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FAIRFAX COUNTY WINS AWARD FOR SENIOR TRANSIT INITIATIVE

Alexandria --- The Virginia Transit Association (VTA) has chosen the Fairfax County Department of Transportation as the recipient of the **2006 Innovative Program Award** for the County's *Senior Travel Training Program*. The program was created to address the pressing need for transportation alternatives for a growing elderly population. Training provided through the program consists of a short term, small group/one-on-one intensive instruction designed to teach older people how to use public transit to meet their travel needs. The program has been presented to many elderly groups across the country and interest in the program is growing.

The Hon. Christopher Zimmerman, VTA President and Chairman of the Arlington County Board, presented the award during the VTA's annual meeting, held May 10-12 in Alexandria at the Radisson Hotel Old Town . The Virginia Transit Association presents awards each year to recognize exceptional transit programs that advance and expand public transportation in the Commonwealth.

The Virginia Transit Association is a professional association of public transportation systems and related transit businesses, based in Richmond.

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