

FRIDAY: U.S. SENATORS KAINÉ AND WARNER TO VISIT DCA AIRPORT & METRO STATION, AND HOST A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION LEADERS

Northern Virginia – On Friday September 24, U.S. Senators Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine will meet with Paul Wiedefeld, General Manager of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Jack Potter, President of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), Monica Backmon, CEO of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, and other Virginia transportation leaders at the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport for a roundtable to discuss recently completed infrastructure projects at the airport and how the surrounding region will benefit from the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#), legislation the Senators worked to successfully pass last month.

This infrastructure package includes an estimated \$1.2 billion investment over five years to improve public transportation in Virginia, \$25 billion to improve airports across the country like DCA, and a federal funding reauthorization for WMATA through fiscal year 2030 at current annual levels. The WMATA reauthorization is based on Senator Warner and Kaine's [Metro Safety, Accountability, and Investment Act of 2021](#). Following the roundtable, the Senators will tour the DCA Metrorail station and hold a media availability.

Friday, September 24, 2021

Kaine & Warner to Visit DCA Airport & Metro Station in Arlington

10:00 AM

Roundtable Participants

1. Senator Mark Warner
2. Senator Tim Kaine
3. Jack Potter, President and CEO, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority
4. Paul Wiedefeld, General Manager and CEO, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
5. Monica Backmon, CEO, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
6. Kate Mattice, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
7. Rich Dalton, CEO, Virginia Railway Express
8. Nick Donahue, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia
9. Delegate Charniele Herring, Majority Leader, Virginia House of Delegates
10. Regina Sullivan, Managing Director, Office of Government Relations and Policy, Washington Area Metropolitan Transit Authority
11. Jason Stanford, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance
12. Joseph Swarz, Chief of Staff, Virginia Railway Express
13. Canek Aguirre, Vice Chair, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
14. Doug Pickford, President & CEO, Dulles Area Transportation Association

15. Supervisor Margaret Franklin, Chair, Potomac Rappahannock Transportation Commission
16. Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Chair, Virginia Railway Express Operations Board
17. **Tentative** - Bob Schneider, Executive Director, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission

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