bus Network ITS	City of Alexandria	\$150,000	Transportation Technology
043	DASH Transit Service Enhancements and Expansion	City of Alexandria	\$11,933,161	Bus/BRT
045	Alexandria Duke St Transitway	City of Alexandria	\$12,000,000	Bus/BRT
152	Northfax - Intersection Improvements at Route 29/50 and Route 123	City of Fairfax	\$15,000,000	Intersection/Interchange
153	Jermantown / Route 50 Roadway Improvements	City of Fairfax	\$1,000,000	Intersection/Interchange
154	Cue 35-Foot Buses (6 New)	City of Fairfax	\$3,000,000	Bus/BRT
155	Kamp Washington Intersection Improvements	City of Fairfax	\$1,000,000	Intersection/Interchange
046	Jermantown Road Corridor Improvements Project	City of Fairfax	\$21,000,000	Roadway
047	Intersection Improvements at Eaton Place/Chain Bridge Road	City of Fairfax	\$10,750,000	Intersection/Interchange
048	Old Lee Highway Multimodal Improvements Phase 1	City of Fairfax	\$5,000,000	Pedestrian/Bicycle
049	Roadway Network Northfax West	City of Fairfax	\$2,500,000	Roadway
113	Funding for Bus Shelters	City of Falls Church	\$200,000	Bus/BRT
114	Pedestrian Bridge at Van Buren Street	City of Falls Church	\$300,000	Pedestrian
115	Pedestrian Access to Transit	City of Falls Church	\$700,000	Pedestrian
051	West Falls Church & Joint Campus Revitalization District Multimodal Transportation Project	City of Falls Church	\$15,700,000	Intersection/Interchange
062	Falls Church Enhanced Regional Bike Routes (W&OD)	City of Falls Church/ NOVA Parks	\$3,244,959	Pedestrian/Bicycle
156	Route 28 Widening: Godwin Drive to the Southern City Limits	City of Manassas	\$3,294,000	Roadway
053	Widen Route 1 (Fraleigh Blvd) to six lanes between Brady's Hill Rd and Dumfries Rd (RT234)	Town of Dumfries	\$51,760,000	Roadway
117	Herndon Metrorail Intermodal Access improvements	Town of Herndon	\$1,100,000	Bus/BRT
116	Herndon Parkway Intersection Improvements at Van Buren St	Town of Herndon	\$500,000	Intersection/Interchange
118	Herndon Parkway Intersection Improvements at Sterling Rd	Town of Herndon	\$500,000	Intersection/Interchange
157	East Elden Street Improvements & Widening	Town of Herndon	\$10,400,000	Roadway
055	Interchange Improvements at Route 15 Leesburg Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road	Town of Leesburg	\$7,400,000	Intersection/Interchange
054	Construct Interchange at Route 7 and Battlefield Parkway	Town of Leesburg	\$58,000,000	Intersection/Interchange
056	Construct Interchange at Route 15 Bypass and Battlefield Parkway	Town of Leesburg	\$2,000,000	Intersection/Interchange
057	Mill St NE Parking Garage	Town of Vienna	\$2,300,000	Parking/PnR
123	VRE Lorton Station Second Platform	VRE	\$7,900,000	Metrorail/VRE
159	Franconia-Springfield Platform Improvements	VRE	\$13,000,000	Metrorail/VRE
160	Rippon Station Expansion and Second Platform	VRE	\$10,000,000	Metrorail/VRE
161	Slaters Lane Rail Crossover	VRE	\$7,000,000	Metrorail/VRE
058	VRE Crystal City Station Improvements	VRE	\$4,400,000	Metrorail/VRE
186	Manassas Park Station Parking Expansion	VRE	\$2,500,000	Parking/PnR
121	VRE Gainesville-Haymarket Extension Project Development	VRE	\$1,500,000	Metrorail/VRE
187	Blue Line Traction Power Upgrades	WMATA	\$17,443,951	Metrorail/VRE
124	Traction Power Upgrades on the Orange Line in Virginia	WMATA	\$4,978,685	Metrorail/VRE
120	PRTC New Gainesville Service (1 Bus)	PRTC	\$580,000	Bus/BRT
158	Western Bus Maintenance & Storage Facility	PRTC	\$16,500,000	Bus/BRT
119	Transit Alternatives Analysis Study in the Route 7 Corridor	NVTC	\$838,000	Bus/BRT
<b>TOTAL 94 PROJECTS</b>			<b>\$1,974,145,417</b>	

