



FY2025 Commuter Choice Project Status Summaries

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New or Enhanced Bus Service Projects

Commuter Choice funds the operation of new local and commuter bus routes and the incremental costs of improvements, such as more frequent service or route extensions, to routes that were already in place. The routes bring commuters into and through the I-66 Inside the Beltway or I-395/95 corridors.

The program supports up to 24 months of operations at a time, after which services must successfully re-compete for funding to continue with Commuter Choice support.

1 ARLINGTON COUNTY

Metrobus A40: Columbia Pike – National Landing

Funding: \$5,000,000

I-395/95 FY 2024-2025 Program of Projects

Project Description

Supports 24 months of enhanced local bus service with buses arriving every 6 minutes during weekday peak periods on Metrobus route A40 (previously the 16M) between Skyline Towers and Crystal City. Frequent bus service along the corridor has improved connections between the Columbia Pike corridor, Pentagon City and new commercial developments in Crystal City.

Project Status

WMATA began enhanced service on Metrobus route A40 with launch of the Better Bus Network in June 2025.

2 ARLINGTON COUNTY

ART 75: Shirlington to Virginia Square

Funding: \$397,160

I-395/95 FY 2024-2025 Program of Projects

Project Description

Supports expanded peak-period, peak-direction service on the ART 75 bus route, reducing headways from every 30 minutes to every 20 minutes. The ART 75 links Shirlington with the Virginia Square-GMU and Ballston-MU Stations. The expanded service fosters more convenient connections with the Orange and Silver Lines as well as other ART and Metrobus routes paralleling I-66.

Project Status

Arlington County is working to implement enhanced service on ART route 75 beginning in late 2025/early 2026.

3 CITY OF ALEXANDRIA/DASH

Line 35: Van Dorn Metro to the Pentagon

Funding: \$16,046,000

I-395/95 FY 2020-2021, I-395/95 FY 2022-2023 and FY 2024-2025 Program of Projects

Project Description

Supports enhanced bus service, operating every 10 minutes all day on weekdays and every 15 minutes all day on weekends, between Alexandria's West End and the Pentagon via the 395 Express Lanes. Line 35, which serves key destinations along the I-395 corridor including the Landmark Transit Center, Mark Center and Pentagon, is DASH's top performing route. Commuter Choice has supported enhanced bus service on the route, upgrades to transit signal priority equipment, the installation of real-time information signs at several high-ridership bus stops and has purchased two electric buses for deployment on the route.

Project Status

Commuter Choice funding has enabled enhanced service on the route (and its predecessor, the AT-1 route) for over 5 years. Line 35 is DASH's top performing route, with average daily ridership in April 2025 reaching nearly 4,200 riders.

4 CITY OF ALEXANDRIA/DASH

Line 36: Mark Center to Potomac Yard

Funding: \$9,373,000

I-395/95 FY 2020-2021, I-395/95 FY 2022-2023 and FY 2024-2025 Program of Projects

Project Description

Supports enhanced bus service, operating every 15 minutes all day, seven days per week, between the Mark Center, Shirlington and Potomac Yard. DASH Line 36 provides connections to key destinations in the region including the INOVA hospital, Virginia Tech Innovation Center and the Potomac Yard-VT Metro Station. Commuter Choice has supported enhanced bus service on the route and the installation of real-time information signs at several high-ridership bus stops.

Project Status

Commuter Choice funding has enabled enhanced service on the route (and its predecessor, the AT-9 route) for over 5 years, and the route averaged 2,400 riders per day in April 2025.

5 FAIRFAX COUNTY

Connector Route 371: Lorton to Franconia-Springfield Station

Funding: \$2,496,529

I-395/95 FY 2022-2023 Program of Projects

Project Description

Shortens headways to every 15 minutes on weekdays on the Fairfax Connector Route 371, which operates between the Lorton Park and Ride lot and the Franconia-Springfield Metrorail Station. Commuter Choice funding supports two years of enhanced operations, the purchase of one bus and the expansion of Capital Bikeshare to the Franconia-Springfield area with four new stations.

Project Status

Enhanced service on the route began in September 2024. The County has completed installation of the four new Capital Bikeshare stations in the Franconia-Springfield area, providing enhanced last-mile connections for

commuters. Enhanced service on the route has led to strong ridership growth, with average daily ridership on the route in spring 2025 nearly 29% higher compared to the same period in 2024.

