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## **Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Adopts 2018 Legislative Program**

**Northern Virginia, November 16, 2017** – The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) adopted its 2018 State and Federal Legislative Program on November 9, 2017. This program, now publicly released, acts as an overview and guide for the NVTA regarding existing and future state and federal transportation policies that impact funding for regional transportation programs.

The NVTA's Governance and Personnel Committee initiated development of the 2018 State and Federal Legislative Program in May 2017. The program notes the importance of a modern, efficient multimodal transportation system for the Commonwealth, and highlights the importance of all to work together to maintain and build multimodal infrastructure.

As outlined in the 2018 Program, the NVTA's legislative priorities include:

1. Supporting efforts to fully address Transit Capital Funding with statewide resources for all the Commonwealth's transit systems.
2. Supporting the establishment of Regional Gas Tax Floor that would put it on par with the floor for the statewide gas tax established in HB 2313.
3. Supporting continued Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) rail and bus service with particular focus on:
  - a. Safety
  - b. Sustainable Governance, Operating and Funding Reforms
  - c. Maximizing the use of existing WMATA Infrastructure VI 2
4. Supporting Virginia Railway Express's efforts to identify funding for operating and capital costs to sustain current service, as well as address natural demand growth in the region.
5. Recommending an increase in the percentage of State of Good Repair revenues for Northern Virginia.

View the NVTA's complete, adopted 2018 Legislative Program at [www.thenovaauthority.org/legislation/legislative-programs/](http://www.thenovaauthority.org/legislation/legislative-programs/).

*The NVTa was created by the General Assembly on July 1, 2002, to offer a common voice for Northern Virginia on transportation issues confronting the region. The Authority is made up of nine jurisdictions including: the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William; as well as the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park. The Authority is responsible for updating Northern Virginia's long-range transportation plan, TransAction, and since 2014 manages approximately \$340 million annually in public funds for transportation projects designed to provide congestion relief throughout Northern Virginia. For more information visit [www.thenovaauthority.org](http://www.thenovaauthority.org).*

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