PRIMARY MODE	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	TOTAL REGIONAL FUNDS
Roadway	33	\$1,095,104,670
Intersection/ Interchange	16	\$223,297,000
Parking/Park-and-Ride	3	\$5,800,000
Bus/BRT	20	\$401,780,661
Metrorail/VRE	12	\$221,722,636
Transportation Technology	6	\$17,195,491
Pedestrian/Bicycle	4	\$9,244,959
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>\$1,974,145,417</b>

## CHAIRMAN MARTIN E. NOHE



Martin E. Nohe,  
Chairman, Northern  
Virginia Transportation  
Authority

Eleven years is a long time to do anything. But that's how long ago it was that I was first told (not asked) that I was going to become Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. It was not considered an important job at the time. The NVTA had been relegated to a small, obscure planning organization with big dreams that someday Northern Virginia would benefit from long-term, sustainable and dedicated revenues to relieve congestion in our region. I would tell anyone who would listen about our plans to get Northern Virginians home to their families faster. Little did I know that four years after becoming Chair of the Authority, Virginia would pass truly landmark legislation that would provide the funds needed to make traffic move a little more smoothly in the region.

With the passage of HB 2313, the NVTA suddenly transformed into the most high-profile transportation organization of its kind in the country.

Suddenly, the planning work that we were already doing had to become much more sophisticated, and we needed to quickly develop a robust project evaluation process. We were developing financial accounting systems, public outreach strategies, and transparent processes to ensure that the responsibility with which we had been entrusted, immediately began delivering positive results for the problem that most adversely affects the quality of life for the people that we were chosen to represent. I could not be prouder of, or more thankful to, the literally hundreds of individuals with whom I've had the pleasure of working in order to see that the promises which have been made, are promises that are kept.

I cannot begin to express my gratitude to our Executive Director, Monica Backmon, who has led an incredibly talented staff for the past five years. She has not only overseen the work that we do at the Authority, but she has also been responsible for the professionalism and integrity for which the NVTA is well-known and well-respected. Along with Chief Financial Officer, Mike Longhi, and our former Executive Director, John Mason, the NVTA has benefitted from the efforts and talents of some of the best people with whom I have ever had the pleasure to work.

As I look toward leaving the chairmanship of the NVTA at the end of 2019, I am astonished by everything that we have accomplished, including: the development of what I truly believe to be the best long-term transportation plan in America, TransAction; the implementation of our inaugural six-year funding program; our three AA+ bond ratings; the numerous groundbreakings and ribbon cuttings that I have attended; and the thousands upon thousands of hours that Northern Virginians have spent at home with their families, rather than stuck in traffic, thanks to the congestion relief efforts and multimodal improvements that we have been able to facilitate with our member jurisdictions and regional partners. I am grateful for every moment spent doing this work. Looking back, 11 years doesn't seem like very much time at all.



Martin E. Nohe  
Chairman

Chairman Martin E. Nohe presents at  
the OmniRide Western Maintenance  
& Storage Facility groundbreaking  
celebration in Prince William County.



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MONICA N. BACKMON



Monica Backmon,  
Executive Director,  
Northern Virginia  
Transportation Authority

It has been another successful year for the Authority, thanks to the ongoing regional collaboration between member localities and agencies, stakeholders, as well as Northern Virginians who took the time to provide feedback and attend our meetings. A regional, collaborative approach is essential to reducing congestion and keeping Northern Virginia moving.

In 2019, we celebrated several project milestones throughout the region. Groundbreaking and Ribbon-Cutting ceremonies were held in Fairfax and Prince William Counties, the Cities of Fairfax, Falls Church and Alexandria, and the Town of Leesburg. Additionally, the Virginia Railway Express and the City of Alexandria hit project completion milestones.

As part of the inaugural Six Year Program Update underway, we're currently evaluating candidate projects submitted for regional revenue consideration. We're looking forward to hosting our Public Hearing and Open House next spring and anticipate adoption of the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program in the summer of 2020. We're also setting the stage for an update to the region's long-range multimodal transportation plan, TransAction. Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to provide feedback over the coming months.

Last but not least, I would like to thank our departing Authority members, Marty Nohe, Chair of the Authority for the past 11 years, and the Prince William County Coles District Supervisor, Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Richard Black, Senator, 13th District, Virginia Senate, and our Speaker of the House of Delegates Appointees, Delegate Tim Hugo and Randy Minchew. Your dedication to the Authority, service to Northern Virginia and friendship will be missed. I'd also like to thank my staff for their tireless work and dedication to executing NVTVA's short and long-term goals and strategic plans.

