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Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Celebrates Two Pivotal Milestones

On June 8th, the [Northern Virginia Transportation Authority](#) (NVTA) marked a momentous occasion as it celebrated two significant milestones. This year, NVTA is proudly commemorating its 20th anniversary since its establishment, in addition to celebrating its 10th funding anniversary. These achievements were made possible through the passing of two pivotal bills.

In 2002, former Governor Mark Warner signed [Senate Bill 576](#), which brought NVTA into existence. This legislation laid the foundation for the Authority to address transportation challenges in Northern Virginia. Over a decade later, in 2013, former Governor Robert McDonnell signed [House Bill 2313](#), a transformative bill that granted NVTA a dedicated revenue stream. The funding made possible by HB 2313 has been instrumental in supporting NVTA's mission of financing multimodal transportation projects aimed at reducing congestion across the region.

Since receiving a dedicated funding stream, NVTA has successfully advanced **122 multimodal projects** totaling more than **\$3.1 billion**. In addition to allocations made possible through NVTA's Regional Revenue Fund, the Authority has provided nearly **\$1 billion** to its member jurisdictions as part of its Local Distribution Fund. It is without a doubt that NVTA's investments to improve the transportation network and provide congestion reducing solutions are making a profound impact on the quality of life for Northern Virginians.

A commemorative ceremony was held to honor the regional impacts and celebrate both milestones, featuring a program of distinguished speakers who had a role in shaping NVTA into the leading transportation Authority it has become today. The notable speakers included Phyllis J. Randall, Chair of NVTA and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors; Vivian Watts, Delegate of Virginia's 39th House District; Robert McDonnell, former Virginia Governor; W. Sheppard Miller III, Virginia Secretary of Transportation; David Albo, former Delegate of Virginia's 42nd House District; Monica Backmon, CEO of NVTA; and Marty Nohe, former Chair of NVTA.

"For the past two decades, NVTA has played a pivotal role in building momentum toward improving the transportation landscape of Northern Virginia. Through its visionary leadership and collaborative efforts, NVTA has been instrumental in tackling congestion challenges, advancing innovative solutions, and improving the quality of life for residents and visitors alike." - Phyllis J. Randall, Chair, NVTA and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

"The Virginia legislature, in a bipartisan way, affirmed its commitment to the mission of NVTA, passing legislature in 2013, that finally established a dedicated, sustainable funding stream for the Authority. In 10 years since then, NVTA has improved the mobility and accessibility of our transportation systems across Northern Virginia. These efforts boost the quality of life for Virginians and so obviously support

our local economy...As a Northern Virginia resident myself, I can say with certainty that I feel the impact of NVTA's work every day, and I know that investment in transportation benefits everyone." -Mark Warner, U.S. Senator

"It truly is remarkable to see how much has been accomplished in 20 years and only 10 years of funding. In just one decade, NVTA has dedicated \$4 billion toward improving the region's transportation network. A recent economic impact analysis demonstrates how the dedicated funding will result in \$7.1 billion worth of economic impact and 400 million hours of travel time saved by 2035. By fostering partnerships, engaging communities, and investing wisely, we can ensure that our transportation infrastructure remains resilient, accessible, and inclusive for generations to come." - Monica Backmon, CEO, NVTA

As we look to the future, NVTA remains committed to its mission, working tirelessly to fund and implement innovative projects that also advance **Equity, Safety, and Sustainability**.

Click this [link](#) to watch a brief video and discover how NVTA has been building momentum across the region over the past two decades.

To view photos from the event, click [here](#).

A special thank you to the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR) for hosting the special event.

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About the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

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 \$425 million annually in public funds for transportation projects designed to provide congestion relief throughout Northern Virginia. For more information visit www.thenovaauthority.org.

