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The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Breaks Ground on the Belmont Ridge Road Construction Project

\$39.5 Million NVTA Investment Widens and Improves Critical Corridor for Loudoun County near the Ashburn Community

NORTHERN VIRGINIA – On Tuesday, September 27, 2016, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) celebrated the start of construction on a major improvement to Belmont Ridge Road in Loudoun County. The event was held in conjunction with Loudoun County and the Virginia Department of Transportation. This roadway widening and improvement project is designed to reduce traffic congestion on Belmont Ridge Road by providing a smooth flow of traffic for those that live, work and play in Loudoun County.

In a ceremony held at the construction site, NVTA Chairman Martin E. Nohe (Prince William County Supervisor – Coles District), Chair Phyllis J. Randall (Loudoun County Board of Supervisors), and Supervisor Ralph M. Buona (Loudoun County Board of Supervisors – Ashburn District) along with NVTA members, legislators, regional leaders and the Virginia Department of Transportation broke ground on this important roadway project.

The NVTA invested a total of \$39.5 million on Belmont Ridge Road in Loudoun County. Today's groundbreaking marks the beginning of construction on the road segment running from Gloucester Parkway to Hay Road. This segment includes improvements such as roadway widening, intersection improvements, shared use paths on both sides of the road and noise barriers adjacent to the Belmont Greene residential communities. A grade-separated crossing for the W&OD Trail is included in the project. The \$20 million investment in this segment of Belmont Ridge Road will reduce congestion in the corridor, while providing safety and operational improvements. The NVTA also provided an additional \$19.5 million for improvements to Belmont Ridge Road from Turo Parish Road to Croson Lane.

Martin E. Nohe, NVTA Chairman and Prince William County Supervisor (Coles District) said, *"Thanks to the funding we receive from HB 2313, the NVTA has approved funding for 79 projects totaling over \$990 million. That's almost a billion dollars in new regional transportation projects right here in Northern Virginia."*

Phyllis J. Randall, NVTA member and Loudoun County Board Chair stated, *“The NVTA has been an important partner in providing regional transportation funding to Loudoun County, expanding our vision for more multimodal transportation options, reducing congestion and increasing mobility. By investing more than \$121 million in regional transportation improvements in the county, NVTA has helped bring about improvements to the Loudoun County Parkway; Routes 28, 15 and 7; new busses; and the Leesburg Park and Ride, which together will help ease congestion in the region.”*

The NVTA is the premiere transportation planning, programming and funding organization in Northern Virginia. The Authority is responsible for developing and updating the region’s long range transportation plan and works collaboratively to make funding determinations based on the provisions of law.

For more information on the Belmont Ridge Road construction and other NVTA funded projects, visit the [NVTA website](#).

Photo: NVTA Groundbreaking for the Loudoun County Belmont Ridge Road Project

Caption: Local leaders officially break ground on the construction of the Loudoun County Belmont Ridge Road Project.

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 Northern Virginia’s long-range transportation plan, TransAction, and since 2014 manages approximately \$340 million annually in public funds for transportation projects designed to provide congestion relief throughout Northern Virginia. For more information visit <http://thenovaauthority.org/>.

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