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NVTC Prepares to Select Projects for New Transit in I-66 Corridor; Commits to Work with Commonwealth on I-395

Arlington, VA – The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission took steps today that will improve travel options, speed and reliability along I-66 inside the Beltway and urged that the Commonwealth secure resources for new transit serving the I-395 corridor. “The key to moving more people through the region’s transportation network is more transit service, more vanpools, and more slugging,” said NVTC Chair Jay Fisette.

On items pertaining to I-66, NVTC Commissioners approved a call for project components and evaluation criteria that will ensure that priority is given to relieving congestion and moving more people through the corridor. “NVTC is bringing the region together to improve travel choices and transit service for drivers and riders alike,” said Fisette. “We are committed to having additional service in place by the summer of 2017.”

NVTC will accept applications for corridor improvements – such as transit service; technology upgrades; roadway, intersection and park-and-ride lot improvements; and carpools and vanpools – from jurisdictions in Planning District 8 through March 24. It will publish a list of submitted and eligible projects for public comment at least 30 days in advance of a May 5 public hearing.

In adopting a resolution pertaining to the Commonwealth’s I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension Project, NVTC Commissioners called upon the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government’s Transportation Planning Board to require that Virginia establish a dedicated annual payment for transit and TDM in the corridor before including the project in the region’s Constrained Long Range Plan and its air quality conformity. The resolution asks that the Commonwealth insure that toll revenues remain in the region and benefit drivers and riders in the corridor by designating NVTC and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission to manage the funds and coordinate and select multimodal improvements to be made as part of the I-395 project. The resolution will be forwarded to Virginia Transportation Secretary Aubrey L. Layne, Jr.

NVTC works to connect communities via transit, getting people to jobs, school, shopping, health care, entertainment and other venues. Recognizing the link between high-quality transit and economic competitiveness, NVTC funds and promotes transit in the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. It supports five local bus systems (ART, CUE, DASH, Fairfax Connector, Loudoun County Transit), WMATA (Metrorail/Metrobus) and the Virginia Railway Express. Visit www.NoVaTransit.org or call 703-524-3322 to learn more.

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