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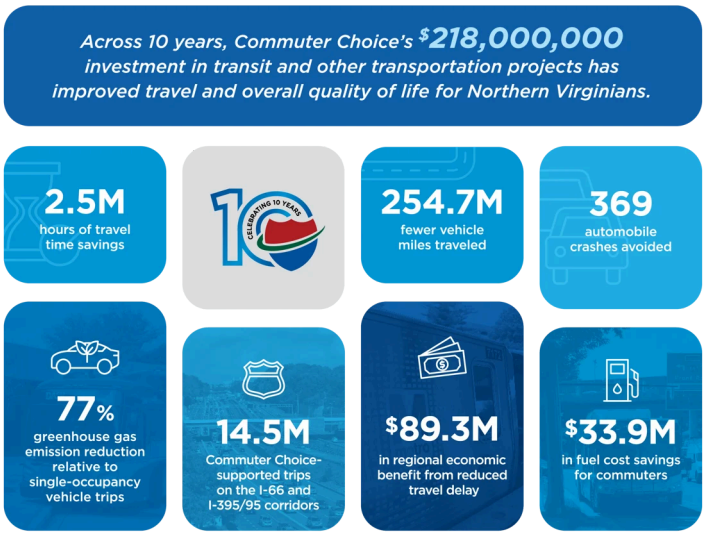
NVTC's Commuter Choice program reaches $218 million in regional investment

Commuter Choice grants save time and money while reducing vehicle miles

Arlington, Va. - The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission's Commuter Choice program has invested $218 million into the region since its founding 10 years ago. The money goes toward transit and other transportation projects improving travel and the overall quality of life for Northern Virginians.

These findings are found in the 2026 edition of the Commuter Choice Annual Report. Commuter Choice, a trailblazing, innovative and competitive grant program, reinvests Express Lanes toll revenues in public transit and other transportation improvements along the I-66 and I-395/95 corridors in Northern Virginia. Each year, the Commuter Choice Annual Report calculates the cumulative benefits of the projects funded by the program. In FY 2026 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026), active Commuter Choice projects supported over 76,000 passenger trips in the I-395/95 and I-66 Corridors each work week.



Commuter Choice has provided money for bus service, purchasing new buses, building and expanding park-and-ride lots, improving and expanding train stations, bikeshare and trail access across six counties and six cities. These improvements serve riders from Arlington to Spotsylvania, from Dulles to the Pentagon and beyond.

NVTC also manages a Commuter Choice Project Explorer, which allows users to see an interactive map of funded projects. The Commission formally adopted the report October 1 and submitted it to the Commonwealth Transportation Board by October 31, as required by law.

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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 to learn more.

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