

I-395/95 Commuter Choice FY2020 Inaugural Program Call for Projects

Pursuant to the <u>I-395/95 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)</u> between the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC), the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), NVTC is issuing this call for projects to be funded under the I-395/95 Commuter Choice program. The selected projects will be funded using toll revenues from I-395 Express Lanes and will be included in the Commonwealth's FY2020 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP).

This call for projects details the purpose, funding source, application and project selection process, and technical evaluation criteria of the I-395/95 Commuter Choice program, as established by the MOA.

Purpose: The I-395/95 Commuter Choice program goals are to maximize person throughput and implement multimodal improvements that improve mobility, support new and diverse travel choices, and enhance transportation safety and travel reliability. This call for projects is issued to solicit projects from eligible jurisdictions and transit service providers that can achieve the improvement goals and will benefit toll users, with a focus on projects ready on Toll Day 1.

Funding Source: As a part of the agreement between <u>VDOT and 95 Express Lanes, LLC</u>, the Commonwealth secured an annual payment for transit services of \$15 million per year, escalating by 2.5 percent per year, beginning on the commencement of tolling through the life of the 70-year agreement. Approved by NVTC and PRTC at their November 2017 meetings, and by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) at its December 2017 meeting, the <u>I-395/95</u> <u>Memorandum of Agreement with NVTC and PRTC</u> allocates \$15 million/year plus escalation to NVTC and PRTC to fund multimodal projects along the I-395/95 Express Lanes Corridor.

Project Application: Applications will be accepted for submission on April 5, 2019. All applications for funding must be submitted no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 15, 2019. Applications received after that time will not be considered. Partially completed applications may be deemed ineligible.

Applicants submitting multiple projects are required to prepare separate applications for each project. All applications must be submitted online through the application link at the following website: <u>http://www.novatransit.org/programs/commuterchoice/i395-95commuterchoice/</u>

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