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NVTC to Share Ridership & Cost Data for New Route 7 Transit at Public Meetings

Arlington, VA – To what extent will bus rapid transit or light rail increase transit use along Route 7 and what is the cost to provide high-capacity transit service? The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) will share research findings addressing ridership and cost in November at three public meetings in Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax County.

Envision Route 7 focuses on a 14-mile stretch of road running from Tysons – through Falls Church, Seven Corners, Bailey’s Crossroads and Skyline – to Alexandria. People worry that Route 7 needs more transportation options and that the need will grow, as the number of jobs and residents is expected to increase by more than a third over the next 25 years. The Envision Route 7 public meetings will allow residents and businesses to consider the future of transportation in the corridor.

The public meetings will provide information about the benefits and costs of light rail, bus rapid transit and improved standard bus service on Route 7 as well as the possible alignments or routes for each. The public will have an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the study. That input will be used to identify a preferred alternative – one that will reduce travel time and move more people through the corridor – in spring 2016.

Envision Route 7 Public Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 (7-9 p.m.)
Alexandria Health Department Building
5th Floor Conference Room
4480 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 (7-9 p.m.)
Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School
Ground Floor Cafeteria
7130 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 (7-9 p.m.)
Glen Forest Elementary School
Ground Floor Cafeteria
5829 Glen Forest Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

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Those unable to attend the public meetings are encouraged to visit the Envision Route 7 website (www.EnvisionRoute7.com) following the November 4 public meeting to view materials and share their thoughts. Comments are accepted online, via a crowdsourcing map, and by email (EnvisionRoute7@nvtdc.org) and phone (1-844-RT7STUDY).

NVTC brings the region together to ensure that Northern Virginia businesses and residents are served by a network of transit systems that allows our diverse region to thrive economically. NVTC funds and promotes transit in the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church, a 1,000 square-mile region with a population of 1.7 million. NVTC includes eight bus systems as well as Metrorail and the Virginia Railway Express. For more information, visit www.NoVaTransit.org or call 703-524-3322.

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