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THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ADVANCES REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS – \$ 94.3M TO BE DISTRIBUTED

Over Half of All Approved FY2014 Projects Have Been Funded

NORTHERN VIRGINIA—As of October 2014 the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) has advanced funding for 18 projects – over 50% of the projects in the overall FY2014 program -- throughout Northern Virginia totaling \$94,312,275. This milestone affirms the Authority’s promise to taxpayers that funds would begin flowing to transportation projects as quickly as possible once the project agreements were approved. The 18 NVTA funded projects include a mix of regional, congestion-reducing, road and transit investments in Arlington, Loudoun and Prince William counties; the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church and the town of Herndon. The Authority has also officially closed out its first project - funding a new bus for the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission’s OmniRide inaugural Gainesville to Haymarket service. (A complete chart of NVTA advanced projects and funding amounts to date below).

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Chairman **Marty Nohe** stated, *“As we promised from day one, the Authority is advancing regional projects as quickly as possible to help achieve real congestion relief in Northern Virginia. We are committed to fulfilling our promise to Northern Virginians to work together as a region to prioritize our transportation projects in a way that provides the best return on our investments. Sometimes it’s not about the ‘mega’ projects, but about smartly planned, strategic projects that eliminate choke points on our roadways or provide alternatives for commuters instead of driving alone.”*

Within the next two months additional projects will be advanced including the widening of Route 28 in Fairfax County. When completed, Route 28 will be widened from McLearen Road to the Dulles Toll Road and from the Dulles Toll Road to Route 50 in Fairfax County. Once completed, these projects will address some of the congestion in the region and will achieve the Authority’s ongoing mission to reduce congestion and improve mobility.

The Authority oversees nearly \$300 million annually in transportation funding in Northern Virginia and is responsible for long range planning and regional project coordination.

Moving Forward and Balancing Investments

On October 9, the Authority adopted project selection criteria which will evaluate transit projects in addition to highway projects for inclusion in the FY15-16 Two Year Program. As the Authority develops the additional two years of the larger Six Year Plan (SYP), all projects – including transit projects -- will be evaluated for their congestion relief benefits, cost-effectiveness and other regional criteria. All projects will be subject to the same scoring system criteria.

“It has always been the priority of the Authority to maintain the highest levels of transparency and inclusiveness. We are constantly working to build regional consensus on the projects we evaluate. We have been and will remain accountable for the projects we select as the best investments for the overall transportation network. Our goal is always to ensure that the projects we choose will keep Northern Virginia moving,” said **Nohe**.

Advanced Projects: FY15 Q1

Jurisdiction/Agency	Project	NVTA Funding
Arlington County	Blue/Silver Line Mitigation – Purchase of four new transit buses to introduce Silver Line connecting service. Arlington Transit will use the four 19 passenger buses to add capacity on the ART 43 Route between Crystal City, Rosslyn, and Court House.	\$1 million
Arlington County	Boundary Channel Drive Interchange – Constructs two roundabouts at the terminus of the ramps from I-395 to Boundary Channel Drive, which eliminate redundant traffic ramps to/from I-395. In addition, the project will create multi-modal connections to/from the District of Columbia that will promote alternate modes of commuting into and out of the district.	\$4,335,000
Arlington County	Columbia Pike Multimodal Improvement – Includes a modified street cross-section with reconfigured travel and transit lanes, medians and left-turn lanes, utility undergrounding and other upgrades along Arlington’s 3.5 mile Columbia Pike corridor from the Fairfax County line on the west end to Four Mile Run.	\$12 million
Arlington County	Crystal City Multimodal Center – Provides four additional saw-tooth bus bays for commuter and local bus services, seating, dynamic information signage, lighting, additional bicycle parking, curbside management plan for parking, kiss and ride, and shuttles, and pedestrian safety improvements along 18th Street South between South Bell Street and South Eads Streets.	\$1.5 million
Loudoun County	Leesburg Park and Ride - Land acquisition for a second park and ride facility to accommodate a minimum of 300 new spaces	\$1 million
Loudoun County	Loudoun County Transit Buses for connecting to new Silver Line service	\$880,000
Loudoun County	Belmont Ridge Road (North) Widening of Belmont Ridge between Gloucester Parkway and Hay Road Segment; includes structure to carry W&OD trail over Belmont	\$20 million
Loudoun County	Route 28 Hot Spot Improvements - Loudoun segments of the Route 28 improvements from Sterling Boulevard and the Dulles Toll Road.	\$12.4 million
Prince William County	Route 1 Widening from Featherstone Road to Marys Way – Widen Route 1 from a 4 lane undivided highway to a 6 lane divided highway which will include a multi-use trail on west side and a sidewalk on the east side.	\$3 million
Prince William County	Route 28 Widening from Linton Hall Road to Fitzwater Drive -- Widen from a 2-lane undivided roadway to a 4-lane divided highway. Project includes relocation and re-alignment of Route 215 (Vint Hill Road) and construction of a multi-use trails on the south side and a sidewalk on the north side.	\$28 million

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City of Fairfax	Chain Bridge Road Widening/Improvements from Route 29/50 to Eaton Place – Widens Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) to six lanes, improves the lane alignments of the roadway approaches for the intersection of Route 29/50 (Fairfax Boulevard) at Route 123 and improves pedestrian accommodations at all legs of the intersection. Includes extensive culvert improvements to eliminate roadway flooding caused by the inadequate culvert under Route 123.	\$5 million
City of Falls Church	Bus Stops Changes – Includes the provision of shelters and pedestrian way-finding information. Also includes consolidation of existing stops, design, ROW acquisition, and construction for bus stop changes along Route 7, and provision of bus shelters.	\$200,000
Town of Herndon	Herndon Parkway/Sterling Road - Intersection improvements	\$500,000
Town of Herndon	Herndon Parkway/Van Buren Street - Intersection improvements	\$500,000
Town of Herndon	Silver Line Phase II – Herndon Metrorail Station - Access improvements	\$1.1 million
Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)	Gainesville New Service Bus – Funding to acquire 1 commuter bus to provide new PRTC Gainesville Service. PROJECT IS COMPLETE AND CLOSED OUT	\$559,275.00
Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)	Rt. 7 Transit alternatives analysis - Route 7 Corridor (Fairfax County/Falls Church/Arlington County/Alexandria)	\$838,000
Virginia Railway Express (VRE)	Gainesville to Haymarket Extension - corridor study and preliminary development of a potential 11 mile VRE extension from Manassas to Gainesville-Haymarket	\$1.5 million
	TOTAL FUNDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED	\$94,312,275

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. The Authority is responsible for updating Northern Virginia's long-range transportation plan, TransAction, and manages approximately \$300 million annually in public funds for transportation projects designed to provide congestion relief throughout Northern Virginia.

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