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Transurban Donates \$25,000 to Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation to Support Veteran and Military Students

Operator of 495, 95 and 395 Express Lanes celebrates 10-years of expanded travel choices with support to military and veteran students along its corridors

TYSONS, VA - Transurban, the operator of the 495, 95 and 395 Express Lanes, today announced it will contribute \$25,000 to the Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation (NOVA Foundation), the non-profit arm of Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), to create a dedicated military and veteran fund as part of the Student Success Fund. NOVA is among the largest community colleges in the nation with six campuses serving more than 4,000 enrolled veteran and military students across Transurban's Express Lanes system.

The NOVA Foundation provides financial support in the form of emergency grants and scholarships for academically successful students facing financial hardship stemming from healthcare, transportation, housing, and other basic needs. Transurban's financial contributions to the fund will specifically support veteran and military affiliated students who face financial challenges while working towards graduation, reducing disruption to their continuous education.

"For more than 10 years Transurban's focus has been to strengthen the communities along the corridors in which we operate," said Mike Discenza, chief financial officer for Transurban North America. "With one of the largest populations of veteran, military and government families in the nation calling Northern Virginia home, Transurban honors their service to our country and is committed to supporting their education and transition to the civilian work force."

"Congratulations to Transurban for 10 years of transportation innovation in Northern Virginia," said Kelly Persons, executive director of the NOVA Educational Foundation. "This partnership and investment are a testament to recognize the sacrifice of NOVA's veteran and military-affiliated students during National Veterans and Military Families Month."

Opened in 2012, the 495 Express Lanes delivered the first truly dynamically priced high-occupancy toll lanes in the nation as a public-private partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). The lanes quickly expanded into today's 53-mile system across 495, 95 and 395, with a combined 12.5 miles of extensions underway on the 95 Express Lanes Fredericksburg Extension and 495 Northern Extension. Saving nearly 10 million customers more than 33 million hours of time since



opening, the lanes have provided faster, more reliable travel choices to the many military installations along its corridors from Marine Base Quantico to the Pentagon, with connections to D.C.'s federal government agencies.

Largely funded through private capital, the \$4 billion system of modern transportation solutions has also supported infrastructure improvements to military and government installations, including reconstruction of the Pentagon's South Parking Lot, conversion of the Seminary Road HOV ramp at the Mark Center, and new access ramps at Marine Corp Base Quantico that will open in late 2023 as part of the 95 Express Lanes Fredericksburg Extension project. Each of these military and government installations is home to thousands of personnel, many of whom utilize the Express Lanes to receive a faster and more reliable trip to work and home again.

Transurban's annual \$15 million transit subsidy to Virginia's Commuter Choice program has also made it easier for military members to carpool and ride a bus by supporting expanded bus service to military installations, educational outreach at military facilities, and operations funding for the Pentagon's Commuter Store.

Transurban's latest donation to the NOVA Foundation builds upon a decade of investing in local communities, as NOVA joins more than 350 non-profit organizations across Northern Virginia that have received grants including the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial Fund, Virginia Star Quilts for Valor, and Workhouse Arts Center arts programs for wounded soldiers. Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Express Lanes on November 17, Transurban will release a report detailing the impact the 495, 95 and 395 Express Lanes have had on the region and how customers continue to use the Lanes as a valuable travel choice.

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About Transurban North America

Transurban is one of the world's largest toll-road operators and developers, working to get people where they want to go, as quickly and safely as possible. In fiscal year 2022, our faster, more reliable roads saved customers an average of 320,000 hours each workday across five global markets. In the Commonwealth of Virginia, our public-private partnerships are transforming transportation choices using dynamic, real-time pricing on the 495, 95, and 395 Express Lanes. As we celebrate a decade of keeping Virginia travelers moving, we continue to work alongside our government partners to drive the technology, policy and mobility solutions that are connecting and strengthening communities today and ten years from now.

Learn more about Transurban North America at: [Transurban.com](https://www.transurban.com) | [Expresslanes.com](https://www.expresslanes.com) | [A25.com](https://www.a25.com)



About Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)

Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) is the largest public institution of higher learning in the Commonwealth of Virginia and one of America's largest community colleges. NOVA enrolls nearly 75,000 students at its six campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield (Medical Education Campus) and Woodbridge, through NOVA Online and high school dual enrollment. We offer more than 100 associate degree and certificate programs to help our students reach their academic and professional goals through university transfers and access to the most in-demand careers. At NOVA, we strive to ensure that every student succeeds, every program achieves and every community prospers. For more information about NOVA and its programs or services, visit our website, www.nvcc.edu/, or call (703) 323-3000.