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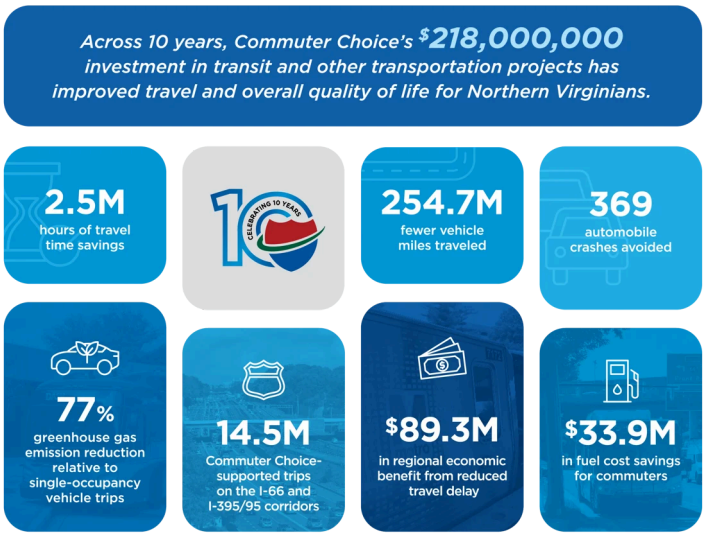
NVTC TO MARK 10 YEARS OF INVESTMENT IN NOVA TRANSIT PROJECTS
Commissioners will also hear next steps for bus priority on Route 7

Arlington, Va. - The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission will review the results of 10 years of investments in public transit and other transportation projects in Northern Virginia and consider next steps to prioritize high-quality bus service on Route 7 at its monthly meeting this Thursday.

10 Years of Commuter Choice with $218 million invested

The Commission will be asked to approve the Commuter Choice Annual Report, marking 10 years of the program that reinvests toll revenue into projects that move more people through Northern Virginia's two most congested traffic corridors. In that decade, the Commuter Choice program has invested $218 million in transit and other transportation projects.

The report features a timeline graphic showcasing key program milestones since 2016, and it identifies continued strong ridership, with the 32 active I-66 and I-395/95 corridor projects providing an average of over 76,000 trips each workweek in spring 2026. The report also includes detailed data on the benefits Commuter Choice-funded projects have had on Northern Virginia's mobility, economy and quality of life over the past 10 years.



Virginia law requires submission of the annual report by October 31 each year.

Next Steps for Envision Route 7

Staff will brief Commissioners on the state of Envision Route 7, a planned bus rapid transit (BRT) route connecting Tysons and the Mark Center/Southern Towers in Alexandria. NVTC, in partnership with Fairfax County, has completed studying the entire corridor for impacts to traffic if bus lanes are added to the road. Each city and county must now choose how it wants to move forward.

The most recent study focusing on Route 7 from Seven Corners to Alexandria found that regional growth will lead to increased travel times for all vehicles using Route 7 in

2050 and that bus service along the corridor will need to increase if bus lanes are implemented.

NVTV remains engaged with the Commonwealth and local government partners on ways to implement bus priority measures along Route 7.

Meeting Time and Location

The Commission Meeting will be held Thursday, October 1 at 7 p.m. in the first floor conference room at 2300 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22201. The meeting will be streamed live on YouTube. Full meeting materials are available online. We are accepting public comment on the meeting agenda until 3 p.m. on Thursday. Complete the online form to share your feedback.

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