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## Public Meeting Scheduled for Route 1 Multimodal Transportation Alternatives Analysis

Public Forum to be Held March 26 at South County Government Center

**RICHMOND**—The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) has announced the date of the second public meeting regarding the Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis project. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26, from 6-8 pm at the South County Government Center. The center is located at 8350 Richmond Highway in Alexandria, Virginia, 22309.

The meeting will include a presentation on findings to date, including transit ridership projections, a traffic analysis, and the development of land use scenarios. The public is encouraged to attend to learn more about the study and continue to provide input regarding the ongoing multimodal transportation alternatives analysis, scheduled to be complete this summer. The study is examining a range of transit, roadway, and supporting pedestrian and bicycle options along a 15-mile section of Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1). The study area extends roughly from the Huntington Metro station near the I-95/I-495 Capital Beltway interchange in Fairfax County to Route 123 in Woodbridge in Prince William County.

DRPT is directing the study in coordination with Fairfax County, Prince William County, the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Community members, commuters, and anyone with an interest in the future of Richmond Highway are welcome to provide input on critical transportation needs and the future vision for this heavily traveled corridor on March 26. A meeting in October 2013, as well as several informal outreach sessions, generated extensive community interest and feedback in creating a greener, more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly, transit-supportive corridor. DRPT also conducted a survey to solicit community input.

DRPT anticipates completion of the study by this summer. The community will continue to have an opportunity to share ideas and receive progress updates. "As we move forward, we will complete a funding analysis and an implementation plan," says DRPT Director Jennifer Mitchell. "We are exploring land use patterns and densities along with the integration of multimodal solutions to improve mobility and revitalize the Route 1 corridor. We welcome input throughout this process."

In addition to attending the public meeting, the community can learn more by visiting the project website at <a href="www.Route1MultimodalAA.com">www.Route1MultimodalAA.com</a>, the project Facebook page at <a href="www.facebook.com/Route1MultimodalAA">www.facebook.com/Route1MultimodalAA</a>, and Twitter at @Rt1MultimodalAA.

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