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**Route 28 Corridor Improvements Celebrated by**

**Northern Virginia Leaders**

**Northern Virginia, October 4, 2017 –** After more than two years of construction, major roadway widenings and improvements along Route 28 are complete in Fairfax and Loudoun counties. On Wednesday, several of Northern Virginia’s leaders joined to celebrate the congestion-relieving milestone with a Ribbon Cutting that overlooked Route 28 and highlighted the series of projects that have been completed.

[Northern Virginia Transportation Authority](file:///\\nvtacolofp1\Share\Communications\Events\Route%2028%20Ribbon%20Cutting%2010-4-17\thenovaauthority.org) (NVTA) Chairman and Prince William County Coles District Supervisor Martin E. Nohe, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis J. Randall joined NVTA members, legislators, regional leaders and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to cut the ribbon and celebrate the recent completion of several projects on the Route 28 Corridor in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties.

The completed projects along Route 28 are relieving congestion for an estimated 125,000 drivers who travel on Route 28 each day. Chairman Nohe highlighted the importance of these new improvements for the regional community.

“As a major commuting facility in our region, Route 28 has faced increased congestion as Northern Virginia continues to see an increase in population and employment,” said Martin E. Nohe, Chairman of Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. “Road widenings like these are crucial to enhancing our regional transportation network and the NVTA is proud to be part of improvements for the Route 28 Corridor.”

Fairfax County Chairman Bulova and Loudoun County Chair Randall noted how the projects in their corridor will have a positive impact on quality of life for years to come.

**In Fairfax County:**

* A fourth lane has been added to Route 28 North from McLearen Road to the Dulles Toll Road.
* A fourth lane has been added to Route 28 South from the Dulles Toll Road to Route 50.

**In Loudoun County:**

* A fourth lane has been added to Route 28 South from Sterling Boulevard to the Dulles Toll Road.

The road widenings and improvements made to this part of Route 28 were administered by Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Construction was made possible by $43.5M in funding from the NVTA, which is funding more than $113M in transportation projects along the Route 28 Corridor. Design for these projects was funded by Route 28 Tax District.

To learn more about these completed projects and their funding programs, visit <http://www.thenovaauthority.org/planning-programming/programming/>.

PHOTOS: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/klswwqr6ix0c7vl/AABpOyvI-rTmT6pS5SMlzJY0a?dl=0>

*The 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 $340 million annually in public funds for transportation projects designed to provide congestion relief throughout Northern Virginia. For more information visit* [*www.thenovaauthority.org*](http://www.thenovaauthority.org)*.*

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