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### **COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD APPROVES COMMUTER CHOICE PROJECTS FOR I-66 CORRIDOR**

**Projects designed to move 500 more people each day**

Arlington, Va. - This morning the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) gave final approval to three [projects](#) designed to move an additional 500 people through the I-66 corridor each day. The projects, part of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission's Commuter Choice program, total \$5.8 million dollars and include new transit services and new commuter incentives.

The projects improve connections between five activity centers in Virginia and the District of Columbia and expand the options and incentives for commuters into and through the I-66 Inside the Beltway Corridor to return to transit and vanpooling. They were selected through a competitive application process and include:

- I-66 corridor vanpool parking benefit | OmniRide | \$85,000
- New bus service from Reston South to Crystal City | Fairfax County | \$5,110,800
- Fare buy down on bus service from Reston North to Crystal City | Fairfax County | \$154,500

#### **Project Details**

##### *TDM Strategy – I-66 Corridor Vanpool Parking Benefit*

OmniRide (\$85,000)

This project supports a new transportation demand management (TDM) strategy to encourage vanpooling by offsetting expensive parking rates in major employment areas. The Vanpool Alliance plans to provide a \$200 a month incentive payment to newly formed, eligible vanpools that travel along the I-66 Corridor into Arlington and Washington, D.C. The grant would support the TDM strategy for up to two years.

##### *New Bus Service from Reston South to Crystal City*

Fairfax County (\$5,110,800)

Commuter Choice funding would support two years of operating costs for express bus service between the Reston South Park and Ride lot and employment areas in Arlington, namely the Pentagon, Pentagon City and Crystal City. Funds would also support the purchase of six buses to operate the 10 morning and 10 evening peak direction trips.

##### *TDM Strategy – Fare Buy Down on Bus Service from Reston North to Crystal City*

Fairfax County (\$154,500)

This project supports a TDM strategy to subsidize the fare of the Fairfax Connector express bus service between the Reston North Park and Ride and several stops in Arlington County, including the Pentagon, Pentagon City and Crystal City. The fare for this route is currently \$7.50. Commuter Choice funds would reduce the fare to \$4.25, aligning the value with other express bus services offered by Fairfax Connector.

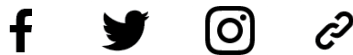
#### **About Commuter Choice**

[Commuter Choice](#) invests toll revenues in public transit and other multimodal projects along two expressway corridors, I-66 and I-395/95, in Northern Virginia. A partnership between the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and the Commonwealth of Virginia, Commuter Choice, improves the reliability and efficiency of commuting along some of the most congested interstate corridors in the nation. By offering more options, toll road users and transit riders can choose the mode that gets them to the places that they want to go. Projects are selected through a competitive process that considers a project's ability to: move more people, support diverse travel choices and enhance transportation safety and travel reliability.

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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), WMATA (Metrorail/Metrobus) and the Virginia Railway Express. Visit [NoVaTransit.org](http://NoVaTransit.org) or call 703-524-3322 to learn more.*

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