NVTC Executive Director to Step Down

**Arlington, VA** – The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) announced today that its executive director, Kelley S. Coyner, has tendered her resignation, effective June 3, 2016. Coyner, who is leaving NVTC to pursue opportunities in research and teaching, was hired to lead the transit organization in March 2013.

“NVTC plays a unique and vital role in connecting riders and business to economic opportunity,” said Coyner. “I am proud to have been a part of the many accomplishments that the organization has realized over these last few years. From our study of transit options for Route 7 to our 40-year agreement with the Commonwealth to expand transportation choices along the I-66 corridor, the Commission has shown leadership and foresight. I know that NVTC will continue these and other important initiatives designed to improve transit service.”

“We appreciate Ms. Coyner’s service and her commitment to regional transit issues,” said NVTC Chairman Jay Fisette. “Her passion for transit and increasing travel options for those who live and work in Northern Virginia was in evidence throughout her tenure and served as the foundation for an expansion of the organization’s work and capacity to meet the transportation challenges ahead of us.”

NVTC’s director of transit programs and policy, Kate Mattice, will serve as acting executive director. Mattice joined NVTC in November 2014, following 20 years of experience leading, developing and implementing public transportation and energy initiatives at the Federal Transit Administration and in the private sector.

*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](http://www.NoVaTransit.org) or call 703-524-3322 to learn more.*

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