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### **COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD APPROVES 14 PROJECTS TO IMPROVE COMMUTES ALONG I-66**

**Projects include new limited-stop bus routes, a new Metro station entrance  
and long-haul commuter bus routes**

Arlington, Va. - The Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the I-66 Commuter Choice FY 2027-2028 Program of Projects today, including two new Metro Bus limited stop routes, a second entrance for the Ballston-MU Metro Station and other projects designed to move more people through the I-66 corridor.

Commuter Choice is a program of The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, in partnership with the Commonwealth of Virginia, that reinvests toll revenues into projects that move more people through the region's most traffic-congested corridors. The Program of Projects includes 14 projects totaling \$60.5 million in grants to local governments and transit agencies.

Together, these projects will support an estimated 6,500 additional weekday trips in the I-66 corridor, saving 128,000 hours of travel time and reducing fuel costs for commuters by \$3 million each year.

#### **Arlington County**

- Ballston-MU Station--**New** West Entrance

- ART Route 55: East Falls Church Station to Rosslyn Station—**More Frequent** Service

### **Fairfax County**

- Fairfax Connector Route 598: Reston to the Pentagon Express Service —Continued Service
- Fairfax Connector Route 697: Stringfellow Road Park-and-Ride to L’Enfant Plaza Express Service—Continued and **More Frequent** Service
- Fairfax Connector Route 698: Stringfellow Road Park-and-Ride to the Pentagon Express Service—Continued Service
- Route 699: Monument Drive Park-And-Ride to Downtown Washington D.C. Express Service—Continued and **More Frequent** Service

### **Loudoun County**

- Leesburg Park-and-Ride to Downtown Washington, D.C.--**New** Service
- Route 281/681: Stone Ridge Park-and-Ride to Downtown Washington, D.C. Enhanced Service—Continued Service
- Route 483/883: Harmony Park-and-Ride to Downtown Washington, D.C. Enhanced Service—Continued Service
- Gainesville to Central/Northeast D.C.--**New** Express Service
- Route 612: Gainesville to Pentagon/Navy Yard Express Service —Continued Service
- Route 622: Haymarket to Rosslyn Express Service—Continued Service

### **Metro**

- Route A6X: Dunn Loring to the Pentagon--**New** Limited-Stop Service
- Route F2X: Spring Hill Station to West Alexandria--**New** Limited-Stop Service

### **Omniride**

- Gainesville to Central/Northeast D.C.--**New** Express Service
- Route 612: Gainesville to Pentagon/Navy Yard Express Service —Continued Service
- Route 622: Haymarket to Rosslyn Express Service—Continued Service

“As we celebrate 10 years of the Commuter Choice program, NVTC and the Commonwealth of Virginia continue to make smart investments in projects that improve commuting in Northern Virginia,” said NVTC Chair Sarah Bagley. “Projects funded through Commuter Choice make it easier for people to leave their cars behind, save money and reduce travel stress.”

“For more than a decade the Commuter Choice program has funded increased mobility options for millions of commuters enabling them to forgo the solo drive to work,” shared Mariia Zimmerman, Director of Virginia's Department of Rail and Public Transportation. “Projects funded through Commuter Choice help to take cars off of already congested interstates and provide safe, affordable and reliable transit service in Northern Virginia.”

Funding from the I-66 Commuter Choice FY 2027-2028 Program of Projects will be available to award recipients starting July 1, 2026. Find out more about the Commuter

Choice program and funded projects at [novatransit.org/cc](https://novatransit.org/cc).

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### **About NVTC**

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), Metro and the Virginia Railway Express. Visit [NoVaTransit.org](https://NoVaTransit.org) to learn more.

### **About Commuter Choice**

Commuter Choice is a partnership of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The program invests toll revenues from the I-66 and I-395/95 expressway corridors in Northern Virginia into transit and multimodal projects that benefit their respective corridor's toll road users. Commuter Choice aims to improve the lives of Northern Virginians by supporting the regional economy, increasing mobility options, and reducing congestion and emissions.

### **About DRPT**

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