I'm proud of all that was accomplished this year, and I can't wait to see what 2020 brings next!



Monica N. Backmon  
Executive Director

Monica Backmon welcomes a full room of attendees to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Virginia Transportation Roundtable co-hosted with ITS Virginia this spring.





# REGIONAL COLLABORATION



The Authority, which consists of 17 members from across Northern Virginia, works on a consensus basis when setting regional transportation policies and priorities focused on relieving congestion in the most cost-effective manner. It truly takes a collaborative effort for an entity like the Authority to be successful.

- 1 The Authority met throughout the year to discuss multimodal transportation needs for the region and current activities.
- 2 Having some selfie fun post-Authority meeting are [L to R] NVTA members Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County Board Chairman, Phyllis Randall, Authority Vice-Chair and Loudoun County Board Chair, and Marty Nohe, Authority Chairman and Prince William County Coles District Supervisor.
- 3 Authority members Justin Wilson, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, and Katie Cristol, Arlington County Board Member, smile for the camera before the September business meeting at NVTA's offices.
- 4 NVTA initiated Regional Investment Conversations, allowing investment professionals from member jurisdictions to share insights and discuss market trends.
- 5 For the first time, NVTA co-hosted a Joint Northern Virginia Spring Transportation Meeting and Open House with regional partners at VDOT, DRPT, VRE and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. Featured panelists included Authority members, Marty Nohe, NVTA Chair and Prince William County Coles District Supervisor, Helen Cuervo, VDOT NOVA District Administrator, Mary Hynes, Governor's Appointee and CTB Member, Jennifer Mitchell, DRPT Director, and Katie Cristol, Arlington County Board Member.
- 6 NVTA re-established the Joint Public Information Officer Meetings to collaborate with communicators from member jurisdictions, agencies and regional partners, on the best ways to inform residents about transportation projects impacting their communities.



# INNOVATION IN TRANSPORTATION



It is imperative the Authority keeps its finger on the pulse of transportation needs and makes informed decisions when conducting long-range planning for the region. This includes staying ahead of the latest technology trends in the Metropolitan D.C. region and beyond, as well as collaborating with both the public and private sectors to stay informed.



**Driven by InNoVation**

- 1** In March, NVTA hosted a sold-out Annual Northern Virginia Transportation Roundtable, in partnership with ITS Virginia. Thought-leaders and trend-setters gathered to discuss innovation in transportation and the impact of future technologies on the region's transportation network.
- 2** The Transportation Technology Committee (TTC), comprised of industry and government leaders, met for the first time in January. The TTC advises NVTA's Executive Director on policies impacting the region, as well as the latest transportation technologies that align with the vision of the Authority.
- 3** NVTA announced the kick-off of the Regional Multimodal Mobility Program (RM3P), in partnership with the Commonwealth, which awarded NVTA \$15M to develop the

program. The project will address the region's congestion and accessibility challenges using a range of technologies.

- 4** Monica Backmon, NVTA Executive Director, was a Northern Virginia Transportation Technology Panelist at the ITS Virginia Annual Conference in Richmond, VA in May 2019. She spoke to a full room of attendees about the importance of taking a multimodal regional approach to tackle congestion.
- 5** NVTA provides a regular digest of transportation technology news and trends through a bi-monthly newsletter to keep elected officials, transportation experts, D.C. Metro residents and other subscribers informed.



# EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE AUTHORITY PRESENTED AT NEARLY **25 EVENTS** THROUGHOUT NORTHERN VIRGINIA

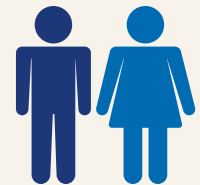
AUDIENCES REACHED



ELECTED  
OFFICIALS



NORTHERN VIRGINIA  
RESIDENTS AND  
COMMUNITY GROUPS



LEADERS IN  
• Business  
• Transportation  
• Innovation

## EVENTS AROUND THE REGION



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**1** In February, NVTa and the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance co-hosted a Forum on the Economic Impacts of Transportation Investments at the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors that brought experts in transportation, real estate, heavy construction and business together to discuss the economic benefits of the Authority's \$3B in regional funding of transportation projects.

