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## NVTC Encourages Public to Weigh In on Inaugural Commuter Choice Program

### *I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program Will Conduct Public Comment Period from August 4 to September 6*

**Arlington, VA** — The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) announces the opening of the public comment period for the [inaugural I-395/95 Commuter Choice program](#), an innovative program led by NVTC that uses a portion of the revenues from the dynamic tolling extension on I-395/95 and returns the investment to toll payers by funding transit and multimodal projects. The Commuter Choice program provides grants through a competitive process and is a joint effort of NVTC and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC).

Demonstrating an urgent need for transit and multimodal projects to reduce congestion in the busy corridor, NVTC received \$30.8 million in funding requests for the initial grant cycle and is expected to fund a \$22 million program. "Transit vehicles carry 12% of the 65,000 people moving through the I-395/95 corridor each morning," said Joint Commission Working Group Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay, "NVTC is adding more transit by increasing travel options, by easing some of the congestion and by ensuring effective, local use of toll payer investments." Approved projects will improve the efficiency and reliability of travel by resourcefully moving more people.

Project applications were received from the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), OmniRide, the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William and Stafford; and the cities of Alexandria and Fredericksburg. The transit and multimodal projects stretch across

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-Jeffrey C. McKay  
Chairman  
Joint Commission  
Working Group

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categories including new and enhanced bus routes, transportation demand management programs and expanded access to Metrorail and VRE stations.

NVTC requests feedback on the proposed projects beginning on August 4, 2019, and continuing until 5 p.m. on September 6, 2019. On August 4, NVTC will publish project details with route maps and technical evaluations on the organization's [website](#). Each evaluation assesses the project's capacity to move more people and provide options that improve mobility, safety and travel time reliability. The inaugural program also considers the project's readiness when tolling begins in late October.

NVTC encourages people who travel along the I-395/95 corridor to provide comments beginning on August 4, 2019, by using a web form on [www.novatransit.org/FY20comments](http://www.novatransit.org/FY20comments), by sending an email to [comment@commuterchoice.org](mailto:comment@commuterchoice.org) or by leaving a voicemail message at (703) 239-4719. NVTC and PRTC will also host public hearings during the public comment period.

The I-395/95 Commuter Choice program is a [partnership between the Commonwealth of Virginia, NVTC and PRTC](#). NVTC has granted funds for over 30 projects along the I-66 corridor and will bring the same transparency and accountability to the Commuter Choice program on the I-395/95 corridor.

*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 [www.NoVaTransit.org](http://www.NoVaTransit.org) or call 703-524-3322 to learn more.*

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