6 FAIRFAX COUNTY

Connector Route 396: Backlick Pentagon Express

Funding: \$6,677,818

I-395/95 FY 2020-2021, FY 2022-2023 and FY 2024-2025 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Created and supports direct Fairfax Connector peak-period express bus service operating every 15 to 20 minutes via the 395 Express Lanes between the Backlick North Park and Ride lot, Springfield CBC Commuter Garage and the Pentagon. Commuter Choice has funded operation of the new route for over five years and the purchase of four buses to enable the new service.

Project Status

Route 396 began operation in January 2020 thanks to Commuter Choice funding. The route saw a significant jump in ridership in spring 2025, averaging nearly 1,000 daily riders in March 2025.

7 FAIRFAX COUNTY

Connector Route 598: Reston South – Pentagon – Crystal City

Funding: \$5,110,800

I-66 FY 2022 Program of Projects

Project Description

Created and supports new express bus service between the Reston South Park and Ride lot and employment areas in Arlington including the Pentagon, Pentagon City and Crystal City. Funds also supported the purchase of six buses to operate the additional peak-period peak-direction trips.

Project Status

Service began on Route 598 in June 2024 with 10 daily round trips thanks to Commuter Choice funding. The route averaged 261 daily riders in March 2025.

8 FAIRFAX COUNTY

Connector Route 697: Stringfellow Road – D Street SW D.C.

Funding: \$6,456,488

I-66 FY 2020 and FY 2025-2026 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Created and supports the operation of Fairfax Connector Route 697, running every 20 minutes during peak periods between the Stringfellow Road Park-and-Ride Lot and Washington, D.C. Commuter Choice funding also enabled the purchase of six buses for deployment on the route. The route offers convenient service with 10 morning and 10 afternoon trips between western Fairfax County and major employment centers near the National Mall and L’Enfant Plaza.

Project Status

Service began on Route 697 in August 2020 thanks to Commuter Choice funding and reported strong ridership in March 2025, averaging over 500 riders per day.

9 FAIRFAX COUNTY

Connector Route 698: Stringfellow Road – Vienna - Pentagon

Funding: \$6,191,521

I-66 FY 2019, FY 2023-2024 and FY 2025-2026 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Created and supports the operation of Fairfax Connector Route 698, which links the Stringfellow Road Park and Ride, Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Metro Station and the Pentagon. Commuter Choice funding also purchased four buses for deployment on the route.

Project Status

Route 698 began service in January 2019 thanks to Commuter Choice. Ridership on the route surged in spring 2025, averaging almost 600 daily riders, nearly double the average daily ridership compared to the year prior.

10 FAIRFAX COUNTY

Connector Route 699: Monument Drive Transit Center – Downtown D.C.

Funding: \$4,531,944

I-66 FY 2020 and FY 2025-2026 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Created and supports the operation of Fairfax Connector Route 699, which provides a direct connection every 15 minutes during peak-periods between western Fairfax County and key employment destinations in Washington, D.C, including the Foggy Bottom area. The route's origin was relocated from Fairfax County Government to the Monument Drive Transit Center in 2024.

Project Status

Route 699 began service in December 2017 thanks to Commuter Choice funding. The route saw large ridership gains in spring 2025, averaging 776 daily riders.

11 LOUDOUN COUNTY

Route 281/681: Stone Rodge Park-and-Ride to Downtown Washington, D.C.

Funding: \$3,025,980

I-66 FY 2017-2018, FY 2020, and FY 2025-2026 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Supports the continued operation of two peak-period express trips in each direction from the Dulles South (Stone Ridge II) and East Gate Park-and Ride Lots and downtown Washington.

Project Status

Commuter Choice funding has supported the two additional trips on the route since 2017. Ridership on the Commuter Choice funded trips surged in spring 2025, with average daily ridership 53% higher compared to the same period in 2024.

12 LOUDOUN COUNTY

Route 483/883: Harmony Park-and-Ride to Downtown Washington, D.C.

Funding: \$1,230,482

I-66 FY 2020 and FY 2025-2026 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Supports the continued operation of a peak-period express trip in each direction from the Harmony Park-and-Ride Lot in western Loudoun County and downtown Washington, D.C.

Project Status

Commuter Choice funding has supported an additional trip on the route since 2017. Ridership on the Commuter Choice funded trip surged in spring 2025, averaging 80 daily riders.

13 OMNIRIDE

Route 612: Gainesville to the Pentagon

Funding: \$10,974,274

I-66 FY 2017-2018, FY 2020, FY 2021, FY 2023-2024, and FY 2025-2026 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Established and continues support of commuter bus service that connects residents in Gainesville, a rapidly growing community, to the Pentagon and Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. In addition to supporting the bus service, Commuter Choice has funded the purchase of four new buses deployed on the route.

