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Commission Meeting Alert

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Arlington, Va. - The May 7, 2020 meeting of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission will be held [online](#) for the first time in the Commission's 56-year history. The state budget, signed by Gov. Ralph Northam April 24, includes an amendment that allows the Commission, and similar bodies across Virginia, to hold meetings online when the governor has declared a statewide emergency. NVTC will adhere to Virginia public meetings laws in conducting this virtual meeting, which can be viewed on [YouTube](#).

Commuter Choice timeline change

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed commuting patterns in Northern Virginia, leading to a drop-off in toll revenues that support the Commuter Choice program, which allocates funding for projects expected to reduce traffic congestion. In light of this unforeseen change in toll revenues, Commissioners will be asked to authorize NVTC's executive director to [notify](#) the Commonwealth Transportation Board about a delay in selecting the next round of projects in the I-66 Commuter Choice program. NVTC expects to resume the selection process for Round Four (FY 2021-2022) in the summer.

NVTC response coordination for the summer 2020 Orange and Silver Lines shutdown

NVTC staff will brief the Commission on the anticipated closure of nine Virginia stations as part of WMATA's [Platform Improvement Project](#) as well as the latest shuttle service plan. WMATA recently expanded the Platform Improvement Project to include five Silver Line stations in addition to the four Orange Line stations originally planned to be shut down or see reduced service during the summer of 2020. As part of its coordination effort, NVTC is working with WMATA to facilitate jurisdictional response and information sharing. NVTC will continue to convene stakeholders throughout the project to monitor construction status, track project issues and coordinate travel options for riders affected by the station closures. In addition, further planning is underway to ensure the region is prepared for increased service demand and transit operations recovery if travel and work restrictions are lifted during the Platform Improvement Project.

NVTC Swears-in new Commissioner from Arlington County

Chair Katie Cristol is scheduled to swear-in fellow Arlington County Board Member [Matt de Ferranti](#) as NVTC Commissioner. de Ferranti was elected to the Arlington County Board in 2018 and previously served on the Arlington County Housing Commission, among other appointments.

Meeting Time and Location

The Commission meeting will be held Thursday, May 7 at 6 p.m. and can be viewed on the NVTC [YouTube](#) page. Full meeting materials are posted [online](#).

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NVTC works to ensure that businesses and residents are served by a high capacity, high quality network of transit systems that allows the region to thrive. It funds and promotes transit in the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. NVTC 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.