



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Office of the Governor

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Secretary of Transportation

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The Honorable Charles W. Carrico  
Pocahontas Building, Room E519  
900 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable David Yancey  
Pocahontas Building, Room W436  
900 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Senator Carrico & Delegate Yancey:

House Bill 2136 and Senate Bill 1251 from the 2017 General Assembly session require the Secretary of Transportation to provide a quarterly update on Virginia's efforts to work with its counterparts in Maryland and the District of Columbia on "revising the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact of 1966 and implementing other reforms necessary to ensure the near-term and long-term viability of the Washington Area Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA)."

To fulfill this requirement, Governor McAuliffe commissioned former United States Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood to conduct an independent and objective review of the operating, governance, and financial conditions at Metro. Secretary LaHood has released this report and it was submitted to members of the General Assembly earlier this month.

Further, Governor McAuliffe proposed dedicated annual funding for WMATA in his 2018-2020 Biennial Budget. The Northam administration is working with the General Assembly to revise the introduced proposal to reflect \$154M of funding committed to State of Good Repair needs. Virginia's share of these additional revenues is consistent with the LaHood Report recommendations and will be based upon reforms regarding governance and operations. I have contacted Maryland Secretary of Transportation Pete Rahn, and we will continue looking for opportunities to work together.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon Valentine", written over a horizontal line.

Shannon Valentine