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**VIRGINIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION AWARDS THE HONORABLE JAY FISETTE  
"PUBLIC OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR."**

**Richmond, Virginia:** The Virginia Transit Association (VTA) is pleased to announce that it has selected The Honorable Jay Fiset, Vice Chairman of The Arlington Board of Supervisors, as the recipient of the 2009 Public Official of the Year Award at its award luncheon held in Fredericksburg, Virginia on June 9. The Association hosts an awards ceremony annually at its spring conference, recognizing individuals and transit systems that demonstrate significant or exceptional leadership that improve public transportation.

Mr. Fiset has been a forceful champion of smart growth, sustainability and livable communities at the local, regional, state and national levels, promoting smart growth principles, such as linking land use and transportation, sound urban design and open spaces, public transportation and pedestrian safety. Because of his advocacy, he was presented with the VTA honor.

Mr. Fiset has been a member and served as Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, where he was recently named Chair of the newly-created Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee. As President of the Virginia Municipal League in 2007-08, Fiset launched the successful "Go Green Virginia" initiative which established a friendly competition among local governments while encouraging them to promote sustainability and reduce their carbon footprint. He is also a longtime member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and an advocate for public transportation.

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