

Programs supported by tolls move more people through the I-66 corridor in fewer vehicles, NVTC to hear full report Thursday

Commission Meeting Alert

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NVTC MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS MOVING MORE PEOPLE THROUGH THE I-66 CORRIDOR IN FEWER VEHICLES

The Commission will also hear updates on the Bus Transformation Project and regional efforts on the future of fare collection

Arlington, Va. - A report for the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission will outline how programs supported by toll revenues have moved more people through the I-66 Inside the Beltway corridor while taking cars off the road. The briefing will be part of the Commission's monthly meeting, held Thursday, March 5. The Bus Transformation Project team will also be on hand to provide a strategy update, which includes feedback from the NVTC WMATA Committee.

I-66 AND I-395/96 TRANSIT CORRIDOR PERFORMANCE REPORT/NEXT ROUND OF I-66 APPLICATIONS ANNOUNCED

Since the start of I-66 tolling and funding for the I-66 Commuter Choice program began in 2017, about 700 more people are moving through the I-66 Inside the Beltway corridor each morning. They're doing so in 750 fewer vehicles. That's about a 2.7% reduction. As part of the [Transit Corridor Performance Report](#), Commissioners will also hear that about 65% of morning peak-period inbound trips are made by transit, carpool or vanpool, an increase of nearly 2% between 2015 and 2019. In addition, commuter bus ridership in the I-66 corridor increased by 26% between 2015 and 2019 supported by the new I-66 Commuter Choice-funded services. The Commission will also receive information on the project applications submitted for consideration under the fourth round of I-66 Commuter Choice funding in anticipation of selection and award later this spring.

PRESENTATION BY THE BUS TRANSFORMATION TEAM

The Commission will receive a [presentation](#) from the Bus Transformation Project team, including the strategies and recommendations for the future of the Washington region's bus network. The NVTC WMATA Committee recommends that the Commission adopt a resolution endorsing the Bus Transformation Project's vision, goals, and strategy with a focus on ensuring WMATA engages with local jurisdictions and transit providers in the implementation of recommendations in the Bus Transformation Strategy.

NVTC REGIONAL FARE COLLECTION PROGRAM UPDATE

NVTC leads the funding, coordination, technical support, and administration for

advances in Northern Virginia transit fare collection systems. The Commission will hear an [update](#) on NVTC's efforts to coordinate with WMATA and Northern Virginia transit systems to upgrade fareboxes on buses, coordinate regional efforts to develop off-board fare collection for buses and collaborate with transit systems to on future fare collection systems. That includes providing input for WMATA's SmarTrip® mobile app development.

MEETING LOCATION AND TIME

The meeting is open to the public and will be held at 2300 Wilson Boulevard, first floor conference room, Arlington, Virginia at 7 p.m. The full agenda for the meeting can be found [here](#). The meeting will be livestreamed on [YouTube](#).

NVTC works to ensure that businesses and residents are served by a high capacity, high quality network of transit systems that allows the region to thrive. It funds and promotes transit in the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. NVTC supports five local bus systems (ART, CUE, DASH, Fairfax Connector, Loudoun County Transit), WMATA (Metrorail/Metrobus) and the Virginia Railway Express. Visit www.NoVaTransit.org or call 703-524-3322 to learn more.