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## Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Adopts \$700 Million Funding Program to Reduce Traffic Congestion

FAIRFAX, VA, July 12, 2024 – On the evening of July 11th, members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) proudly adopted the FY2024-2029 Six Year Program (SYP), committing an impressive \$696.6 million toward 23 multimodal transportation projects across the region. Additionally, the Authority took action to transfer \$21.1 million from a previous NVTA-funded project in Arlington County to the CC2DCA Multimodal Connection Project, bringing the program's project total to 24.

This significant investment will enhance all modes of transportation in Northern Virginia including transit, rail, roadway enhancements, technology, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and intersection/interchange improvements.

NVTA's adopted funding programs exemplify the leadership and dedication regionally to reducing traffic congestion by investing in innovative solutions such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and transportation technology to provide modern and sustainable options for commuters. The adoption of this funding program marks a major milestone as the seventh in NVTA's history. Combined, NVTA has committed **more than \$3.8 billion** toward advancing **140 projects.** 

Phyllis J. Randall, Chair of NVTA and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, stated, "NVTA invests in multimodal transportation projects that alleviate traffic congestion and expand travel options, all with the priority of enhancing the quality of life for Northern Virginia residents." She continued, "Each project in this Six Year Funding Program reflects NVTA's unwavering commitment to reducing congestion and improving the quality of life for Northern Virginians."

The Six Year Program process began in May 2023 following a Call for Regional Transportation Projects. 24 candidate projects from nine Northern Virginia localities and the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) were submitted, and then evaluated by NVTA staff. NVTA then published the project list, opened a public comment period and held a public hearing. After reviewing project evaluations and public feedback, NVTA staff made funding recommendations, which were presented to NVTA committees and ultimately to Authority members for adoption.

David Snyder, Vice Chairman, NVTA and Council Member, City of Falls Church, emphasized the collaborative spirit behind the adoption, "This Six Year Program adoption truly demonstrates the power of regional cooperation. By looking beyond jurisdictional boundaries, we've achieved a milestone that will significantly benefit Northern Virginia's transportation network." He added, "We understand how important our multi-modal transportation system is for all of the people

who live, work and visit in NOVA. This plan strengthens each aspect of that system and advances our goals of equity, safety and sustainability."

Monica Backmon, Chief Executive Officer of NVTA, added, "We are grateful for Authority members, their dedicated staff, our regional partners, stakeholders, and the public for their invaluable contributions to this comprehensive process."

To learn more about each phase of the Six Year Program Update process, submitted projects and analysis, and project descriptions, please visit <a href="https://thenovaauthority.org/fy2024-2029/">https://thenovaauthority.org/fy2024-2029/</a>. You can also regularly check the <a href="NoVA Gateway">NoVA Gateway</a> for real-time updates on projects funded with NVTA regional revenues.

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Established through the Code of Virginia, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) is a regional organization that develops the long-range transportation plan for Northern Virginia. With a priority to reduce congestion, NVTA uses performance-based criteria to evaluate and fund regionally significant multimodal transportation projects. Visit thenovaauthority.org to learn more.