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Dear Colleague:

I'm writing to let you know that I have accepted a position as General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the North County Transit District in San Diego, CA, responsible for the regional multimodal transportation system that operates commuter rail, light rail, public transportation and paratransit services in North San Diego County. In its thirty years of operation, North County Transit District has established a comprehensive regional transit network that serves commuters and residents in the San Diego area.

Consequently, I will resign as the Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, effective December 12, 2008.

The accomplishments that DRPT and its customers have achieved are a credit to the team at DRPT, who are passionate, knowledgeable and dedicated professionals. These accomplishments wouldn't have been possible without our customers, partners and advocates. I would like to personally thank you for your support and dedication.

I am also deeply honored to have worked with Governor Kaine and Secretary Homer. Together as a team, we have all contributed toward advancing transit, rail and transportation demand management as integral components of our transportation system.

In 2007, we achieved new funding sources for rail and transit, with a record 42 percent increase in transit operating funds and an additional 20 percent from bond proceeds for transit capital projects. The bond program also provided an additional \$12.9 million each year for rail capital projects.

This year, we brought two major transit initiatives closer to the finish line in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads as the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project entered the final phase of project development and Norfolk Light Rail began construction.

Today, we're on the edge of a new frontier with the possibility of state participation in new intercity passenger rail service for the first time in Virginia history. We've also

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changed the way that our localities and regions think about transportation. In the past year, numerous localities have taken significant steps toward a unified transit vision to connect more people in more areas of Virginia than ever before.

I am certain that Governor Kaine and his team will continue to lead the Commonwealth even further with his vision for the future of transportation. Thank you for the opportunity to work with you. I wish you every success in the ongoing effort to improve transportation in Virginia, and I hope our paths will cross in the future.

Sincerely,


Matthew O. Tucker