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### **Dumfries Awarded \$78 Million from NVTA for Route 1 Widening Project**

At their July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) adopted their FY2020-2025 Six Year Program, which included \$78 Million for the Town of Dumfries to support the construction costs of the Town's Route 1 Widening Project.

"This project has been a top priority of the town for over a decade, and has been a vision for this town dating back to the late 1990's. Not only will we widen Route 1, but we will have the opportunity to create economic development in our town reclaiming ownership of our Main Street. We're extremely grateful for the support of the Authority, Prince William County Board Chair Ann Wheeler and, our Potomac District Supervisor Andrea Bailey. As Mayor, I can see clearly that the Town of Dumfries will be a place where people aren't just driving though [getting stuck in traffic] but they will be driving to, on purpose," Mayor Derrick Wood.

The total cost for the Dumfries Route 1 Widening Project is \$126 Million. The Town previously received NVTA grant awards totaling \$48 Million. NVTA's latest approval provides all the necessary funding to move forward with the project.

"This is another historic moment for the Town of Dumfries. We will finally be able to relieve traffic congestion in our town and fully develop our Main Street. This promise made to our citizens coming to fruition will improve quality of life almost immediately. I am proud to have been able to play a role in this process," stated Councilwoman Selonia Miles. Councilwoman Miles represents the Town as Vice-Chair of NVTA's Planning Coordination Advisory Committee.

The project will create Northbound and Southbound travel lanes, in the existing Northbound footprint within the Town. Once completed, the Town will be able to reclaim Main Street which presently serves as Southbound U.S. Route 1. The Town plans to provide a project update to the public this Fall.

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