



# Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

## Responsibilities

### Membership

#### **14 Voting Members:**

- ⇒ Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William
- ⇒ Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park
- ⇒ 2 Virginia House of Delegates Appointees
- ⇒ 1 Virginia Senator
- ⇒ 2 Governor's Appointees

#### **3 Non-Voting Members:**

- ⇒ 1 Town Representative
- ⇒ Virginia Department of Transportation
- ⇒ Department of Rail & Public Transportation

### **Primary Responsibilities:**

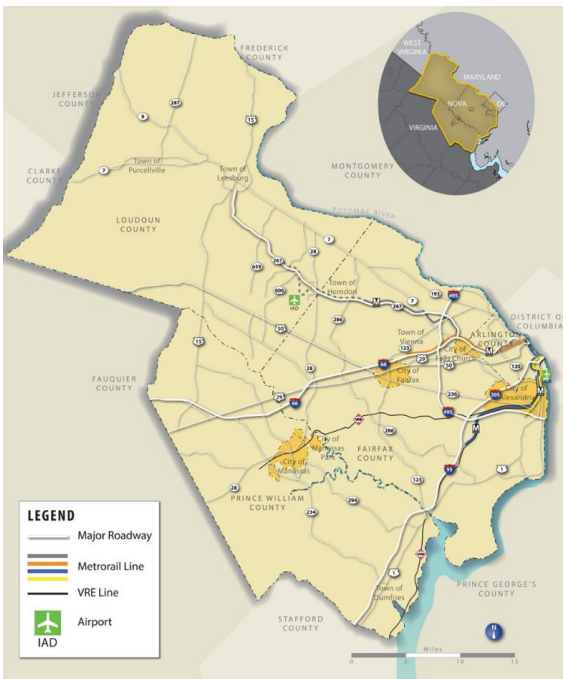
- Develop and update long range Transportation Plan in Northern Virginia → TransAction.
- Prioritize and Fund regional transportation projects → Six Year Program.
- Give priority to projects that provide greatest level of congestion relief relative to cost.

### **Additional Responsibilities:**

- Provide general oversight of regional programs involving mass transit or congestion mitigation, including carpooling, vanpooling and ridesharing.
- Issue bonds or other debt in such amounts as it deems appropriate.
- Act as a responsible public entity under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995.
- Serve as an advocate for the transportation needs of Northern Virginia before the state and federal governments.
- Recommend to the Commonwealth Transportation Board priority regional transportation projects for receipt of federal and state funds.

## Statutory Requirements

SB576, the Authority's enabling legislation, states: "The Authority shall be responsible for long-range transportation planning for regional transportation projects in Northern Virginia. In carrying out this responsibility, the Authority shall, on the basis of a regional consensus, whenever possible, set regional transportation policies and priorities for regional transportation projects. The policies and priorities shall be guided by performance-based criteria such as the ability to improve travel times, reduce delays, connect regional activity centers, improve safety, improve air quality, and move the most people in the most cost-effective manner."





## Examples of Regional Coordination

Regional collaboration among NVRTA and its member jurisdictions and agencies, stakeholders and partners, is key in keeping NoVA moving forward. Focused on relieving congestion and improving quality of life for Northern Virginians, the Authority is advancing regionally significant, multimodal transportation projects for NoVA's transportation network. NVRTA regionally-funded projects include Metrorail and VRE Station improvements, W&OD Trail enhancements, and Bus Rapid Transit construction, to name a few examples.

**As of July 2022, the Authority is advancing 122 regional multimodal transportation projects, totaling \$3.12 billion.**



NVRTA is truly multimodal in nature, funding everything from roadways, to trails, to bike and pedestrian facilities, to rail, to transit, to transportation technologies.

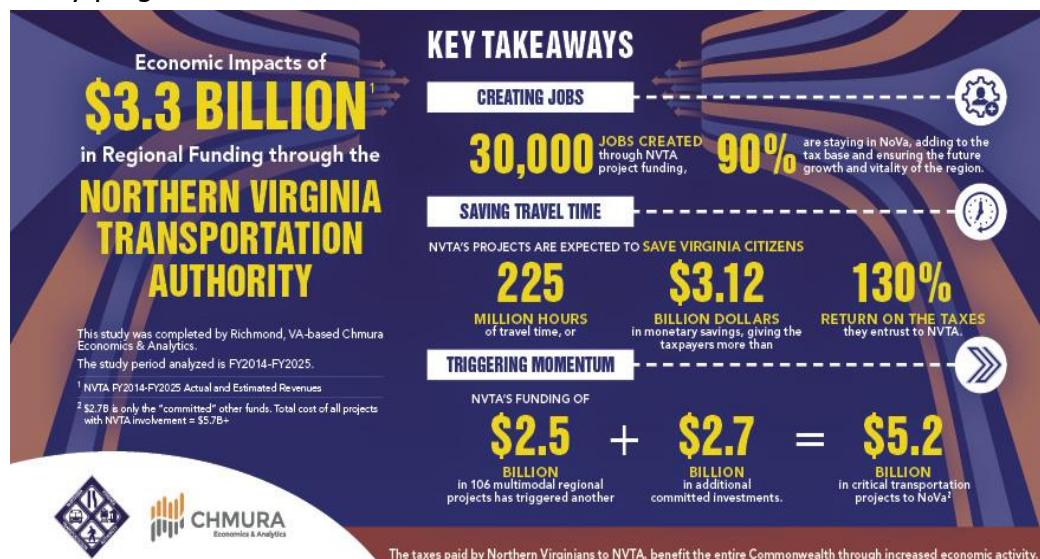
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## Funding

HB2313 (2013) established a funding stream for transportation in Northern Virginia enabling the Authority to begin fulfilling its mission to address regional transportation challenges. HB2313 separates these funds into "70% Regional Revenues," which are allocated by the Authority to regional transportation projects; and "30% Local Distribution Revenues," which are distributed to localities for locally determined transportation projects and priorities. On July 24, 2013, the Authority approved its first funding program, the FY2014 Program, setting in motion a new era of transportation investments for Northern Virginia. NVRTA adopted its inaugural Six Year Program in June 2018, using NVRTA's regional revenues for FY2018 through FY2023. NVRTA updates the Six Year Program every two years, primarily adding regional revenues for the fifth and sixth years. Prior to the first Six Year Program and others adopted in subsequent years, NVRTA adopted three funding programs for its FY2014 revenues, FY2015-2016 revenues, and FY2017 revenues.

The General Assembly enacts legislation that stipulates the annual revenue sources for NVRTA. Pursuant to Virginia General Assembly House Bill 1414 (HB1414)/Senate Bill 890 (SB890) effective on July 1, 2020, the revenue streams authorized by the General Assembly, are: Sales Tax; Grantors Tax; State Recordation Tax Transfer; and the Interstate Operations Enhancement Program.

Pursuant to HB1414 and SB890, the General Assembly amended numerous laws related to transportation funds, revenue sources, construction, and safety programs.



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