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VIRGINIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES SENATOR MARY MARGARET WHIPPLE

Richmond, Virginia: The Virginia Transit Association (VTA) recognized Senator Mary Margaret Whipple for her outstanding leadership and steadfast support for public transportation at its award luncheon held in Fredericksburg, Virginia on June 9.

Throughout the course of her tenure in the Virginia Senate, she has played a critical role in efforts to support, maintain and expand public transportation.

Recognizing the difficult fiscal situation of public transportation systems in Northern Virginia and across the Commonwealth this year, she led efforts in the Senate and sponsored a budget amendment to give transit systems the flexibility to use a portion of their capital funds to maintain operations.

She also sponsored Senate Bill 1511 amending the Metro Compact, allowing the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to receive additional dedicated federal funds.

Senator Whipple previously received the VTA Distinguished Legislative Service Award Year Award in 2005.

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