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DRPT Encourages Public Input on Super NoVa Transit & TDM Draft Action Plan

Public meetings scheduled for December 11 and 17, 2013

Richmond, VA –The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) today announced that it will host two public meetings **December 11 and 17** to discuss the Super NoVa Transit & Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Draft Action Plan. The Action Plan follows the already established Super NoVa Transit and TDM Vision Plan completed in fall 2012 which looked to “Vision Mobility Beyond Boundaries” by enhancing transportation choices and improving multi-jurisdictional connectivity. The Super NoVa region includes Northern Virginia as well Culpeper, King George, and Caroline counties, and portions of the Shenandoah Valley, the District of Columbia and parts of Maryland and West Virginia.

DRPT has expanded the Vision Plan’s recommendations into a more detailed Action Plan with the mission of “Achieving Mobility Beyond Boundaries.” The Action Plan defines, prioritizes, and identifies actionable next steps toward implementing the Vision Plan. Completion of the elements within the Action Plan will lead to an improved overall experience for transit users in the Super NoVa region. The multi-modal Action Plan focuses on two types of policies –those that can be implemented in the short-term and longer-term high priorities that require immediate planning. The plan will ultimately serve as a guide for local, regional, and state policy-makers to mold these policies to fit into their local and regional policies, plans, and programs.

“Achieving mobility beyond boundaries will take commitment and collective participation from local, regional, state, and federal officials as well as the traveling public,” said Thelma Drake, director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

To continue this dialogue, DRPT encourages the public to learn more and provide feedback at upcoming public meetings. During the meetings, the team will summarize the action planning process and the draft Action Plan. Public comments are invited on the draft Action Plan, specifically on which policies are most important to people and how they would prioritize policies for different types of transit modes. A presentation will be given and questions answered. There will be display boards and an interactive exhibit.

Public Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, December 11

Marriott Courtyard Alexandria Pentagon South (Mark Center)
4641 Kenmore Avenue (at Seminary Rd & I-395)
Alexandria, VA 22304

Tuesday, December 17

Holiday Inn Manassas Battlefield
10424 Balls Ford Road
Manassas, VA 20109

Public meetings will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with a formal presentation at 7 p.m. Both meetings will follow the same agenda and host identical activities. For citizens who cannot make the meetings, the presentation will be made available on the study website by December 11, 2013, www.SuperNoVaTransitVision.com. Public comment forms also will be available online. Additionally, written comments may be mailed to:

Super NoVa Transit/TDM Vision Plan
Attn: Public Comment
11400 Commerce Park Drive, Suite 400
Reston, VA 20191

Comments must be received by December 31, 2013 to be included in the official record. DRPT strives to provide reasonable accommodations and services for persons who require special assistance to participate in this public involvement opportunity. Contact the Title VI Compliance Officer at (804) 786-4440 or TDD 711 for more information.

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The Action Plan, expected to be complete in winter 2013, will provide travelers throughout the Northern Virginia area a seamless journey to their destinations, greater connectivity within the region and more mobility options for residents and visitors alike. Learn more about the Super NoVa Transit/TDM Vision Plan and Action Plan at www.supernovatransitvision.com.

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