



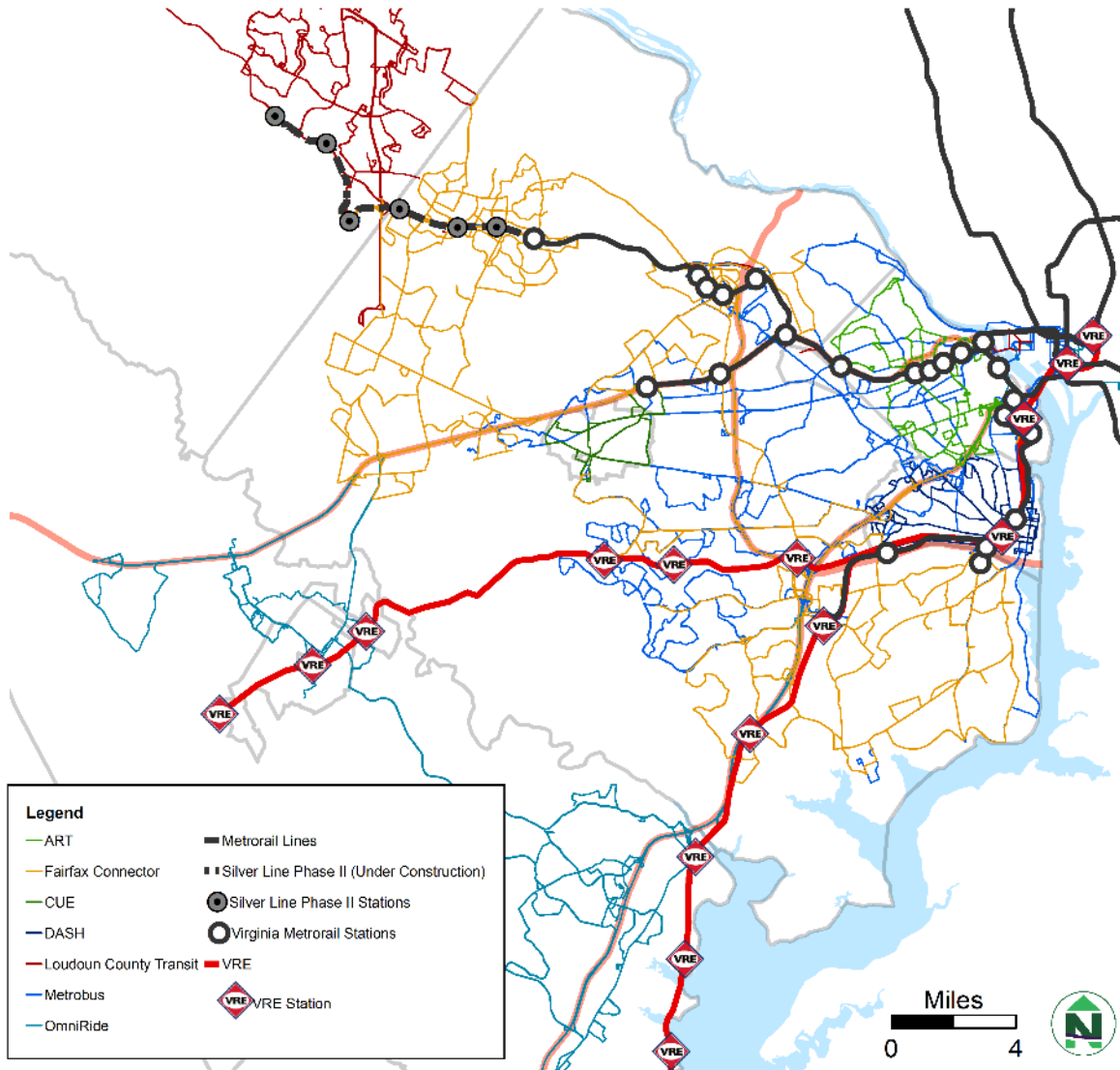
# Commuter Choice Update: Northern Virginia Joint Transportation Meeting

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# Northern Virginia Transportation Commission



Funding and stewardship of WMATA (Metrorail, Metrobus, MetroAccess) and Virginia Railway Express



Managing state and regional funding for five jurisdictional bus systems



Working across jurisdictional boundaries to coordinate transit service




Administering Commuter Choice (I-66 Inside the Beltway and I-395/95)

