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The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and Fairfax County Officials Break Ground on the West Ox Bus Garage Expansion

\$20 million NVTA investment expands Fairfax Connector Service

NORTHERN VIRGINIA – On Thursday, September 22, 2016 the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) and Fairfax County officials celebrated the groundbreaking on a major expansion to the West Ox Bus Garage located at 4970 Alliance Drive, Fairfax. The event was held in conjunction with Try Transit Week and the regional Car Free Day. This project will expand Fairfax Connector and Metrobus service in Northern Virginia.

In an 11:00 a.m. ceremony at the construction site, NVTA Chairman Martin E. Nohe (Prince William County Supervisor – Coles District), Chairman Sharon Bulova (Fairfax County Board of Supervisors), and Supervisor Pat Herrity (Fairfax County Board of Supervisors – Springfield District) along with NVTA members, legislators, regional leaders and local transportation agencies broke ground on the expansion which is made possible by the NVTA's support through the investment of \$20 million in NVTA Regional Revenue funding for this \$23.5 million project.

This expansion adds more than 25,500 square feet to the West Ox bus facility. Along with several other enhancements to increase the capacity of the expanded facilities, the new building will house nine (9) new bus bays enabling Fairfax Connector to manage 135 additional buses. This will result in increased bus service – and connectivity - for Fairfax County residents, providing the ability to move more people for work, entertainment and shopping throughout Fairfax County and Northern Virginia.

Martin E. Nohe, NVTA Chairman and Prince William County Supervisor (Coles District), said *“Thanks to the funding we receive from HB 2313, the NVTA has approved funding for 79 projects totaling over \$990 million. That’s almost a billion dollars in new regional transportation projects right here in Northern Virginia.”*

The construction of this facility illustrates the regional collaboration between the Authority, Fairfax County, and other regional transit agencies such as the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

Sharon Bulova, NVTA member and Fairfax County Board Chairman, stated, *“The NVTA has been an excellent partner in increasing transit funding in Fairfax County. The Authority has invested \$277 million in transit projects in the region since 2013. In addition to the project we are celebrating today, the Authority has provided funding for several other transit projects in Fairfax County including the purchase of new Fairfax Connector buses; the construction of the Innovation Center Metrorail Station; and the platform improvements at the VRE’s Franconia-Springfield and Lorton Stations.”*

The NVTA is the premiere transportation planning, programming and funding organization in Northern Virginia. The Authority is responsible for developing and updating the region’s long range transportation plan and works collaboratively to make funding determinations based on the provisions of law.

For more information on the West Ox Bus Garage Expansion and other NVTA funded projects, visit the [NVTA website](#).

Photos #1 & #2: NVTA Groundbreaking for the Fairfax County Bus Garage Expansion.

Caption: Local leaders officially break ground on the expansion of the Fairfax County West Ox Bus Garage.

Photo #3: NVTA Chairman Martin E. Nohe addresses crowd at the Fairfax County West Ox Bus Garage Groundbreaking.

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 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.

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