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THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 25, 2015 on DRAFT TWO YEAR PROGRAM - 44 HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROJECTS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION; PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD KICKS OFF TODAY

Approximately \$351 Million Available to Fund Regional Projects in FY2015-16; Plus More on Local Town Hall Meetings and NVTA's 2014 Annual Report

NORTHERN VIRGINIA— On March 25, 2015 the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) will hold a <u>Public Hearing on its Draft Two year Program</u> (see attached project list).

Public Hearing, Public Comment and Transportation Information

The Public Hearing will be held at the Authority's offices located at <u>3040 Williams Drive in Fairfax, Virginia</u> 22031.

There will be an Open House beginning at 6:00 pm. At that time, regional transportation experts will be on hand to answer questions one-on-one. Detailed maps and project descriptions will also be available for review. At 7:00 pm, Authority Chairman Martin E. Nohe, will give a presentation outlining the Authority's project planning, selection, programming and funding process. Public comment will begin immediately following Chairman Nohe's presentation.

- Interested individuals may pre-register to speak at: theauthority@thenovaauthority.org. Speaker sign-up will also be available on site. Speakers will be allowed 3 minutes.
- Free garage parking is available. For those taking transit, free shuttle service will be provided by
 <u>Fairfax Connector from Dunn Loring Metro</u> beginning at 5:40 pm and will run for 30 minutes
 following the last speaker at the Public Hearing.
- For members of the public who are unable to attend, the NVTA's Draft FY2015-16 Two Year
 Program presentation is available on the Authority's web site and e-mail comments will be

accepted beginning on March 11, 2015 through 5:00 pm April 12, 2015. E-mail comments can be sent to: TwoYearProgram@thenovaauthority.org.

Local Town Hall Meetings

Additional opportunities for the public to learn more about the NVTA's Draft FY2015-16 Two Year Program will be hosted by several localities. The following local Town Hall meetings are currently scheduled:

- Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park March 18, 2015 at the Old Manassas Courthouse located at 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110 from 6:00 pm 8:30 pm. For more go to: http://www.pwcgov.org/Pages/default.aspx
- City of Fairfax March 24, 2015 as part of the regular business meeting of the City Council in the
 Council Chambers at <u>City Hall 10455 Armstrong Street Fairfax, Virginia 22030</u> beginning at 7:00
 pm. For more go to: http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/city-meetings

2014 Annual Report Released and Available On-Line

The Authority has released its <u>2014 Annual Report</u>. The 2014 Annual Report records the Authority's achievements and lays the foundation for future planning and financing of vital regional transportation projects. The report outlines NVTA's history and the regional collaboration required to develop the Authority's transportation funding program.

Balancing Investments and Looking Ahead

As the NVTA moves forward the Authority will identify and approve the next cycle of projects for Regional Revenue Funds on April 23, 2015. The Authority estimates that approximately \$351 million will be available to fund the FY2015-16 Two Year Program.

For more information about the Authority or to sign up to receive regular updates, 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 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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