



## Committee for Dulles Statement of Support for NVTA's proposed FY2015-2016 Two year program

The Committee for Dulles is a dynamic community of businesses, business leaders, policy makers and dedicated individuals. We represent businesses that have in excess of 10,000 employees. Founded in 1966, the Committee plays a pivotal role in making Dulles International Airport the premier air travel service provider for the national capital region and an economic feeder for the business community that surrounds it. We are the only business focused organization in the United States that supports a major international airport. The Committee for Dulles is dedicated to achieving the full potential of the airport and the economic growth of this region. The Committee considers transportation one of its top priorities and improving our regional transportation network is essential for sustained regional prosperity.

Passage of House Bill 2313 created exciting opportunities for Northern Virginia to address its transportation needs. It also carried with it a great responsibility to invest those funds in projects and services that do the most to reduce congestion and have both a significant impact and provide a long term perspective.

It is important to the business community, our legislators, and most importantly the public who is paying these taxes and fees, that the revenues be invested well on regional transportation projects which do the most to reduce congestion.

With this in mind, the Committee for Dulles urges you to examine the draft FY15-16 project list and focus regional tax dollars on projects with the greatest regional significance. Top priority should be given to regional highway projects making congestion reducing improvements to major arterials, primary roads and

parkways. Please include regional transit projects that make capital investments to expand service with documented need.

In terms of projects that appear on this draft project list, the Committee for Dulles supports funding for the following:

- > Route 28 widening in Prince William, Manassas and Fairfax County to I-66
- > Route 28 Bypass study
- > Route 1 widening both in Prince William and Fairfax County
- > Fairfax County Parkway Improvements study
- > Loudoun County Parkway extension to U.S. 50
- > East Market Street/Battlefield Parkway Interchange – Leesburg
- > Widening Route 7 – Dulles Toll Road Bridge
- > Belmont Ridge Road, Turo Parish Road to Croson Lane
- > East Elden Street Improvements & Widening Project
- > Route 15 Bypass at Edwards Ferry Road Interchange - Leesburg
- > 8-car Metro Train Power upgrades
- > Acquisition of 4 Buses for Loudoun County
- > Connector Bus Service Expansion for 22 new buses and routes
- > Innovation Center Metrorail Station Construction
- > Potomac Yard Metrorail Station

Passage of HB 2313 does not require the Authority to spend all the funds in the years collected. We think it is prudent to hold back funds for unexpected needs, until all proposed investments can be fully evaluated.

All of us who live and work in the region are dependent upon the movement of thousands of workers and hundreds of millions of dollars of goods and services. We, respectfully, urge you and your colleagues to include the above mentioned projects in NVTA's FY2015-16 two year program.

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