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**Virginia Transit Association honors
Delegate Joe May
for leadership on behalf of Public Transportation**

The Virginia Transit Association hosted its 2005 Awards Luncheon on May 10th in Williamsburg, VA to recognize the individuals, organizations, and programs contributing to high quality public transportation service in Virginia.

Richmond, Virginia - The 2005 VTA Awards Luncheon honored the contributions and leadership of individuals and successful innovative public transit programs in Virginia. Awards were presented by Chris Zimmerman, President of VTA and Vice-Chairman of the Arlington County Board.

Delegate Joe May, representing district 33, received the *2005 Multi-modal Transportation Award*.

In describing Delegate May, Chris Zimmer stated, "Delegate May has been a strong supporter of a balanced, multi-modal transportation network since he came to the House of Delegates. He has sponsored numerous budget amendments to expand funding for public transportation and rail. During the 2005 Session he was the chief sponsor of the Rail Enhancement Fund establishing a new Rail Advisory Board and a new dedicated fund for freight and passenger rail improvements."

Delegate May also worked to provide funds for the purchase of new rail cars for Metro and VRE.

Delegate May is the Chairman of the House Appropriations Transportation Subcommittee and the Vice-Chairman of the House Transportation Committee.

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