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### **Press release**

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**FAIRFAX** – For his remarkable and ongoing efforts to sustain and expand public transportation in Northern Virginia and the Washington Metropolitan Area, Dana Kauffman has been honored by the Virginia Transit Association with the 2007 Award for Outstanding Contribution by a Local Official.

Kauffman, the Lee District representative on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisor, has worked tirelessly since first being elected in 1995 to provide viable and innovative transportation options for the Lee District and the entire Washington Metropolitan area. A member of the VRE Operations Board, the WMATA Board of Directors and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Air Quality Advisory Council, Mr. Kauffman also served as chair of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission in 1999 and the WMATA Board in 2005.

“Mention an important transportation issue that has faced Northern Virginia over the past dozen years and the name Dana Kauffman is sure to be primary and prevalent in the conversation,” said Kala L. Quintana, Director of Public Outreach for the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

Among his countless contributions, Kauffman is particularly noted for his continued leadership on key transportation initiatives associated with:

- Congestion mitigation on the Springfield Mixing Bowl Project and BRAC expansion in anticipation of 20,000 new jobs at Fort Belvoir,
- Transit inclusion and connectivity with regard to the Hot Lane proposal,
- Creation of the Franconia/Springfield Multi Modal Center,
- Establishing the REX (Richmond Highway Express) BRT system in the Route 1 corridor.

A member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission since January 1996, Kauffman has earned the title of outstanding leader and overall champion of public transportation options for Northern Virginians.

*For more information, call Kala L. Quintana, Director of Public Outreach for the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission at (703) 524-3322 ext. 104.*

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