# Northern Virginia's Express Lane Network

## LEGEND


### Operational

 95 Express Lanes

 I-66 Express Lanes  
Inside the Beltway

 I-395 Express Lanes  
Extension

### Under Construction

 I-66 Express Lanes  
Outside the Beltway



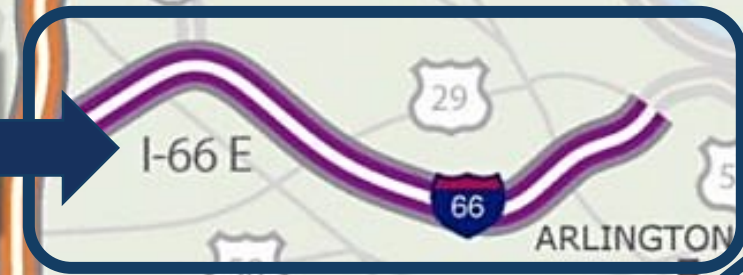


# Commuter Choice

**LEGEND**

<b>Operational</b>	<b>Under Construction</b>
95 Express Lanes	I-66 Express Lanes Outside the Beltway
I-66 Express Lanes Inside the Beltway	
I-395 Express Lanes Extension	

The only interstate in the nation to be restricted to HOV-2 during peak Express Lane launch December 2017



