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BY E-MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

November 27, 2019

The Hon. M. Kirkland Cox  
Speaker, Virginia House of Delegates  
P.O. Box 406  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

The Hon. Eileen Filler-Corn  
Speaker-Designate, Virginia House of Delegates  
PO Box 523082  
Springfield, VA 22152

Re: My Resignation from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

Dear Speaker Cox and Speaker-Designate Filler-Corn,

I have had the honor of serving on the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority ("the Authority") since it received its first grant of real funding for regional transportation improvements in 2013 pursuant to HB 2313, the McDonnell Transportation Act of 2013, and I am immensely proud of the work of the Authority in funding app. \$3 Billion in regional transportation projects here in Northern Virginia over the course of the past six years. The Authority is a highly effective and solution-oriented governmental body that exemplifies regional cooperation and bipartisanship.

My current appointment on the Authority is allowed pursuant to Budget Amendment Item 4-14 #1h approved as part of 2018 HB 30, the 2018-2020 Biennial Budget Bill, that runs until midnight, June 30, 2020. But, I think it is in the best interests of our Commonwealth for me to submit my resignation for your acceptance today well in advance of that date so that Speaker-Designate Filler Corn may make an appointment of another individual to represent the Virginia House of Delegates on the Authority as soon as she may wish to do so. I will be attending the December 12, 2019 meeting of the Authority and I would be honored to attend any Authority meetings in 2020 at your request until this new appointment can be made. I would also be honored to provide any transition orientation to my successor that may be appropriate. The Authority is blessed by a superb Executive Director, Monica Backmon, who can also assist in any orientation and transitional matters.

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As I conclude my service on the Authority, I would respectfully ask that the General Assembly restore full funding the Authority that was diminished in 2018 pursuant to the provisions of SB 856 and HB 1539. Those bills moved Northern Virginia regional transportation dollars from a highly efficient body, namely the Authority, to a highly inefficient body, namely WMATA, and should be reversed by superseding legislation during the 2020 Session.

Thank you for the honor of serving on the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority these past six years.

With best personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

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*Enclosure*

cc: The Hon. Martin E. Nohe, Chairman, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority  
The Hon. Phyllis Randall, Vice-Chair, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority  
Ms. Monica Backmon, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

# Economic Impacts of **\$3 BILLION**<sup>1</sup> in Regional Funding through the **NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

## Northern Virginia Region:

- For each dollar of Direct Economic Impact, Northern Virginia receives a total regional impact of **\$1.58**.
- Employment impact starts with **13,654 jobs**.
- Employment impact increases **72%** to **23,420 jobs** over 10 years when Indirect Impacts and Induced Impacts are included.

## Commonwealth of Virginia:

- For each dollar of Direct Economic Impact, the Commonwealth receives a total impact of **\$1.73**.
- Statewide employment starts at **13,758 jobs**.
- Statewide employment increases to **26,021** over 10 years when Indirect Impacts and Induced Impacts are included.
- Of the jobs supported by NVTAF funding, **90%** are in Northern Virginia.

**JOBS**  
**26,000**  
Employment generated,  
90% in Northern Virginia

**LABOR INCOME**  
**\$1.5 BILLION**  
Salaries, wages  
and benefits paid

**ECONOMIC ACTIVITY**  
**\$4.4 BILLION**  
Value of business  
transactions generated

**VALUE ADDED**  
**\$2.2 BILLION**  
Gross Regional Product

**STATE AND LOCAL TAXES**  
**\$60.7 MILLION**  
Taxes and fees received by  
state and local jurisdictions



The study period analyzed is FY2014-FY2024 and the Economic Impact is broken into three classifications: Direct Impact (economic activity generated by a project); Indirect Impact (secondary economic activity generated by a project); and Induced Impact (economic activity generated by household income resulting from Direct and Indirect Impacts). Direct Impact is used as the basis of the results for the Region and Commonwealth because some of the economic impact of the Authority's projects occurs outside of Virginia.



This study was completed by Richmond, VA-based Chmura Economics & Analytics.

Chmura used IMPLAN Pro for the study. IMPLAN Pro is one of the most widely used economic impact assessment modeling systems.

<sup>1</sup> NVTAF FY2014-FY2024 Actual and Estimated Revenues





## About the Report

NVTA commissioned Richmond, VA based Chmura Economics & Analytics to assess the economic impacts of NVTA's \$3 billion in regional funding.

NVTA requested the use of widely-recognized, transparent modeling and assessment tools to increase confidence in the results and allow for future study expansion to include the economic value of the actual use of the completed transportation projects.

The study's results are based only on the spending of project funds, and do not include the economic value of the completed projects.

## Study Purpose

Determine economic impact of NVTA capital investments, building upon a prior 2016 study, with expanded detail to include local, regional and statewide impacts.

## Methodology

This study uses actual NVTA program funding for FY2014-2023 and estimates for FY2024.

The study perspective incorporated NVTA's \$3 billion in regional transportation infrastructure investments, which included the regional project funds (70% funds) and local distribution funds (30% funds).

The study results are presented in terms of:

- **Direct Impact:** Economic activity generated (materials, labor, equipment)
- **Indirect Impact:** Secondary economic activity generated (need for more rental equipment, design software, services)
- **Induced Impact:** Payroll spending of people working on projects

## Key Takeaways

### Creating Jobs



Of the **26,000** jobs created through NVTA project funding, **90%** are staying in NoVa, adding to the tax base and ensuring the future growth and vitality of the region.

### Saving Travel Time



NVTA's projects are expected to save Virginia citizens

**209**

million hours of travel time, or

**\$3.1**

billion dollars in monetary savings, giving the taxpayers more than

**100%**

return on the taxes they entrust to NVTA.

### Triggering Momentum



NVTA's funding of

**\$1.9** + **\$3.8** = **\$5.7**

billion in 95 multimodal regional projects has triggered another

billion in additional investments.

billion in critical transportation projects to NoVa

The taxes paid by Northern Virginians to NVTA, benefit the entire Commonwealth through increased economic activity.

## Key Results

<b>\$3.97</b>	<b>NOVA Spending</b>	<b>\$2.51B</b> Direct	<b>\$6.47M</b> Indirect	<b>\$813M</b> Induced
<b>\$0.41B</b>	<b>Virginia Spending</b>	<b>\$0.02B</b> Direct	<b>\$244M</b> Indirect	<b>\$144M</b> Induced
<b>\$4.38B</b>	<b>Spending Total</b>	<b>\$2.53B</b> Direct Total	<b>\$891M</b> Indirect Total	<b>\$957M</b> Induced Total
<b>23,420</b>	<b>NOVA Employment</b>	<b>13,654</b> Direct	<b>3,089</b> Indirect	<b>6,676</b> Induced
<b>2,601</b>	<b>Virginia Employment</b>	<b>104</b> Direct	<b>963</b> Indirect	<b>1,535</b> Induced
<b>26,021</b>	<b>Employment Total</b>	<b>13,758</b> Direct Total	<b>4,052</b> Indirect Total	<b>8,211</b> Induced Total

Note: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

## Additional Questions?

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