



January 2, 2024

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
2300 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 230
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Chair de Ferranti,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce supports the proposed Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) Work Plan for 2024-2025 and encourages its adoption. A strong infrastructure, including a robust transportation network, is essential for businesses to grow. The NVTC's work to achieve its strategic goals of increasing the capacity, accessibility, connectivity, and safety of our regional transit network helps to deliver this vital infrastructure. The Chamber encourages NVTC to continue these key efforts.

The work plan includes a commitment to identify and seek to implement stable, reliable, permanent and dedicated funding sources for operating and capital expenses for WMATA, VRE and local transit systems. The Chamber also commends NVTC for their work in developing recommendations for WMATA funding reform and funding policies and looks forward to continued engagement on this vital matter in 2024 and 2025.

Building and maintaining a robust, integrated transportation system in Northern Virginia is key to ensuring a strong community and connected regional economy and labor market. The Chamber commends NVTC for its efforts in this regard, and supports their continuation.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Bates". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate Bates

President & CEO