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**Northern Virginia Business Organizations Urge Strategic Regional Approach to Transportation Network  
*Strong Economy and Quality of Life Requires Stronger Transportation Framework***

McLean, VA, Jan 19, 2015 – The Northern Virginia Transportation Coalition today announced the adoption of a [resolution](#) signed by twenty major business and industry organizations that urges regional transportation investments be based on five criteria and identifies nine projects it believes represent the investments of greatest regional significance.

The Coalition believes that the Northern Virginia, and greater Washington, DC Metro, region require a performance-based strategic transportation investment plan that focuses and prioritizes regional, state, federal and private sector transportation dollars on highway and transit improvements that will:

- Move the greatest number of people;
- Reduce congestion and travel time between major employment centers and communities;
- Increase reliability of the network region-wide while producing the best long-term return on investment;
- Promote regional economic development and growth; and
- Enhance regional security.

Investments in our regional transportation network should be made on the basis of this criteria, not political boundaries. Transportation needs are not proportional by jurisdiction.

“We believe it is essential for this region that has the nation’s worst traffic congestion and an economy more dependent upon inter-jurisdictional travel than any other major metropolitan area establish regional transportation priorities based on investments likely to do the most to reduce congestion and improve travel times,” said David Birtwistle, Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance (the Alliance). The Alliance is a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Coalition.

The Coalition also coalesced around a list of eight key, large-scale projects of major regional significance including a new northern Potomac River crossing, 8 car Metro trains, a major upgrade of I-66 both outside and inside the beltway and regional express bus network. The Coalition takes the position that while these are not the only transportation investments needed, they are those in which the preponderance of resources should be invested and their implementation and advancement should be the standard against which regional transportation progress is measured.

The entire business community resolution can be found [here](#).

The Northern Virginia Transportation Coalition is a consortium of major chambers of commerce, business and industry groups that for nearly a decade worked to secure new state and regional transportation funding. The Coalition’s top priority is now to ensure that those transportation dollars, made available by the Virginia General Assembly’s 2013 passage of HB2313, and previously existing funds are wisely invested.

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**About the Northern Virginia Transportation Coalition:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Coalition is a consortium of chambers of commerce, business and industry groups throughout the Northern Virginia region that share a common belief that greater investment in regional transportation infrastructure is essential to Northern Virginia’s, and the greater Washington, DC Metro area’s, future economic competitiveness and quality of life.