

**CONTACT YOUR GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS TODAY!**

**TELL THEM:**

# **Don't Come Home Without Dedicated Funding for Metro**



**AFTER  
FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>  
IS TOO LATE!**



## **and Permanent Increased Funding for All Public Transit in Virginia.**

Governor Kaine and General Assembly members must get the message: **We need dedicated, sustainable funding for Metro and permanent increased funding for all public transit systems.** They need to hear from us now that we believe strongly they need to act during this General Assembly session.

Several important transportation bills have been introduced so far in the ongoing General Assembly session in Richmond that would provide additional funds and improve policies.

Governor Kaine, Senate leadership and individual Senators and Delegates have separate proposals that would:

- Dedicate funds for Metro to qualify for \$1.5 billion in new federal assistance.
- Provide approximately a billion dollars a year in new transportation funding statewide
- Direct more funds to Northern Virginia
- Prevent diversion of transportation funds to other uses
- Give local governments more tools to shape growth

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Many of these bills would specifically provide significant new funds for public transit, including dedicated funding for Metro railcars and buses and continuing funds for local buses and Virginia Railway Express railcars and locomotives.

**Although some of these proposals are promising, the final package of proposals that is enacted must include dedicated funding for Metro and permanent increased funding for all public transit systems in Virginia.** A one-time diversion of money from the General Fund is not sufficient.



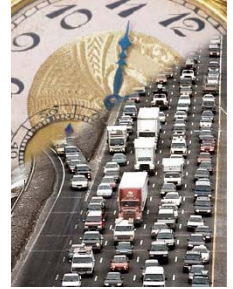
## The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)

used extensive public input to develop a plan for priority projects in Northern Virginia's commuting corridors that will make a real difference in relieving congestion. NVTA's surveys show that the public wants these **new investments** to provide transportation choices and the **public is willing to pay more** for such congestion relief. In fact, about three-fifths would pay at least a dollar a day.

**The new bills would fund many of those NVTA projects.**

**Take action!**

**Your support is needed now.**



**Contact Governor Kaine and your General Assembly members TODAY!**

### Urge them to support bills that will:

- Identify dedicated regional funding for Metro to qualify for \$1.5 billion of new federal funds over 10 years;
- Provide sustainable increases in statewide funding of at least \$1 billion annually for transportation with a significant share (more than 15 percent) for transit;
- Increase transportation funds directed to Northern Virginia.
- Safeguard transportation revenues from diversion to other uses;
- Give local governments enhanced tools to shape growth to prevent and relieve severe traffic congestion.

**Above all, tell them that General Assembly members should not come home without dedicated funding for Metro and permanent increased funding for all public transit in Virginia.**



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