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NVTC CHAIRMAN SNYDER SENDS LETTER OF SUPPORT ON TRANSPORTATION AMENDMENTS TO GOVERNOR Kaine

CHAIRMAN SNYDER EMPHASIZES SUPPORT FOR TRANSIT FUNDING

Arlington, VA – The Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) David Snyder (a member of the Falls Church City Council) sent a letter to Governor Kaine today demonstrating his full support for the transportation funding amendments announced today.

“We applaud Governor Kaine’s efforts and leadership to reach out to local governments in our region and throughout the commonwealth. I am pleased that Governor Kaine incorporated many of the improvements to HB3202 that NVTC recommended. The General Assembly also deserves praise for tackling this very contentious but vitally important issue and for crafting a bill (HB3202) that contains significant funding from various sources,” said Snyder.

The Northern Virginia funding package contained in the amended bill is expected to help bolster the economic vitality of Northern Virginia and benefit the entire commonwealth. The average job in Northern Virginia generates 50 percent more tax revenues for Virginia than the statewide average. Northern Virginia’s attractiveness to employers in a highly competitive market depends on access from the network of public transit systems. Northern Virginia’s public transit systems enhance the safety, security and environmental quality of life of residents and visitors to the region.

According to NVTC Chairman David Snyder, “We are now very close to the crucial goal of providing funding for critical transportation investments to relieve the serious traffic congestion which chokes Northern Virginia daily. This bill

retains the additional funding for WMATA and VRE provided in HB3202 and will lead directly to cleaner air, fuel savings and enhanced economic development.”

For more information contact the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission by going to www.thinkoutsidethecar.org.

NVTC is *the* leading source of information about public transportation issues in Northern Virginia.

NVTC is a regional agency with the mission of managing traffic congestion, restoring clean air, boosting the economy and improving the quality of life for all of Northern Virginia's citizens through effective public transit and ridesharing networks. NVTC includes the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church covering over 1,000 square miles with a population of 1.6 million. The agency manages over \$120 million of state and federal grant funds each year for public transit and serves as a forum for its board of 20 state and local elected officials to resolve issues involving public transit and ridesharing. For information about NVTC, please visit www.thinkoutsidethecar.org or call 703-524-3322.

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The Honorable Timothy Kaine
Governor
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Dear Governor Kaine:

As chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, I am writing to fully support your transportation funding amendments that you announced today.

We applaud your efforts to reach out to local governments in our region and throughout the commonwealth. We are pleased that you incorporated many of the improvements to HB3202 that we recommended. The General Assembly also deserves praise for tackling this very contentious but vitally important issue and for crafting a bill (HB3202) that contains significant funding from various sources.

With your willingness to work within the framework of HB3202, we are now very close to the crucial goal of providing funding for critical transportation investments to relieve the serious traffic congestion which chokes Northern Virginia daily. Your bill retains the additional funding for WMATA and VRE provided in HB3202. This will lead directly to cleaner air, fuel savings and enhanced economic development.

The Northern Virginia funding package contained in the amended bill will help bolster the economic vitality of this region and benefit the entire commonwealth. The average job in Northern Virginia generates 50 percent more tax revenues for Virginia than the statewide average. Northern Virginia's attractiveness to employers in a highly competitive market depends on access from our network of public transit systems. In addition, our public transit systems enhance the safety, security and environmental quality of life of our residents and visitors to our region.



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Again, we thank you for your ongoing leadership to secure a lasting solution to our transportation funding crisis.

Please feel free to call on NVTC if we can help in any way to secure final passage of HB3202, including your amendments.

Sincerely,

David F. Snyder
Chairman

cc: NVTC Commissioners
Northern Virginia General Assembly Delegation
Secretary Pierce Homer
DRPT Director Matthew Tucker