

Transportation

Why does a local 1/2-cent Sales Tax for transportation make sense –

- ✓ It is OURS. The money raised in Northern Virginia will be spent in Northern Virginia.
- ✓ WE will determine how it is spent, not a distant Richmond bureaucracy. Priorities and spending decisions will be made by a Regional Authority, controlled by Northern Virginia elected officials.
- ✓ State transportation spending for this area will NOT be reduced. Except for federal projects, the share we receive from the state is controlled by a formula that is set in state law.
- ✓ Transit will receive 60% of the funds. The package attached to this fall's referendum provides alternatives to congestion, not just more of the same.

Why not just let the state take care of us –

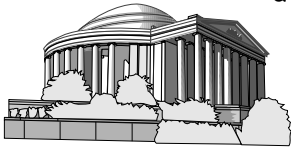
- ✓ No one source can do the job. We need a partnership between federal, state, users, private funds, and local government.
- ✓ Transportation decisions need to be close to those who make land use decisions. Virginia cities are required by law to contribute to road construction. Although Fairfax is a technically "county," there's nothing rural or un-sophisticated about us. We can and should exercise the power that goes with helping to fund – or refusing to help fund – projects.

Why a sales tax instead of a gas tax –

- ✓ A sales tax ensures tourists and transit riders also will help pay.
- ✓ Since this 1/2-cent will not be on food, it's also more progressive (those who can afford to spend more, pay more) than a flat tax on every gallon of gas.

Dear Voters -

There are many serious challenges facing Virginia and our Nation. While you enjoy a summer outing, one way to put these issues in perspective is to refresh your focus on the rational thought and dedication to the common good that is Virginia's heritage. Here are some of my favorites:



a quiet evening stroll around the Jefferson memorial in D.C.; a visit to the Capitol building in Richmond where you need to ask why General and President, George Washington, chose the items he did for his statute; or a drive down to George Mason's home at Gunston Hall to appreciate this family man's dedication to the Bill of Rights.

May we rise to the challenges of our time –

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