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NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING on JULY 24

Public Input Sought on First Year of Proposed Projects

INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY ON SITE:

July 24, 2013 from 5 - 6pm. Chairman Nohe (NVTA) will be on site to do stand-ups and interviews prior to start of the event. Please contact Kala Quintana at kala@nvtdc.org to schedule a time slot.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA—On July 1, 2013 roughly \$270 million began to flow into the Northern Virginia region to fund much needed transportation improvements. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) will hold its second and final public hearing on the proposed FY2014 project list followed by an official NVTA meeting on July 24, 2013 at the Council Chambers at City Hall in the City of Fairfax, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA to gather public input and share information on a proposed list of projects to be funded with the new revenues.

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

5:30pm	Doors open. Speaker sign-in begins. Speakers must sign in on site. Speakers are allotted 3 minutes to address the Authority.
6:00 pm	Public hearing begins
6:30 pm	NVTA meeting to immediately follow public hearing (estimated 6:30 pm; however <u>this start time may be delayed depending on the number of speakers</u>).

“We want to hear from the public. Are we getting things right? Are they getting the information they need to help us make the best decisions for these initial investments? We are working very hard to build the public trust through a high level of transparency and inclusiveness. My hope is that the initial projects that we select will provide immediate relief for commuters in the region. We can’t fix all the problems right now but we are working toward a common goal: to make it easier to get home from work faster,” said Marty Nohe, chairman of NVTA.

“Keep in mind that, this is only the first wave of projects. In the coming years the Authority will implement dozens of transit, rail and highway projects, all with the same basic goal: Keeping

Northern Virginia moving. Reduced congestion plus increased connectivity will continue to improve our transportation system and allow for continued economic development,” said Nohe.

The presentation and public hearing portion of the meeting will be broadcast on City Screen Channel 12 (Cox and Verizon) beginning at 6:00pm and concluding with the completion of the public hearing.

The July 24 meeting follows the June 20 Open House and initial public hearing as well as a series of local meetings that were held throughout the region in the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church; as well as the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William (including cities of Manassas and Manassas Park). At these meetings residents heard about projects directly affecting the region and provided public comment which was collected and distributed to the members of the Authority. Comments from those meetings as well as comments received by e-mail until July 22, 2013 on the final proposed list of projects will be shared at the July 24 meeting.

The Authority urges the public to attend on July 24, 2013 and get involved by learning about and commenting on the proposed first fiscal year FY2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014) transportation project list which can be found on the Authority’s web site at: www.TheNoVaAuthority.org. Prior to July 24, the public may email their comments on the projects to: fy14projects@thenovaauthority.org or use the interactive comment form posted on the Authority website.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

NVTA was created by the General Assembly on July 1, 2002, to offer a common voice for Northern Virginia on transportation and other issues that confront the region. The Authority is made up of nine jurisdictions including: the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William; as well as the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park. As the entity responsible for long-range transportation planning for regional projects in Northern Virginia, The Authority recently completed TransAction 2040, its regional transportation plan.

NVTA Who’s Who

The voting members of the Authority include:

Hon. Martin Nohe, NVTA Chairman; Prince William County
Hon. William D. Euille, NVTA Vice Chairman; City of Alexandria
Hon. R. Scott Silverthorne, City of Fairfax
Hon. Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County
Hon. Harry J. “Hal” Parrish II, City of Manassas
Hon. Bryan Polk, City of Manassas Park
Hon. David Snyder, City of Falls Church
Hon. Scott York, Loudoun County
Hon. Christopher Zimmerman, Arlington County

Hon. Adam Ebbin, Virginia Senate
Hon. Joe T. May, Virginia House of Delegates
Hon. Thomas Davis Rust, Virginia House of Delegates
Sandy Bushue, Governors Appointee
Gary Garczynski, Governors Appointee, CTB Member

Non-voting members of the Authority include:

Helen Cuervo, VDOT
Kevin Page, VDRPT
Gerald “Jerry” Foreman, Town of Dumfries

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