History of 2-3 HOV and 6-8 GP lanes Express Lane launch November 2019



# About Commuter Choice

**Maximize Person Throughput + Implement Multimodal Improvements**



Improve mobility



Support new, diverse travel choices



Enhance transportation safety and travel reliability

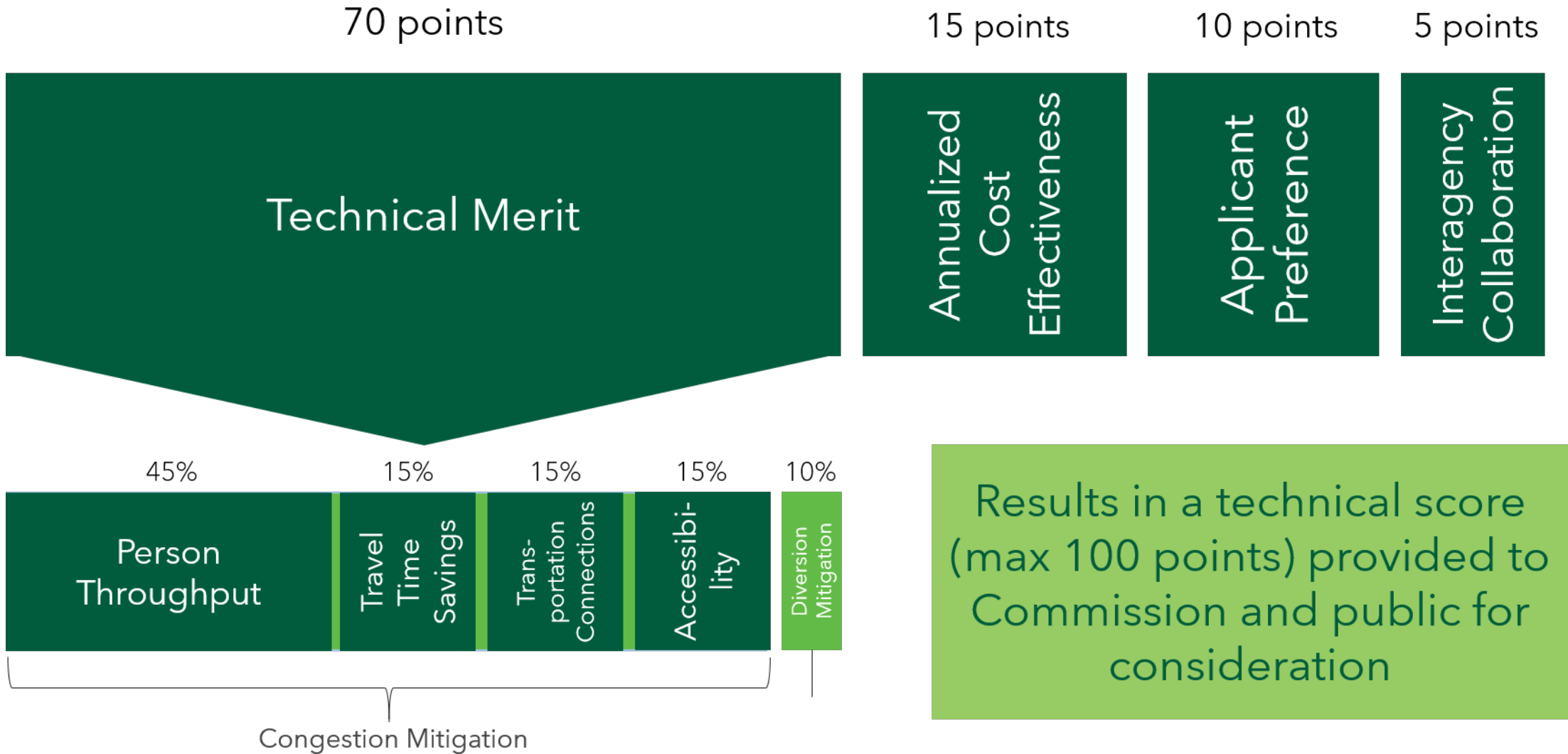
## At-a-Glance

- Competitive transit / TDM program
- Metric-based project selection process
- Regionally-selected projects
- Multi-decade commitment for portion toll revenues
- Projects operated by local governments/transit systems

## Eligible types of project include:

- Expanded transit services and related capital improvements
- Roadway improvements specific to the corridor
- Access to transit improvements
- Transportation system management strategies
- Transportation demand management (TDM) efforts

