

## ROUTE 28 WIDENING IMPROVEMENTS BREAKS GROUND

Sterling, VA - On Monday, May 11, 2015 Shirley Contracting Company, LLC (Shirley) was excited to celebrate with NVTA members, state legislators, regional leaders, and representatives from VDOT and local transportation agencies for the groundbreaking of the Route 28 Widening Improvements project in Loudoun County. The \$99 million project will bring traffic relief and make commuting easier in Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties. Elected leaders believe that the road improvements along Va. 28 will ease the daily commute for 125,000 motorists.

The project scope consists of Route 28 North being widened from McLearen Road to the Dulles Toll Road and Route 28 South being widened from the Dulles Toll Road to Route 50. Route 28 South will also be widened from Sterling Boulevard to the Dulles Toll Road, providing much needed "hot spot" improvements. Additionally, Route 28 will be widened from Linton Hall Road to Vint Hill Road, which will be realigned; and sidewalks and multi-use trails will be added.

Any work on Va. 28 will ease congestion in the region since traffic problems stretch well beyond where they originated, Nohe said. "One of the challenges we have on Route 28 is that a traffic incident near Dulles Airport can create congestion all the way into Prince William County."

Nohe said the widening will help with commutes and give people better access to their jobs. "These projects are vital to the economic success of Prince William County." Nohe called the groundbreaking a "truly a historic" day in Northern Virginia. "It takes a region of dedicated leaders, elected officials and professional transportation staff to identify funding and to build transportation."

