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Virginians for High Speed Rail to hold 11th Annual Meeting at Alexandria's Union Station on May 15

Virginians for High Speed Rail will hold its 11th annual meeting "Expanding Passenger Rail Service, How Illinois Did It" May 15 at Alexandria's Union Station (next to King Street Metro), 110 Callahan Drive, Alexandria.

The keynote speaker is Rick Harnish, executive director, Midwest High Speed Rail Association (MWHsRA). Harnish founded MWHsRA in 1991 and became its first executive director in 2001. MWHsRA is a member based non-profit with 1,100 members and recently worked with the Illinois General Assembly to double Amtrak service between Chicago and St. Louis. Harnish will describe the Illinois accomplishments.

Other program participants will be Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille; John Lewis Jr., chief executive officer of the Greater Richmond Transit Corporation who will discuss the recent GRTC decision to use buses to expand Virginia Railway Express to Richmond; Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County supervisor and former chair of Virginia's Rail Advisory Board.

Virginians for High Speed Rail is statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to improving passenger and freight rail service.

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