



## Media Advisory

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### Statement of the NVTC Chairman on Restoration of Transit Benefit

**Arlington, VA** – In response to action by the U.S. House and Senate to increase the monthly transit benefit from \$130 to \$255, NVTC Chairman David F. Snyder issued the following statement:

“Transit riders and our transit systems – including Metrorail, Virginia Railway Express, and local and commuter bus systems – will benefit from the tax bill approved by Congress. Now, transit riders will have the same tax benefits as those who drive and park. The bill, which permanently increases the transit benefit, makes transit more affordable for commuters. It will also increase ridership at a critical time for our transit systems – such as Metro and VRE – and take people off the road. Restoration of the transit benefit has been a priority for the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. I applaud Congress for its equitable treatment of riders and drivers.”

*NVTC, the region’s premier transit organization, works to ensure that Northern Virginia businesses and residents have access to a network of high-quality transit systems in order to sustain the region’s economic competitiveness and quality of life. NVTC – which funds and promotes transit in the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church – supports DASH, ART, CUE, Fairfax Connector, Loudoun County Transit, and Metrobus bus systems as well as Metrorail and the Virginia Railway Express. For more information, visit [www.NoVaTransit.org](http://www.NoVaTransit.org) or call 703-524-3322.*

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