Project Status

The route, which began service in December 2016 thanks to Commuter Choice funding, continues to be one of OmniRide's most successful routes. Average weekday ridership was 627 in April 2025, a 21% increase compared to the same period in 2024.

14 OMNIRIDE

Route 622: Haymarket to Rosslyn

Funding \$3,482,629

I-66 FY 2020, FY 2021, FY 2023-2024, and FY 2025-2026 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Established and continues support of commuter bus service from the Haymarket Park and Ride lot, connecting commuters in Haymarket and Gainesville, to the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor. Additional points of interest include stops at the Ballston, Clarendon, Court House and Rosslyn Metrorail stations and the Arlington campus of George Mason University.

Project Status

The route, which began service in July 2019 thanks to Commuter Choice funding, continues to demonstrate ridership growth since its launch. Average weekday ridership was 282 in April 2025, a 92% increase compared to the same period in 2024.

15 OMNIRIDE

Route 1 Local: Quantico to Woodbridge Station

Funding: \$2,429,689

I-395/95 FY 2020-2021, FY 2022-2023 and FY 2024-2025 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Supports enhanced service on OmniRide's Route 52 (Route 1 Local) between Quantico and Woodbridge, serving Prince William County's major north-south spine and linking residential and retail areas while providing connections to the Woodbridge VRE Station.

Project Status

OmniRide implemented the Commuter Choice funded expanded service on the route in October 2019. As of April 2025, weekday ridership on the expansion trips averaged 139 riders.

16 OMNIRIDE

Prince William Metro Express: Dale City to Franconia-Springfield

Funding: \$1,668,854

I-395/95 FY 2020-2021, FY 2022-2023 and FY 2024-2025 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Supports enhanced peak-period service frequency to every 20 minutes on OmniRide's Route 95 (Prince William Metro Express), which connects the OmniRide Transit Center in Dale City with Potomac Mills Mall and the Franconia-Springfield Metro station.

Project Status

OmniRide implemented the Commuter Choice funded expanded service on the route in October 2019. As of April 2025, weekday ridership on the expansion trips averaged 166 riders.

17 OMNIRIDE

Route 942: Staffordboro to the Pentagon

Funding: \$5,838,999

I-395/95 FY 2020-2021, FY 2022-2023 and FY 2024-2025 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Established and continues support of commuter bus service between the Staffordboro Commuter Lot and the Pentagon. Commuter Choice funding also supported the purchase of four buses for deployment on the route.

Project Status

The route, which began service in November 2019 thanks to Commuter Choice funding, has shown tremendous ridership growth since its launch. Average weekday ridership was 444 in April 2025, a 43% increase compared to the same period in 2024.

18 OMNIRIDE

Route 943: Staffordboro to Downtown Washington, D.C.

Funding: \$5,562,949

I-395/95 FY 2020-2021, FY 2022-2023 and FY 2024-2025 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Established and continues support of commuter bus service between the Staffordboro Commuter Lot and major employment areas in downtown Washington D.C. including Metro Center, Archives, Smithsonian and L'Enfant Plaza. Commuter Choice funding also supported the purchase of four buses for deployment on the route.

Project Status

The route, which began service in November 2019 thanks to Commuter Choice funding, has shown strong ridership growth since its launch. Average weekday ridership was 346 in April 2025, a 30% increase compared to the same period in 2024.

19 OMNIRIDE

Route 972: Dale City to Ballston

Funding: \$848,057

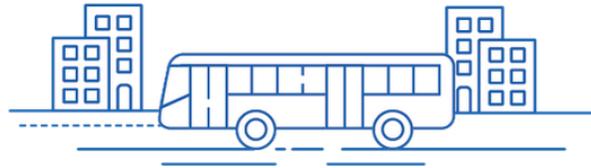
I-395/95 FY 2020-2021, FY 2022-2023 and FY 2024-2025 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Supports two additional morning and two evening trips on OmniRide's Route 972 from eastern Prince William County to employment areas in the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor and the Pentagon.

Project Status

Commuter Choice funding has supported additional service on the route since 2019. Ridership on the Commuter Choice funded expansion trips surged in spring 2025, with an average of 149 riders, an 82% increase compared to the same period in 2024.



Bus Capital Projects

Commuter Choice funds capital projects that allow bus service to move more people more efficiently in the I-66 and I-395/95 corridors. Bus capital projects include improvements to bus stops to enhance passenger comfort and safety, the purchase of new buses to meet ridership demands and the implementation of bus priority treatments such as dedicated lanes and signal priority.