**2** Monica Backmon, NVTa Executive Director, participated in a panel discussion at the annual Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce's State of Transportation event in August. Ms. Backmon joined fellow panelists Shannon Valentine, Virginia Secretary of Transportation; Ed Mortimer, VP Transportation and Infrastructure, U.S. Chamber; and Mike Stewart, VP and Airport Manager, Washington Dulles International Airport.

**3** In August, Phyllis Randall, Chair, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and Vice-Chair of the Authority, and Justin Wilson, Mayor, City of Alexandria and Authority member, participated on a panel at the 4th Annual Northern Virginia Elected Leaders Summit, hosted by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. A variety of topics were discussed, including transportation and fostering economic growth.



# CELEBRATIONS AND MILESTONES:

RIBBON CUTTINGS, GROUNDBREAKINGS AND PROJECT COMPLETIONS

Total Multimodal  
Transportation Project Milestones: **11**

The Authority celebrated several milestones in 2019 that showcase how NVTA-funded projects expand across Northern Virginia and impact motorists, transit riders, cyclists and pedestrians alike.



**1** On January 23, 2019, NVTA began the new year with a groundbreaking on the OmniRide Western Maintenance and Bus Storage Facility in Prince William County. Upon completion, OmniRide's bus capacity will expand and improve on-time performance, add more options for commuters on the I-66 corridor and reduce congestion.

**2** On September 9, 2019, the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Slaters Lane rail crossover project in the City of Alexandria was completed. The project's completion means improved freight and passenger train capacity and improved train fluidity between VRE's Crystal City and Alexandria stations.

**3-5** In 2019, three intelligent transportation system (ITS) projects were completed in the City of Alexandria. ITS technologies are enhancing the transit network by improving reliability, providing faster service and reducing traffic congestion.

**6** With the cutting of a ribbon on May 20, 2019, NVTA and the City of Fairfax celebrated the completion of the Northfax Intersection, improving vehicular traffic flow, as well as pedestrian and vehicle mobility.





# CELEBRATIONS AND MILESTONES:

## RIBBON CUTTINGS, GROUNDBREAKINGS AND PROJECT COMPLETIONS

CONTINUED



**7** A Route 7/Leesburg Pike widening project was celebrated with a groundbreaking on June 13, 2019 in the Tysons corridor in Fairfax County. The project includes adding a third lane to Route 7 in each direction from Reston Avenue to Jarrett Valley Drive, building shared-use paths along both sides, and replacing and raising the bridge over Difficult Run.



**8** On August 26, 2019, NVTA and the City of Falls Church broke ground to kick off the West Falls Church & Joint Campus Revitalization District Multimodal Transportation Project, which will reduce congestion, offer expanded travel choices, and improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders and motorists.



**9** On October 9, 2019, a fall ribbon-cutting ceremony was co-hosted by NVTA and Prince William County to celebrate the completion of Route 28 from Linton Hall Road to Fitzwater Drive. The project includes a widened roadway, a multi-use trail and sidewalk on both sides, new bridges over Kettle Run and traffic signal reconstruction.



**10** On October 15, 2019, NVTA joined the Town of Leesburg, Loudoun County, VDOT and several elected officials to celebrate the start of construction on the Route 7 at Battlefield Parkway Interchange project, which will reduce congestion, allow Route 7 to become a limited access freeway through the Town of Leesburg Corporate Limits, and help pedestrians and cyclists cross Route 7 safely by providing a bike trail connection to residential and commercial/retail areas of the Town of Leesburg.



**11** The final groundbreaking of the year occurred on December 19, 2019, in the City of Alexandria, where the start of construction on the Potomac Yard Metro Station was celebrated in the National Landing area. Hundreds of project partners and stakeholders attended the event, including elected officials such as Governor Ralph Northam; representatives of many federal, state and regional agencies; and members of the community.



