

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

**FOR:** Chair Phyllis J. Randall and Members  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

**FROM:** Monica Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

**DATE:** February 8, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Letter of Support for the Relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters to Springfield, Virginia

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- 1. Purpose:** To seek Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) approval of the letter of support for the relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters to Springfield, Virginia.
  - 2. Suggested Motion:** *I move Authority approval of the Letter of Support for the Relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters to Springfield, Virginia.*
  - 3. Background:** The Virginia Economic Development Partnership has enlisted the help of PlusPR on the effort to attract the FBI Headquarters to Springfield, Virginia. Part of this effort is to provide the FBI and General Service Administration with letters of support from jurisdictions and agencies. NVTA has received a request from Fairfax County to support this effort by providing a letter of support for the relocation of the FBI to Springfield, Virginia.

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**Attachment:** Draft Letter of Support for the Relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority  
*The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia*

February 9, 2023

The Honorable Christopher Wray  
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20535

The Honorable Robin Carnahan  
Administrator  
U.S. General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Re: NVTA Support of the Relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters to Springfield, Virginia.

Dear Director Wray and Administrator Carnahan,

Given that every second counts during a national security emergency, the accessibility and resiliency of the transportation network surrounding the FBI's future headquarters will be of the utmost importance. Northern Virginia's regional safe, reliable, and efficient transportation network will help ensure an easier commute for Bureau employees from day one, and well into the future. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) works to ensure reliability by adopting goals to increase accessibility, improve resiliency, and enhance mobility of the transportation network for Northern Virginia.

The NVTA is a regional body that delivers transportation solutions and value for Northern Virginia by coordinating among regional jurisdictions and agencies to plan and program multimodal transportation projects. We focus on relieving congestion and delivering value for the region's transportation dollars through our long-range transportation plan, called TransAction, and through our bi-annual funding programs, called the Six Year Program.

Northern Virginia offers multimodal and transit-friendly travel options that allow for a diversely connected region. The area's economic growth and global competitiveness are directly tied to the success of our region's transportation network and the collaboration, trust, and shared vision among the various jurisdictions and agencies.

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The proposed Springfield site is strategically located near several key regional and interstate roadways, including I-66, I-95, I-395 and I-495. NVTA has collaborated with several regional entities, local governments, and the state by advancing solutions to decrease commute time and reduce traffic congestion in the area. Recent efforts seek to expand express lanes offering commuters access to carpooling, commuter buses and toll options. The Virginia Department of Transportation is also working on plans to expand express lanes further in Springfield in the coming years.

Additionally, the Springfield site's close proximity to several public transportation options including Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority rail and bus service and the Fairfax Connector bus system, will enable shorter commute times for many FBI employees and lower environmental impacts.

Given the solid foundation the region already has in terms of existing infrastructure, and, with more than \$15 billion in planned investments to improve and upgrade the region's infrastructure well into the future, the proposed Springfield location delivers clear advantages for the Bureau; ones that will make FBI employees' jobs, commutes, and lives, easier.

The NVTA remains steadfast in its support of Virginia's partnerships to fully fund the entire transportation infrastructure upgrade package required for a successful FBI Headquarters relocation to the Springfield, VA., Fairfax County property.

We look forward to hopefully welcoming the FBI to the region in the near future. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions, or if we can be of any assistance on matters large or small.

Best Regards,

Phyllis J. Randall  
Chair

Cc: Aaron Hassinger, Project Executive, U.S. General Services Administration  
Monica Backmon, Chief Executive Officer, NVTA