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### THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (NVTA) TO HOST TRANSACTION 2040 OPEN HOUSE ON APRIL 18, 2012

***NEW Open House materials and feedback form posted to web site***

**Arlington, VA**— On April 18, 2012 the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) will host an Open House to share the latest information on the TransAction 2040 transportation plan and to gather feedback from the public on the initial project analysis. In addition, the Open House presentation materials and the feedback form have been posted to the Authority web site.

#### What is TransAction 2040?

**TransAction 2040** is an update of the Northern Virginia 2030 Transportation Plan. While incorporating recent changes in our transportation network, **TransAction 2040** aims to prioritize all the transportation solutions presented in the 2030 Plan. The 2030 plan itself was created as an answer to the growing problems with congestion in the Northern Virginia region. During the development of the 2030 Plan, citizens aided Northern Virginia's transportation planners to map out a plan for making the vision a reality for the region's transportation future.

Since the 2030 Plan was finalized in 2006, much has changed. Some projects have been completed; other regional transportation studies have been conducted; and congestion has increased on our roadways, HOV lanes, and transit systems. In addition, the region continues to face considerable transportation funding shortfalls.

The 2040 plan identifies bus and rail transit, roadway, and non-motorized transportation needs throughout Northern Virginia - if implemented, these improvements could increase mobility, safety and reduce congestion. For the first time the 2030 Plan *prioritized* recommended improvements.

The ongoing regional needs for transportation improvement and continued prioritization has led to the creation of TransAction 2040.

## **The Open House**

The Open House will be held at the [Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School -- located at 7130 Leesburg Pike in Falls Church, Virginia.](#) The Open House begins at 6:30 pm and will end at 8:30 pm.

A presentation on the project and the initial results will be given by the project team at 7:00 pm. A Q&A period will follow.

Project information stations will be set up throughout the venue and visitors will have the opportunity to view maps, project lists and initial project rankings on-site. Regional transportation staff and experts will be on hand to answer questions and accept feedback. Visitors can provide feedback on-site using comment forms provided.

## **TransAction 2040 Materials and Feedback Forms are on the web site**

For those unable to attend the Open House in person the materials for the Open House are posted to the NVTA web site for advance viewing.

Anyone unable to attend the Open House on April 18, 2012 can still provide feedback on TransAction 2040 by filling out the comment form and e-mailing or mailing it to the address provided no later than May 2, 2012.

Additional instructions for providing feedback can be found on the NVTA web site: <http://www.thenovaauthority.org/>.

## **Follow TransAction 2040 and NVTA on Facebook**

The NVTA has also established a Facebook page which will be updated regularly. The NVTA encourages anyone who is interested in following the progress of TransAction 2040 to “Like” the NVTA on [Facebook](#).

For more details about NVTA and TransAction 2040 please visit: [www.thenovaauthority.org](http://www.thenovaauthority.org).

The Authority (NVTA) includes the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William; the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park; and the towns of Dumfries, Herndon, Leesburg, Purcellville and Vienna. **For more information please visit** [www.thenovaauthority.org](http://www.thenovaauthority.org).

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