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THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY LAUNCHES \$99 MILLION IN ROUTE 28 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Widening and improvements to Route 28 across three counties will bring congestion relief to approximately 125,000 drivers DAILY

NORTHERN VIRGINIA—On May 11, 2015 the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) kicked off a series of widening and improvement projects along Route 28 – a critical arterial through Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. This is the first official event celebrating Authority-funded major projects since the NVTA began receiving funding from HB 2313 on July 1, 2013.

In an afternoon ceremony held on the newly constructed Innovation Avenue Bridge in Sterling, Virginia, NVTA Chairman Martin Nohe (Prince William County Supervisor), Vice Chairman Ralph Buona (Loudoun County) and Chairman Sharon Bulova (Fairfax County), along with Authority members, legislators, regional leaders, VDOT and local transportation agencies officially broke ground on a series of projects on Route 28 totaling approximately \$99 million. The Route 28 widening and improvement projects will make commuting easier an estimated 125,000 drivers daily in Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties and the City of Manassas.

Since July 2013, the NVTA has programmed \$534 million in regional congestion relieving projects. **Chairman Nohe** stated, “Thanks to the funding we receive from HB 2313, the NVTA has adopted over \$534 million dollars in projects in just under two years. That’s half a BILLION dollars in NEW congestion relieving projects right here in Northern Virginia.”

Chairman Nohe, Vice Chairman Buona and Chairman Bulova highlighted the projects in their jurisdictions that are slated for the Route 28 corridor.

In Prince William:

- Route 28 widening from Linton Hall Road to Fitzwater Drive, this includes the realignment of Vint Hill Road; and
- Route 28 widening from Route 234 Bypass to Linton Hall Road.

In Loudoun:

- Route 28 South widening from Sterling Boulevard to the Dulles Toll Road, providing much needed “hot spot” improvements.

In Fairfax:

- Route 28 North widening from McLearen Road to the Dulles Toll Road;
- Route 28 South widening from the Dulles Toll Road to Route 50; and
- Route 28 widening from the Prince William County Line to Route 29.

In the City of Manassas:

- Route 28 widening from Godwin Drive to the Southern City/Prince William County limits; and
- Route 28 (Manassas Bypass) Study.

Vice Chairman Buona speaking on behalf of Chairman York added, “The bottom line is these Route 28 projects are a smart investment for Northern Virginia and provide the greatest returns of the many projects that the NVTa has analyzed. In other words, these projects give taxpayers the “biggest bang for their buck.””

Fairfax County Board **Chairman Sharon Bulova** noted the importance of improvements to the Route 28 corridor, “As any commuter living or working in this corridor knows, Route 28 continues to be one of Northern Virginia's worst bottlenecks. Route 28 serves five of the NVTa's nine member jurisdictions: Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties; as well as the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. These improvements to Route 28 offer the greatest opportunities to improve the quality of life for residents in Northern Virginia and improve access to jobs and local businesses.”

For more information on these and other NVTa funded projects, visit the [NVTa website](#).

NVTa was created by the General Assembly on July 1, 2002, to offer a common voice for Northern Virginia on transportation issues confronting 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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