NVTC Strategic Framework

Vision
Northern Virginia businesses and residents are served by a high capacity, high quality network of transit systems that allow our diverse region to thrive economically.

Mission
As the premier transit organization in Northern Virginia, NVTC brings the region together to plan, coordinate, and secure funding for transit systems that are financially sustainable and high performing.

Goals & Objectives
1. Increase the capacity of the regional transit network by expanding and improving the quality, coverage, and frequency of new and existing systems, including Metro, VRE and new transit services. NVTC will achieve this through:
   1.1 Access to sustainable, reliable, dedicated funding sources for WMATA, including Metro 2025;
   1.2 A regional strategy to fund the VRE System Plan;
   1.3 Continued and increased funding for regional transit infrastructure;
   1.4 Efficient use of existing rail and roadway infrastructure.

2. Improve the access and mobility throughout Northern Virginia by connecting the regional and local transit systems. NVTC will achieve this through:
   2.1 Regional technology improvements that provide customers with better access to information and convenient travel within and among transit systems;
   2.2 Regional and state plans that align local and regional transit services and advance dedicated transit corridors.

3. Promote safe, reliable, and financially sound performance and management of regional transit systems. NVTC will achieve this through:
   3.1 Governance and oversight of VRE commuter rail performance and management as co-owners with the Potomac Rappahannock Transportation Commission;
   3.2 Governance of and active engagement with WMATA through the appointment and support of WMATA Board members that hold the agency accountable for peak performance and sound management;
   3.3 Financial management expertise and support for NVTC member jurisdictions.
Strategies

1. **Financial Management**
   NVTC provides financial management expertise and support for member jurisdictions through distribution of gas tax revenue, allocation of state transit assistance through the Subsidy Allocation Model, management and oversight of state and federal grants, and management of the NVTC trust funds.

2. **Research & Technical Expertise**
   NVTC conducts research (or contracts with other entities to conduct research) to better understand issues that impact the success of transit in Northern Virginia. NVTC identifies potential solutions or strategies to address the issue and analyzes the advantages and disadvantages of each approach. NVTC serves as subject matter experts for member jurisdictions and state and regional agencies on issues affecting public transportation in Northern Virginia.

3. **Regional Coordination & Partnerships**
   At the executive, elected, and staff level, NVTC coordinates and collaborates with member jurisdictions to share information, problem solve, and work towards a unified position, when appropriate. NVTC provides information for and collaborates with external stakeholders, including regional and state agencies and the business community, on issues that impact the success of transit in Northern Virginia.

4. **Governance/Stewardship**
   NVTC appoints Commissioners to serve on the VRE Operations Board and WMATA Board. These Board members monitor transit performance, agency finances, and compliance with local, state, and federal requirements on behalf of NVTC and its member jurisdictions. Board members serve as liaisons between the transit agency and the Commission and represent the needs and concerns of Northern Virginia in their roles on the VRE and WMATA Boards.