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THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ADVANCES \$138.4 MILLION IN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS; ROUTE 28 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS TOP THE LIST

DEVELOPMENT OF TWO YEAR PROGRAM MOVES AHEAD

NORTHERN VIRGINIA—As of January 2015, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) has advanced 26 projects throughout Northern Virginia totaling \$138.4 million. This milestone includes the planned widening of Route 28 in Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties and multiple transit improvements in Fairfax County and the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church.

Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman and NVTA Member commented, *“If you were looking for a poster child for a regional project that has great interest for Herndon, for Fairfax County, for Loudoun County, Route 28 is it.”*

Scott York, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chairman and NVTA Member, agreed, *“A lot of improvements on Route 28 need to be done. It’s very important for Loudoun residents commuting into Fairfax County every day.”*

Transit projects include a planned second platform at the Lorton VRE Station, a pedestrian tunnel to connect the Alexandria VRE Station to the King Street Metrorail Station and enhanced pedestrian access to the planned Intermodal Plaza in Falls Church. Arlington County has already placed into service four new Arlington Transit buses that connect the Silver Line to Crystal City, Rosslyn and Court House. These projects affirm the Authority’s commitment to fund a balanced list of regionally significant transportation projects as quickly as possible. (A complete chart of advancing NVTA projects follows).

Marty Nohe, NVTA Chairman and Prince William County Supervisor, summed up the Authority’s progress, *“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.”*

Balancing Investments and Looking Ahead in 2015

As the NVTA moves forward over the next four months the Authority will identify and approve the next cycle of projects for 70% Regional Funds. The Authority estimates that approximately \$373 million will be available to fund the FY2015-16 Two Year Program. Since the inception of the historic HB 2313 transportation funding, over

\$117 million in 30% Local Distribution Revenues has been made available to jurisdictions for local transportation projects.

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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 since 2014 manages approximately \$300 million annually in public funds for transportation projects designed to provide congestion relief throughout Northern Virginia. For more information visit www.thenovaauthority.org.

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Projects Advancing in FY2015, Second Quarter

Jurisdiction/Agency	Project	NVTA Funding
Arlington County	<p>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.</p> <p>BUSES ARE PURCHASED AND IN SERVICE.</p>	\$1 million
Arlington County	<p>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.</p> <p>Status: Planning and design underway; construction of the interchange begins in Fiscal Year 2018; construction of the local road that connects to the interchange (Long Bridge Drive) begins in Fiscal Year 2016.</p> <p>Completion: By 2018 (Long Bridge Drive) and by 2020 (interchange)</p>	\$4,335,000
Arlington County	<p>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 west to Four Mile Run.</p> <p>Status: Invitation to Bid was released in December 2014, with construction expected to be underway in spring 2015.</p> <p>Completion: Fiscal Year 2018</p>	\$12 million
Arlington County	<p>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.</p> <p>Status: Construction started in late October 2014.</p> <p>Completion: Coincides with opening of Arlington’s portion of the Metroway dedicated facilities, scheduled for March 2015.</p>	\$1.5 million

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Loudoun County	<p>Leesburg Park and Ride - Funding of land acquisition for a second park and ride facility to accommodate a minimum of 300 new spaces.</p> <p>Status: In process of acquiring the identified property.</p>	\$1 million
Loudoun County	<p>Loudoun County Transit Buses - Introducing new Silver Line connecting service.</p> <p>Status: Buses have been ordered with anticipated delivery by May 2016.</p>	\$880,000
Loudoun County	<p>Belmont Ridge Road (North) - Widening of Belmont Ridge between Gloucester Parkway and Hay Road Segment; includes structure to carry W&OD trail over Belmont Ridge Road.</p> <p>Status: Contractor selection in process for Design/Build. RFP advertisement date is January 2015.</p>	\$20 million
Prince William County	<p>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.</p> <p>Status: Project is in design phase.</p>	\$3 million
Prince William County	<p>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.</p> <p>Status: Final plans and bid document for Phase I construction is currently in review by VDOT for a realigned Vint Hill Road.</p>	\$28 million
City of Alexandria	<p>Potomac Yard Metrorail Station EIS – Project supports ongoing design and environmental activities associated with the development of a new Blue/Yellow Line Metrorail station at Potomac Yard, located between the existing Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Station and Braddock Road Station.</p> <p>Status: The City expects to make a decision on the Locally Preferred Alternative in spring 2015, with a Record of Decision by spring 2016.</p> <p>Completion: The station is expected to open by the end of 2018.</p>	\$2 million

