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**[DC Officials Confident Region Will Get Its Federal Transit Money Back](#)**

*WAMU, Martin Di Caro  
March 8, 2017*

District transportation officials are confident a new Metro safety oversight group will be up and running by the end of the year. That would allow Metro to reclaim federal transportation dollars that are being withheld until a Metro Safety Commission is set. The progress is possible because the Maryland legislature is expected later this month to join lawmakers in D.C. and Virginia in passing legislation authorizing the new oversight body.



**[Virginia Accepts Plan To Extend 395 Express Lanes](#)**

*Local Kicks, Nick Iannelli  
March 3, 2017*

The project will extend the toll lanes 8 miles from Edsall Road in Alexandria to the D.C. line. Transurban, the private company that operates the 95 and 495 express lanes, will finance, design, build, maintain and operate the extension along I-395.



**[Vienna Officials Briefed By County on Transportation, Park Issues](#)**

*Inside NoVa,  
March 7, 2017*

Tysons is located outside Vienna's boundary, but town officials are keeping a careful eye on the effects of the urban center's rapid - and massive - redevelopment.

Since county supervisors approved the new Tysons comprehensive plan in 2010, 15 major developments have been built there, along with six others that were in the pipeline earlier. County officials have approved 46



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million square feet worth of redevelopment through rezonings and 13 new buildings have been constructed, six in the past year alone. Four more major buildings also are under construction.

#### **[LFCC Interchange Project Could Start Next Year](#)**

*Fauquier Now, Cassandra Brown  
February 23, 2017*

A dangerous intersection at Warrenton's southern gateway soon will undergo major reconstruction. Work at the junction of the Eastern Bypass and James Madison Highway, near Lord Fairfax Community College, could start in early 2018. A new interchange, with an overpass for Lord Fairfax Road, could open two years later.



#### **[Significance of Board's Direction on Housing, Transportation Underscored at Strategic Plan Review](#)**

*Loudoun Times Tribune, Ryan Butler  
March 3, 2017*

Chief among issues was housing, and in particular, the county's availability to supply affordable housing in one of the nation's richest jurisdictions. Supervisors are focusing on ways its county's work force can afford to live in Loudoun. The board will also organize a housing summit this summer with community leaders. The county will hold two additional summits this year to work on transportation plans. One will focus on roads and sidewalks while the other will focus on rail, bus and rideshare services.



#### **[Not Dead Yet: VRE to Gainesville Still An Option](#)**

*Fauquier Times, Jill Palermo  
February 21, 2017*

Despite the initial sticker shock that nearly killed the idea last December, an extension of the VRE into Gainesville remains on the table. Prince William and VRE officials must decide which of several options to pursue in "phase 2" of a study launched last year to examine the costs and benefits of adding 11 miles of track and as many as five additional stations to the commuter rail line, the last of which would be located in Haymarket. Once it begins, the second phase of the study is expected to last 12 to 18 months.



#### **[House Explosion Injures Construction Worker in Prince William County](#)**

*Inside NaVa, Carol Hazard  
February 28, 2017*

The construction worker is an employee of Mark Granville-Smith at Classic Concept Builders. A Go Fund Me account has been set up to assist his family [here](#).



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