# Technical evaluation process



**35 Projects**

**\$41.5 Million  
Investment**



**Nine new express bus routes**

**Added service to seven bus routes**



**Park and Ride Lot**

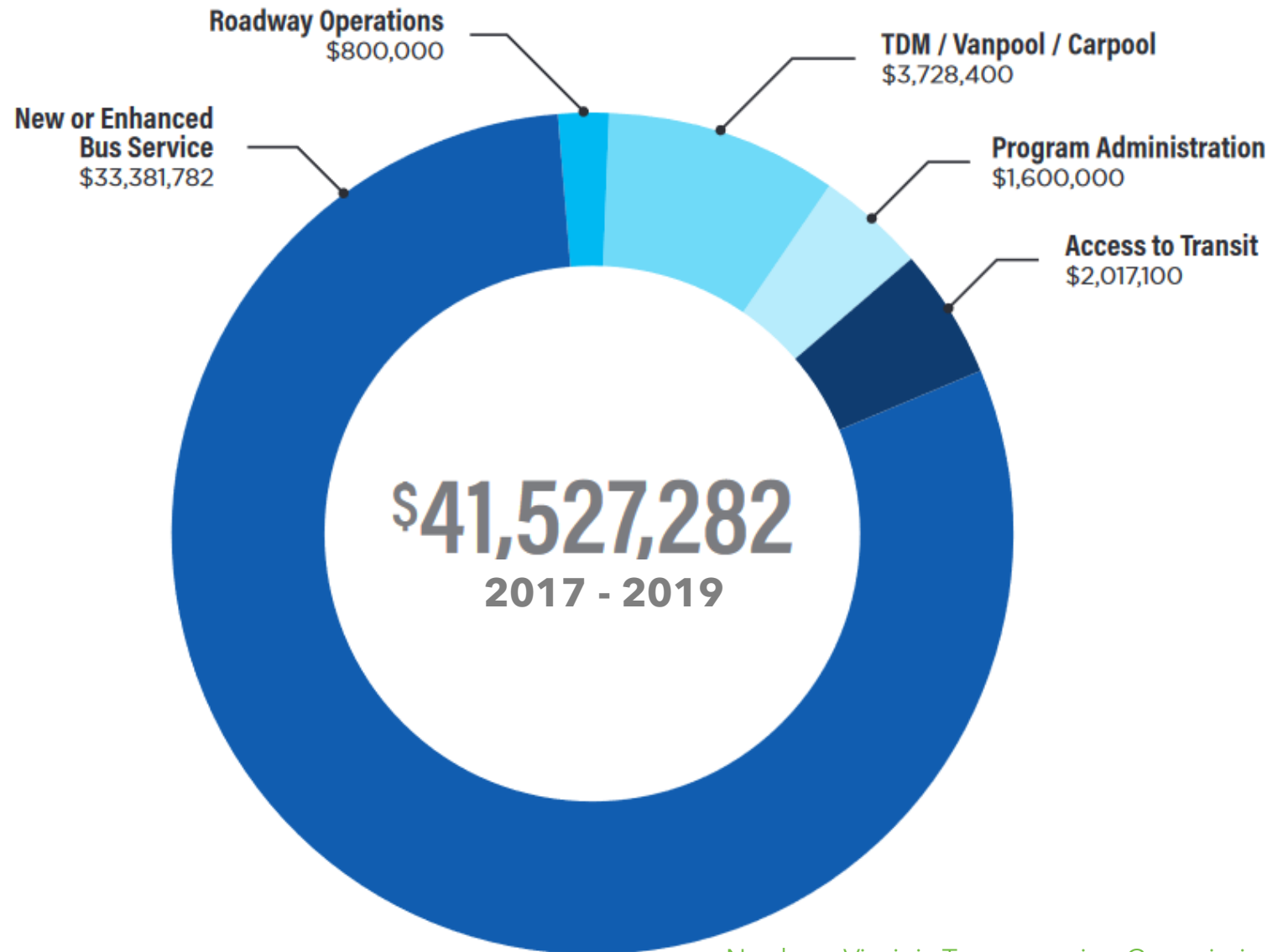
**Bus Stop improvements**

**Bikeshare operations**

**Carpool and Vanpool incentives**

**ITS/Traveler information**

## Commuter Choice on the I-66 corridor



# Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 corridor

**10 Projects**  
**\$19 Million**  
**Investment**



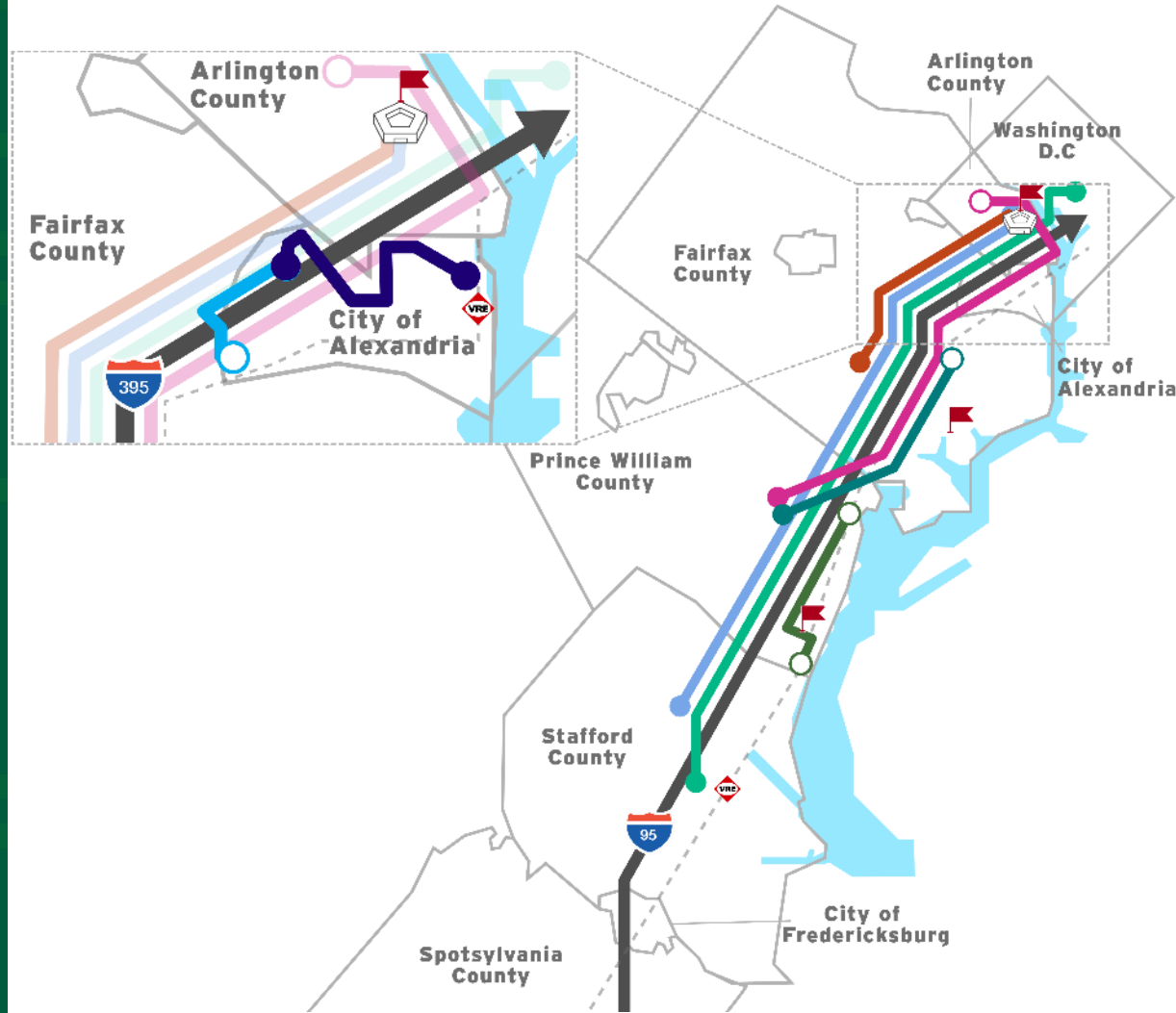
## Eight New or Enhanced Bus Services

Including capital expenses (buses, stop improvements)



## Two Transportation Demand Management Campaigns

Providing information and incentives to commuters to choose non-drive alone modes



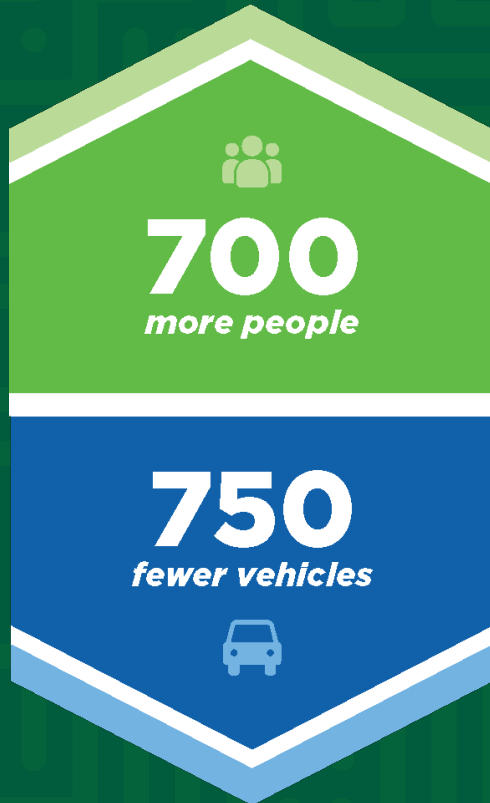
### Legend

- The Commuter Store
- DASH AT1 Enhancements
- DASH AT9 Enhancements
- Fairfax Connector Gambrill/Backlick to Pentagon
- OmniRide Staffordboro to Pentagon Express
- OmniRide Staffordboro to Downtown D.C. Express
- OmniRide Dale City-Rosslyn-Ballston Enhancements
- OmniRide Route 1 Local Enhancements
- OmniRide Prince William Metro Express Enhancements
- NVRC TDM Outreach to Military Facilities
- Pentagon Transit Center
- Bus to Rail Transit Connection
- I-95/I-395
- Virginia Railway Express

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Since Commuter Choice funding began in 2017 on the I-66 corridor Inside the Beltway, more people have moved in fewer vehicles.



**+26% Growth**  
in commuter bus ridership since 2015

# Performance to Date



**1500**  
PEOPLE

In the **I-66 corridor**, 16 projects move almost **1,500 people each morning**, within a reasonable range (77%) of their target.

**69%**   
meet or exceed the target

Eleven of the 16 projects in the **I-66 corridor** meet (within 30%) or exceed their ridership targets.



**700**  
PEOPLE

In the **I-395/95 corridor**, eight projects move about **700 people each morning**, substantially outperforming their target (117%).