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City of Alexandria	<p>Shelters and Real Time Transit Information for DASH/WMATA – Constructs bus shelters and provides associated amenities such as real time information at high ridership stops.</p> <p>Status: An Invitation to Bid is expected within two months. Installation is expected to commence in spring 2015.</p> <p>Completion: Winter 2016/2017</p>	\$450,000
City of Alexandria	<p>Traffic Signal Upgrades/Transit Signal Priority – Includes design of transit priority systems on Route 1 and Duke Street, and purchase of equipment and software to install transit signal priority and upgrade traffic signals on Route 1.</p> <p>Status: Procurement documents are in development. Design begins in spring 2015.</p> <p>Completion: Winter 2016/2017</p>	\$660,000
City of Fairfax	<p>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.</p> <p>Status: Right of Way acquisition. Construction is expected to commence in spring 2016.</p> <p>Completion: 2017 or 2018, depending on utility relocations</p>	\$5 million
City of Falls Church	<p>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.</p> <p>Status: Final engineering review. Easement acquisition and procurement expected to commence during winter 2014/15.</p> <p>Completion: Fall 2015</p>	\$200,000

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City of Falls Church	<p>Pedestrian Access to Transit – Includes the provision of enhanced pedestrian connections to the Intermodal Plaza being designed for the intersection of South Washington Street and Hillwood Avenue. The Intermodal Plaza will serve as a focal point for bus transportation in the area when completed. Project includes design, ROW acquisition, and construction.</p> <p>Status: Engineering/initial design begun. Construction expected to commence in summer 2015.</p> <p>Completion: Summer 2017</p>	\$700,000
Town of Herndon	<p>Herndon Parkway/Sterling Road -- Funding for street capacity improvements for congestion relief. Project includes ROW acquisition and construction.</p> <p>Status: Right of way acquisition for sidewalk improvements.</p> <p>Completion: Highway improvement became operational in November 2014. Sidewalk improvements are expected during the first half of 2015.</p>	\$500,000
Town of Herndon	<p>Herndon Parkway/Van Buren Street -- Funding for street capacity improvements for congestion relief.</p> <p>Status: Procurement, award expected in January 2015.</p> <p>Completion: Expected in 2016.</p>	\$500,000
Town of Herndon	<p>Silver Line Phase II – Herndon Metrorail Station - Access improvements.</p> <p>Status: Procurement, award expected in January 2015. ROW acquisition/street dedication is to begin in late 2015/early 2016 to be ready for construction in 2016-2017.</p> <p>Completion: Expected in 2017.</p>	\$1.1 million
Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission	<p>Gainesville New Service Bus – Funding to acquire 1 commuter bus to provide new PRTC Gainesville Service.</p> <p>BUS IS PURCHASED AND IN SERVICE.</p>	\$559,275

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Northern Virginia Transportation Commission	<p>Route 7 Transit Alternatives Analysis -- (Rt. 7 Corridor Fairfax County/Falls Church/Arlington County/Alexandria) - Corridor study to study transit options on Route 7.</p> <p>Status: Study underway, NVTC Issued the full Notice to Proceed in November. Currently developing an outreach plan.</p> <p>Completion: Study expected to be complete in February 2016.</p>	\$838,000
Virginia Railway Express	<p>Gainesville to Haymarket Extension -- Corridor study and preliminary development of a potential 11 mile VRE extension from Manassas to Gainesville-Haymarket.</p> <p>Status: RFP was issued December 2014; awards anticipated in spring 2015.</p>	\$1.5 million
Virginia Railway Express	<p>Alexandria Station Tunnel – This project includes a pedestrian tunnel connection between Alexandria Union Station/VRE Station and the King Street Metrorail Station, as well as the improvement of the VRE station east side platform to enable it to service trains on both sides.</p> <p>Status: Feasibility study and conceptual design studies complete. Ready to begin preliminary engineering.</p>	\$1.3 million
Virginia Railway Express	<p>Lorton Station Second Platform – This project includes final design and construction of a 650 foot second platform at the VRE Lorton Station in Fairfax County to accommodate trains up to 8 cars in length.</p> <p>Status: Preliminary engineering underway.</p>	\$7.9 million
Virginia Department of Transportation	<p>Route 28 Hot Spot Improvements -- Loudoun segments of the Route 28 improvements from Sterling Boulevard and the Dulles Toll Road.</p> <p>Status: Agreement finalized and awaiting final signature. Anticipated Notice to Proceed January 2015, completion expected in mid-2016.</p>	\$12.4 million
Virginia Department of Transportation	<p>Route 28 Widening Dulles Toll Road to Route 50 – Widen Route 28 from 3 to 4 lanes Southbound from Dulles Toll Road to Route 50.</p> <p>Status: Agreement finalized and awaiting final signature. Anticipated Notice to Proceed January 2015, completion expected at end of 2016.</p>	\$20 million

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Virginia Department of Transportation	<p>Route 28 Widening McLearen Road to Dulles Toll Road – Widen Route 28 from 3 to 4 lanes Northbound from McLearen Road to Dulles Toll Road.</p> <p>Status: Agreement finalized and awaiting final signature. Anticipated Notice to Proceed January 2015, completion expected in mid-2016.</p>	\$11.1 million
	TOTAL OF PROJECTS:	\$138,422,275