## LOOKING AHEAD



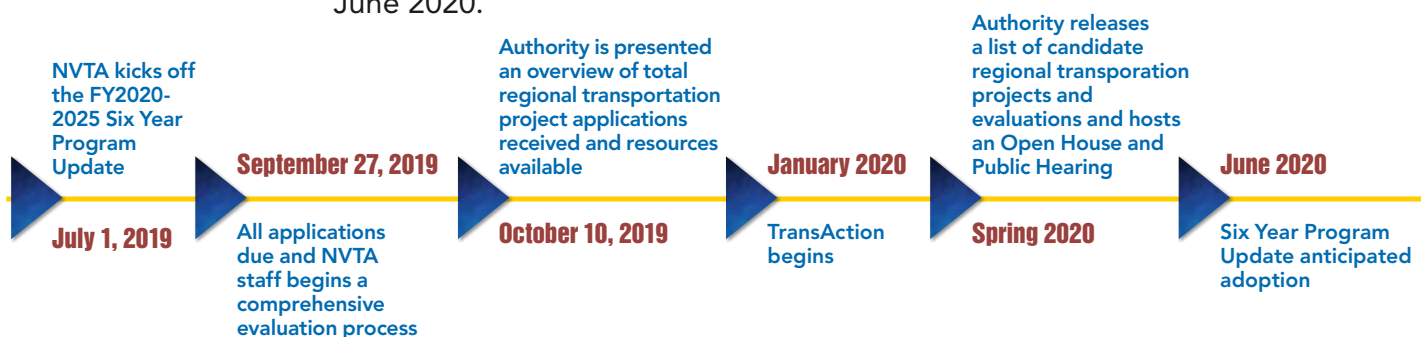
### FY2020-2025 SIX YEAR PROGRAM UPDATE

NVTA kicked off the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program Update on July 1, 2019, with a Call for Regional Transportation Projects for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 regional revenue consideration. On September 27, 2019, all applications were due, and NVTA staff began a comprehensive evaluation process.

During the October 10, 2019 monthly business meeting at NVTA's offices, the Authority was presented an overview of total regional transportation project applications received and resources available. 13 Northern Virginia jurisdictions and agencies submitted 46 applications to NVTA for funding consideration, with a combined request of approximately \$1.7 billion. NVTA expects to allocate at least \$400 million on projects throughout Northern Virginia. Although \$400 million is a significant amount of money, this funding cycle will be NVTA's most oversubscribed program to date.

In spring 2020, the Authority will release a list of candidate regional transportation projects and evaluations as part of the FY2020-2025 Six Year Program. A public comment period, as well as an Open House and Public Hearing hosted by the Authority, will also occur in spring 2020.

The Six Year Program Update is anticipated to be adopted by the Authority in June 2020.



### TRANSACTION

In January 2020, the official start of an update to Northern Virginia's long-range, multimodal transportation plan, TransAction, will begin with a listening session prior to the Authority business meeting. The Authority members and NVTA staff look forward to working with member jurisdictions, regional partners and stakeholders, and engaging with the community over the coming months.

### PUBLIC DASHBOARD

Keep an eye on the launch of NVTA's public dashboard that will allow Northern Virginians to more easily obtain information about transportation projects the Authority is funding in the region, and how where they live, work and play will be impacted.

### ANNUAL NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION ROUNDTABLE

NVTA, in partnership with ITS Virginia, will host its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Virginia Transportation Roundtable in the spring. This informative and interactive event features transportation and technology expert panelists weighing in on the future of transportation and emerging trends.

# Thank You!

Thank you to the Authority members and their staff, member localities, agencies and stakeholders for ongoing collaboration, as well as to all the citizens who take the time to offer feedback and attend our meetings. You help make the Authority a success.

## FEATURED VIDEO



For the first time, a video reel was produced to showcase the past year's highlights, in motion. A special thank you to the following member jurisdictions, agencies, and other regional partners and

organizations for providing video footage and photos. We could not have made the video without you!

- ▶ Arlington County
- ▶ City of Alexandria
- ▶ City of Fairfax
- ▶ City of Falls Church
- ▶ City of Manassas
- ▶ City of Manassas Park
- ▶ Fairfax County
- ▶ Loudoun County
- ▶ Prince William County
- ▶ PRTC/OmniRide
- ▶ Virginia Department of Transportation
- ▶ Virginia Railway Express
- ▶ Town of Hillsboro
- ▶ Town of Leesburg
- ▶ Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- ▶ NOVA Parks
- ▶ Andy Bloxham, Arlington County Commuter Services
- ▶ Fairfax County Government Cable Channel 16
- ▶ JBG Smith

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## A special thanks to our departing Authority members

**Marty Nohe**, Authority Chair, and Prince William County Coles District Supervisor

**Sharon Bulova**, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

**Richard Black**, Senator, Virginia State Senate, 13<sup>th</sup> District

**Tim Hugo**, Speaker of the House of Delegates Appointee

**Randy Minchew**, Speaker of the House of Delegates Appointee

We're extremely appreciative of your dedication to the Authority and years of service to the region.

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