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NVTC COMMISSIONERS HOLD MOMENT OF REFLECTION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE DEMONSTRATIONS

Chair Katie Cristol says public transit can help further racial justice in our region

Arlington, Va. - At last night's Commission meeting, Chair Katie Cristol and Commissioners of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission held a moment of reflection in recognition of the demonstrations for racial justice happening in our region and across the country.

Chair Cristol, who also serves on the Arlington County Board, noted that "Systemic racism, and the opportunity to confront it, is present in every feature of our lives, including transportation," adding, "Public transit should also be an opportunity to further racial justice in our region."

Secretary-Treasurer Jeff McKay, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, added, "We need to think about transit as an equalizer, as a human service, as a connection to our economy." McKay went on to say "a key component of that is how we think about transit and how we factor transit into literally what could be a life-changing situation for so many families in Northern Virginia."

Video of the meeting, including the full statement from Chair Cristol and others, is available [here](#).

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