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## REGIONAL

### [What Va. Road, Bus Projects Will Be Funded this Year, and What Won't](#)

*WTOP, Max Smith*

01/17/2019

Bus rapid transit lines, roadway extensions and commuter lots are among the projects newly recommended for funding under a Virginia rating system that found some key Northern Virginia priorities did not stack up. With \$779.8 million available statewide through what Virginia calls the SMART SCALE process, the recommendations to the Commonwealth Transportation Board include funding three major projects in Northern Virginia with at least \$50 million each:

- A new east entrance to the Crystal City Metro Station promised as part of the Amazon deal;
- Alexandria's West End Transitway bus rapid transit project;
- and Fairfax County's Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) bus rapid transit between Huntington and Fort Belvoir



### [Virginia Provides Transit Cash to Bridge Shutdown Gap](#)

*WTOP, Max Smith*

01/19/2019

Virginia is providing advances on state transit funding to avoid problems due to the federal government shutdown. "We're going to be forwarding our next two months of state funding to all of the transit systems, so that if they need to draw down on those state funds because they can't access their federal funds that they can do that," Jennifer Mitchell, director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, said this



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week. She sent a letter to transit agencies across Virginia on Jan. 11 outlining plans to provide February payments one month ahead of schedule. "We will continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate action if the shutdown continues into February," the letter said.

## **FAIRFAX**

### **[Residents Who Don't Want More People in Reston are Resorting to Misinformation](#)**

*Greater Greater Washington, Canaan Merchant*

*01/17/2019*

The Fairfax County Planning Commission is about to take up a proposal to change some of the zoning in Reston and allow for more people to live in certain areas near transit. Known as "Planned Residential Communities (PRC)," the proposal would raise the person-per-acre cap across those areas from 13 to 15. RestonNow recently ran



a list of reasons not to raise the cap written by Dennis Hays, one of the main organizers against the proposal. One of the recurring themes in his article is that Fairfax County is updating its density limit prematurely before the community has the chance to understand what's going on and weigh in.

### **[The Richmond Highway Corridor Could Be Getting More Housing, Shops, and Fast Buses](#)**

*Greater Greater Washington, Joanne Tang*

*01/10/2019*

In March 2018, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the Embark Richmond Highway plan to bring more density to this eight-mile stretch of road that stems from the Huntington Metro Station. The revised plan aims to do this through medium and high-rise housing, more targeted retail and restaurants, and perhaps most importantly, a bus rapid transit (BRT) system. So what's in store for 2019 now



that this plan has been approved? The Virginia Department of Transportation will host a public hearing in the spring to discuss its plans to widen Richmond Highway and incorporate bike lanes and better sidewalks, as well as its part in ensuring there is enough room for BRT. Once its designs are approved, it will begin acquiring the property it needs to expand the road.

## **LOUDOUN**

### **[Loudoun Investing \\$12M Into New Online Land Management System](#)**

*Washington Business Journal, Katie Arcieri*

*01/16/2019*

Add Loudoun to the list of local jurisdictions making the switch to a paperless development review process. Loudoun County is investing \$12 million into a digital land management software system that will replace an antiquated paper-based system, with expectations of rolling it out by the first quarter of 2021. Loudoun is one of several counties implementing electronic plan review systems, including Arlington County and Fairfax County, which is transitioning to an online system developed by Arizona-based Avolve. The projects will ease the entitlement process for developers around Greater Washington.



### [Supervisors Authorize Eminent Domain for Courts Complex](#)

*LoudounNOW, Renss Greene*

01/15/2019

County supervisors have voted unanimously to begin eminent domain proceedings against 10 property owners with 11 parcels in Leesburg for the planned courts complex expansion, even though those negotiations have not yet stalled. Typically, a government would condemn land and take it for public use only after negotiations to take that land amicably fail. The county is seeking drainage and construction easements on properties along Church Street near North Street and Cornwall Street, and along Edwards Ferry Road next to the planned expansion. According to a staff report, the county has made agreements with three property owners already, ranging from donating the easement to \$1,906.



## PRINCE WILLIAM

### [No State Funding this Year for Route 28 Fixes](#)

*InsideNOVA, Emily Sides*

01/18/2019

Prince William County will not receive funding this year from the Virginia Department of Transportation's Smart Scale program for improvements to the congested stretch of Va. 28 from Manassas to Fairfax County.

The county is working with VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to study the environmental impacts of three possible fixes for Va. 28, including potential improvements to the existing road, as well as potential new routes to redirect some traffic. But transportation officials haven't settled on a plan.



## HOMEAID

[GolfAid: HomeAid's First Event of 2019 - Bays Are Selling Fast!](#)

HomeAid Northern Virginia

Our first event of the year is coming fast - [register today](#) for our 2nd Annual GolfAid fundraiser, on Thursday, March 7, 2019, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at

TopGolf Loudoun, 20356 Commonwealth Center Drive, Ashburn VA 20147. The event will feature three hours of unlimited golf, networking with home builders and trade partners, great food and an open bar - all in climate-controlled hitting bays. It sold out in record time last year, so don't delay! Questions? Contact [Cilda Pretorius](#) at 703.953.3525.

# GolfAid

A TopGolf fundraiser for HomeAid Northern Virginia

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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January 26, 2019

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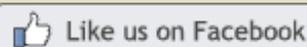
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