

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

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The Honorable Governor-Elect Timothy M. Kaine
One Capitol Square
830 East Main Street, 14th Floor
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Subject: Results of TransAction 2030 Study

Dear Governor-Elect Kaine:

As Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), I am transmitting a copy of the TransAction 2030 Summary Brochure. The TransAction 2030 Plan is a year long effort the NVTA has undertaken to update the Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan. The 2020 Plan was originally developed by Northern Virginia's Transportation Coordinating Council in 1999.

The NVTA effort has included updating the 2020 Plan document and enhancing it by incorporating Level of Service (LOS) analysis for transit and park-and-ride facilities. The effort also included conducting an innovative analysis of all modes, called the multi-modal level of service analysis, which compares LOS of all modes to each other on an arterial roadway. The NVTA also approved evaluation criteria that were used in prioritizing projects within each corridor studied. Finally, the NVTA conducted a statistically valid independent survey (margin of error: +/- 2.8 percent) to measure the public's interest in new projects and their willingness to pay for additional transportation projects and services.

The attached summary brochure is an overview of the study's findings which include:

- Over \$15 billion dollars are needed to complete the TransAction 2030 projects. Additional operating and maintenance funding is also needed.
- All modes within the Northern Virginia transportation network are experiencing increased congestion.
- Completing only currently planned projects from the region's Constrained Long Range Plan does not improve the highway LOS in Northern Virginia. The highway LOS does improve with completion of TransAction 2030 projects.
- The transit LOS analysis indicated that there are parts of Northern Virginia that have the density to support transit service; however, currently they are not served by transit directly.
- Both highway and transit projects are needed to reduce Northern Virginia's congestion problems. The public is also very interested in expanded pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

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- Northern Virginia residents are willing to pay more to fund additional transportation projects and services. When given an accurate comparison, they preferred a sales tax as a way to fund these improvements.

Also attached is the NVTAs prioritized list of projects by corridor and by mode for the period 2005 to 2030.

If you have any questions about the attached documents or the TransAction 2030 Plan, please contact me at (703) 642-0700. Thank you for your assistance in addressing our region's transportation funding needs. We hope these documents are helpful as you prepare your transportation proposal for the 2006 General Assembly session.

Sincerely,

/s/

David Snyder, Chairman
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

Cc: Members, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority