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NVTC TO APPROVE MANASSAS LINE AGREEMENT FOR VRE Commission will also review projects for I-395/95 corridor funding

Arlington, Va. - The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission will be asked to approve a multi-million dollar property agreement for Virginia Railway Express, review proposed projects for I-395/95 Commuter Choice funding and learn about the importance of integrating of bikes and scooters with Metro stations at their monthly meeting this Thursday.

Virginia Railway Express Manassas Line

The Commission will be asked to approve a [key agreement](#) along Virginia Railway Express' (VRE) Manassas Line to acquire four property interests worth \$155 million from the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA). NVTC was instrumental in founding VRE and co-owns the passenger railway with the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) and retains legal authority to enter into agreements.

The agreement will help VRE and VPRA fulfill a commitment toward a substantial increase in commuter rail service between the District of Columbia and Virginia. The properties identified in the agreement include Seminary Yard, the Broad Run Corridor, multiple VRE station sites and a permanent commuter rail operating easement along the Manassas Line.

I-395/95 Commuter Choice applications

The Commission will review [the results](#) of eligibility scoring for projects seeking funding through NVTC's I-395/95 Commuter Choice program. NVTC estimates \$25 to \$30 million is available for funding in this round. Eligible projects include 12 bus service enhancements for ART, DASH, Fairfax Connector, Metrobus and OmniRide; one new Metrobus route; and the improvement of VRE's Leeland Road Station. The Commission, along with PRTC, will be asked to adopt the Program of Projects in June.

Integrating Transit, Cycling and Micromobility in Northern Virginia

The Commission will be asked to accept [the findings](#) of the "Integrating Transit, Cycling and Micromobility in Northern Virginia Report" which examines the connections between bikes and scooters and Metro stations. It finds that building bicycle and scooter infrastructure creates large increases in access to public transit and identifies integrating

transit and micromobility as an important goal for Northern Virginia localities and transit agencies. In fact, 86% of Capital Bikeshare stations in Virginia are within 1/8 mile of a transit stop.

Meeting time and location

The Commission meeting will be held Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be livestreamed at [YouTube.com/@NoVaTransit](https://www.youtube.com/@NoVaTransit). Full meeting materials are [posted online](#). Members of the public wishing to comment on the meeting agenda to the Commission can do so [here](#), until 3 p.m. Thursday.

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