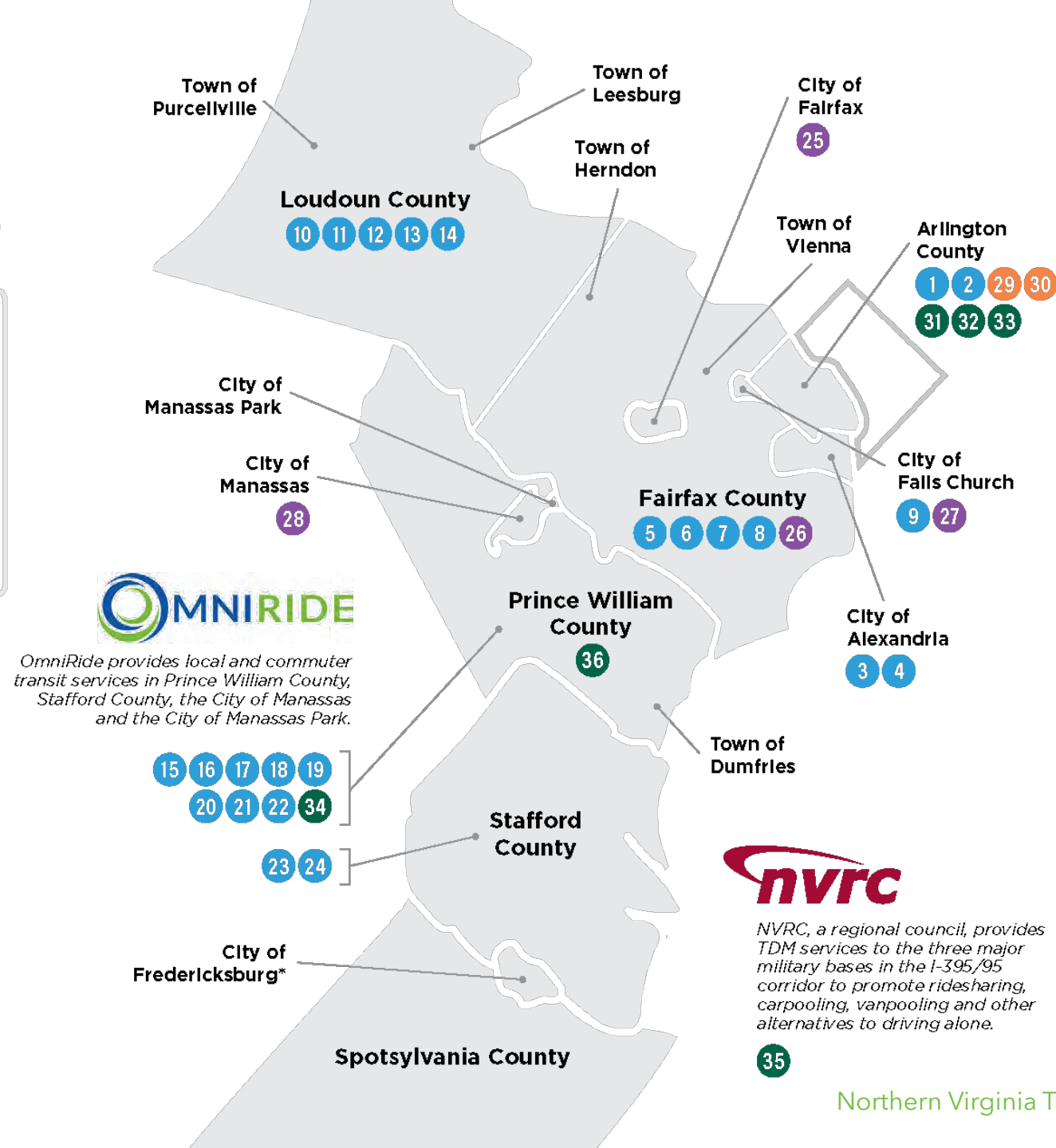
**75%**   
meet or exceed the target

Six of the eight projects in the **I-395/95 corridor** meet (within 30%) or exceed their ridership targets.

# Current Projects

**Project Type**

- Bus Service
- Access to Transit
- Roadway Operations
- TDM



OmniRide provides local and commuter transit services in Prince William County, Stafford County, the City of Manassas and the City of Manassas Park.



NVRC, a regional council, provides TDM services to the three major military bases in the I-395/95 corridor to promote ridesharing, carpooling, vanpooling and other alternatives to driving alone.

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# I-66 Corridor

- Restricted revenue source
  - Peak period tolls only
  - 11-mile corridor
- April-June 2020 revenue collection at 17% of budgeted levels, rebounding slowly
- Reduced \$15 M program to <\$4 Million
- Changed program selection approach to clear “wins”

# I-395/95 Corridor

- Less restricted revenue source
  - Full time tolling
  - 37-mile corridor
- Two-year Call for Projects underway with full funding of about \$30M expected



NVTC was able to continue funding existing Commuter Choice projects despite the COVID-19 impacts on toll revenues.



# Improving the transportation network

**Commuter Choice moves more people and provides people with commuting options.**

Adding transit and multimodal projects on both the I-66 corridor and the I-395/95 corridor makes it easier for commuters, including transit riders and toll road users, to get to the places they want to go.



# Thank You.

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