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MONICA BACKMON CHOSEN AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Ms. Backmon to assume regional leadership role May 14, 2014

NORTHERN VIRGINIA—At its April meeting, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority voted unanimously to select Monica Backmon as the Authority’s Executive Director.

“The Authority is proud to have Ms. Backmon lead this organization. Over the past seven years, she has worked tirelessly and collaboratively with our regional partners and staff to advance the role of NVTA and establish the Authority as a trusted organization. Her solid experience of public administration and her strong commitment to public service is exactly the kind of leadership that the Authority needs,” said Marty Nohe, Chairman of the Authority.

Ms. Backmon has a B.S. in Psychology and Master’s Degree in Urban Planning (MURP) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Champaign, IL. She has served as Prince William County’s regional transportation planner, where she has worked since 2004. Ms. Backmon has also chaired the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority’s Jurisdictional Agency and Coordinating Committee (JACC) for the past four years.

Following the official vote, Ms. Backmon said, “I am honored that the Authority has entrusted me to lead this organization. For the past seven years I have worked regionally to build the Authority’s profile in Northern Virginia and throughout the Commonwealth. I truly believe that we are doing great work that can serve as a national model for addressing and solving regional transportation issues.”

Ms. Backmon has worked alongside Northern Virginia regional partners on a variety of initiatives, most recently as the co-chair of the Authority’s Financial Working Group; coordinator of the Efficiency and Consolidation Task Force; chair of the Transportation and Public Safety Strategic Plan working group; and as the project manager for TransAction 2040, an update of the Authority’s long range transportation plan. Ms. Backmon has demonstrated principled leadership and strategic regional coordination in Northern Virginia since 2004 through her work in Prince William County, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

The Authority oversees nearly \$300 million in transportation funding in Northern Virginia and is responsible for long range planning and regional project coordination. Ms. Backmon will lead a small team consisting of a five full-time and one part-time staff. Ms. Backmon will begin her new position on May 14, 2014.

THE [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.

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