20 CITY OF ALEXANDRIA/DASH

Line 35 Bus Fleet Capacity Expansion with Electric Buses: Van Dorn Street Station to the Pentagon

Funding: \$3,452,000

I-395/95 FY 2024-2025 Program of Projects

Project Description

Funds the purchase of two 60-foot electric buses that will be used exclusively on DASH’s Line 35. Line 35 experienced substantial ridership growth thanks in part to enhanced service funded by Commuter Choice, but even with buses arriving every 10 minutes on weekdays, the route experiences crowding. The buses allow DASH to meet ridership demands while advancing the agency’s transition to a fully electric bus fleet.

Project Status

The electric buses were delivered to DASH in spring 2025 and entered service shortly thereafter.

21 FAIRFAX COUNTY

Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit Implementation: Fort Belvoir to Huntington Station

Funding: \$10,000,000

I-395/95 FY 2024-2025 Program of Projects

Project Description

Supports the implementation of a seven-mile, nine-station bus rapid transit line operating in new median lanes along U.S. Route 1. The line will connect dense residential and commercial development between Fort Belvoir and Huntington Station with quick and reliable service thanks to dedicated median lanes and limited stops at new rail-like stations. The bus rapid transit line is one of several such lines planned for busy travel corridors in northern Virginia. Commuter Choice funding supports the acquisition of right-of-way needed for the project.

Project Status

Fairfax County continues to make progress on bringing the project to construction, including acquiring right-of-way, completing project design and obtaining funding commitments. In June 2024, the project was approved to enter the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program’s engineering phase. A second \$10 million funding award for the project was included in the I-395/95 Commuter Choice FY 2026-2027 Program of Projects.



Access to Transit Projects

Commuter Choice supports projects that improve pedestrian and bicycle access from residential areas to nearby transit stations, hubs and stops in the I-66 and I-395/95 corridors. Access to transit projects include the construction of new trails/paths, capital and operating expenses of bike share expansions and the installation of bicycle parking facilities at stations.

22 CITY OF FAIRFAX

Bike Share Implementation

Funding: \$460,000

I-66 FY 2021 Program of Projects

Project Description

Supports the addition of four bike share stations in the City of Fairfax within the two-mile ‘bike shed’ of the Vienna Metrorail station. The stations will help residents and visitors connect to Metrorail, commuter buses and regional trails and add to the extensive Capital Bikeshare network in the area. Commuter Choice supports the purchase, installation and operation of new bike share locations.

Project Status

The City of Fairfax completed installation of the four additional bike share stations as part of a 10-station expansion. The stations entered service in November 2023. The City has undertaken marketing efforts in 2024 and 2025 in support of the stations.

23 FAIRFAX COUNTY

Trail Access to Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Station

Funding: \$2,200,000

I-66 FY 2023-2024 Program of Projects

Project Description

Commuter Choice is funding design and right-of-way acquisition for a nearly one-mile segment of the I-66 Trail between the Nutley Street interchange at the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Station and Blake Lane. The I-66 Trail is a bicycling and walking path that will parallel I-66 between Centreville and the I-495 Beltway and connect several other on-and off-street paths in Fairfax County. The trail will create a safe, attractive route to Metrorail for pedestrians and cyclists in the area.

Project Status

The project has completed design and is currently in the right-of-way acquisition phase. Construction is scheduled for 2027.

24 FAIRFAX COUNTY

Fairfax Centre Bikeshare Expansion

Funding: \$510,000

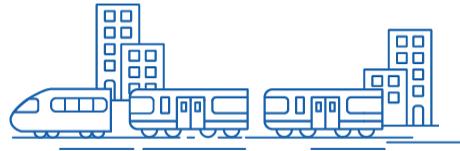
I-66 FY 2025-2026 Program of Projects

Project Description

Supports the installation of 18 Capital Bikeshare stations near I-66 between I-495 and the Fairfax Centre shopping center at the U.S. 29/U.S. 50 junction. The stations will fill gaps in the existing Capital Bikeshare network near Dunn Loring-Merrifield and Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Stations and extend the network west to enhance access to the Monument Drive Park-and-Ride. The project will also leverage recent nearby Commuter Choice-funded bikeshare expansions.

Project Status

Fairfax County recently identified preferred locations for the new stations and will undertake public outreach in fall 2025 to gain public feedback on those locations.



Rail Capital Projects

Commuter Choice supports rail capital improvements to Metro and/or VRE facilities, including new station entrances, access enhancements and other projects that contribute to moving more people along the I-66 Inside the Beltway and I-395/95 corridors.

