

## Did you know? NVTC...

- ◆ Promotes regional consensus on planning and financing public transit and ridesharing services in Northern Virginia.
- ◆ Obtains as much as \$100 million annually from federal, state and regional sources; allocating and holding in trust these funds for its members' public transit systems.
- ◆ For its \$92 per capita in financial assistance managed each year, NVTC's administrative costs, assessed to local governments, are less than 21 cents per capita.
- ◆ Encourages education and citizen involvement through seminars, hearings and forums; and manages large and complex intergovernmental projects.
- ◆ Is governed by a 19-member Board of Commissioners made up of local and state elected officials.
- ◆ Appoints from its members, Virginia's representatives to the Boards of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) and the Virginia Railway Express commuter rail system—which NVTC co-owns.



*Don't let traffic happen to you. Support public transit and think outside the car.*



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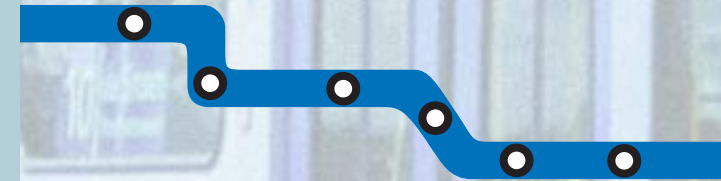
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***Serving the commuters and  
communities of Northern Virginia  
since 1964.***

#### Transit Systems

- ◆ ART
- ◆ VRE
- ◆ CUE
- ◆ DASH
- ◆ Fairfax Connector
- ◆ Metrobus/Metrorail
- ◆ Loudoun Commuter Service/  
Transportation Association

#### Cities of

Alexandria  
Fairfax  
Falls Church

#### Counties of

Arlington  
Fairfax  
Loudoun

## Award-Winning Commission

Recognized by the American Public Transportation Association as an "outstanding agency promoting transit in North America."

### *NVTC's Mission:*

*To anticipate change, manage traffic congestion, restore clean air, boost the economy and improve the quality of life for all of Northern Virginia's citizens through effective public transit and ridesharing networks.*

NVTC's member jurisdictions -- the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun -- have seen remarkable growth in their transit systems:

- ◆ Riders took 74,378,266 trips on the transit systems operating in Northern Virginia in FY01. That's at least 273,000 boardings *each* workday--the equivalent of approximately 15 expressway lanes.
- ◆ In the major commuting corridors (I-95, I-66, Route 1, Dulles Toll Road), transit and ridesharing carry a minimum of 50 percent of persons traveling during peak traffic periods.

## Planning for Tomorrow

**Regional SmarTrip Compatible Farebox Project:** NVTC purchased 370 fareboxes and seven garage revenue collection systems. Integration of WMATA's system with the region's bus network will create seamless travel for regional customers by mid-2003.

**Transit Funding Resource Guide:** NVTC's first-ever comprehensive funding guide serves as an indispensable planning tool for transit providers throughout the region.

**New Technologies Keep Customers Informed:** Using satellite technology, systems already operating in Arlington and the city of Fairfax, as well as on VRE trains, track vehicle location while taking into account intended stops and typical traffic patterns, in order to estimate arrival to the minute. Riders can read the electronic signs at stops or access information via the internet. For added security, WMATA plans to equip all of its buses with automatic vehicle locators. NVTC is evaluating the performance of all these investments.

**On-Board Bus Survey:** NVTC's origin-destination study conducted among its transit systems, revealed high approval ratings for public transit (68 percent rate it "very good" or "good"). These findings continue to reinforce NVTC's emphasis on customer service.

## Investing in Transit's Future

**Pro-Transit Legislative and Public Outreach Agenda:** NVTC advocates stable, reliable transit funding sources and full funding of transit programs.

**Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Charts a Course for Growth:** After recording nearly 17 million passenger trips in its first nine years of service, VRE, co-owned by NVTC, took off in 2001. Among the nation's fastest growing commuter rail lines, VRE averages over 11,500 weekday passenger trips. NVTC has issued over \$170 million in bonds, propelling VRE to success.



**Code Red Days:** Regional bus transit providers all participate in this program, offering free bus rides on ozone action days, when air quality is poor. Commuters are encouraged to leave their cars at home in order to help the region meet federal clean air standards.

**Route 1 Corridor Bus Study:** This NVTC study recommended service enhancements and pedestrian and technological improvements along the corridor. Recommendations are being considered in the Route 1 Corridor Location Study and the WMATA Regional Bus Study.

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