25 ARLINGTON COUNTY

Ballston-MU Metrorail West Entrance

Funding: \$4,500,000

I-66 FY 2023-2024 Program of Projects

Project Description

Supports the construction of a second entrance to Ballston-MU Station at the intersection of North Fairfax Drive and North Vermont Street in Arlington. The proposed second entrance, which will be nearly a quarter-mile west of the existing entrance, will shorten the walk for commuters in a transit-oriented area with ongoing high-density, walkable redevelopment and add bus stops to facilitate smooth transfers.

Project Status

Design of the new west entrance is in progress the County recently issued an RFP for Design-Build services.

26 FAIRFAX COUNTY

McLean Metro Station North Entrance

Funding: \$1,000,000

I-66 FY 2021 Program of Projects

Project Description

Supports the addition of a second entrance to the McLean Metrorail Station, reducing the time needed to access the station from the north. With up to 2,000 prospective residents moving into the redeveloping area north of the current station, this project will create a shorter, more convenient walk to the Metro and increase its visibility.

Project Status

Construction of the second entrance is complete though the entrance is not yet open for use, as Capital One is undertaking construction on a nearby building that has been delayed.

27 CITY OF MANASSAS PARK

Manassas Park VRE Station Parking Garage

Funding: \$2,500,000

I-66 FY 2023-2024 Program of Projects

Project Description

Supports the construction of a parking garage at the Manassas Park VRE Station. The garage will primarily provide additional parking capacity to meet long term VRE ridership demand, though it will also help to support the master-planned Village at Manassas Park mixed-use development underway around the station, which includes over 800 new residential units.

Project Status

Construction of the garage will be complete in fall 2025.

28 VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS (VRE)

Crystal City Station Expansion

Funding: \$18,786,281

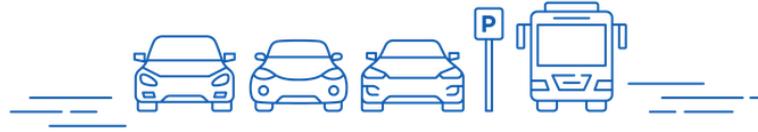
I-395 FY 2024-2025 and I-66 FY 2025-2026 Program of Projects

Project Description

Relocates and expands the Crystal City commuter rail station to enable the simultaneous boarding of two full-length trains and support potential future Amtrak service at the station. The station expansion advances Commonwealth plans for expanded rail service in the corridor between Richmond, Fredericksburg and Washington, D.C., and helps to anchor the Crystal City/National Landing area's redevelopment.

Project Status

Final design for the project is nearly complete.



Park-and-Ride Lot Projects

Commuter Choice supports projects that construct or enhance park-and-ride lots with the ability to serve I-66 Inside the Beltway and I-395/95 commuters. These park-and-ride lots support transit operations and TDM strategies such as express bus service, vanpool and carpool.

29 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

Horner Road Park and Ride Lot Expansion

Funding: \$2,800,000

I-395/95 FY 2022-2023 Program of Projects

Project Description

Constructs an additional 100 parking spaces at the Horner Road commuter lot through new construction and the reconfiguration of existing facilities, including improved access for pedestrians. The project will support ridership growth on several OmniRide bus services as well as traditional carpooling.

Project Status

Construction on the Lot expansion is underway and is expected to be completed in 2026.



Transportation Demand Management Projects

Commuter Choice supports projects that reduce drive-alone commute trips in the I-66 and I-395/95 corridors through incentives to commuters to entice changes in travel behavior. Although transportation demand management (TDM) is a distinct project type, projects included in other categories may incorporate TDM elements, such as an introductory fare-free period at the start of a new bus service

30 OMNIRIDE

TDM Strategy - I-395/95 Corridor Vanpool Monthly Incentive

Funding: \$604,800

I-395/95 FY 2022-2023 Program of Projects

Project Description

Incentivizes the formation of new and returning vanpools that travel through the I-395/95 corridor. The project establishes general subsidies of up to \$400 per month and, if applicable, parking costs of up to \$200 per month for trips using the I-395 corridor, including those terminating in downtown Washington, D.C.

Project Status

The vanpool incentive program concluded at the end of June 2023 after 24 months. In Spring 2025, Vanpool Alliance reported a daily average of 114 vanpool riders from vans previously supported with Commuter Choice funding. NVTC is working with OmniRide to close out the project.

31 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

I-66 OmniRide Fare Buy-Down

Funding: \$1,650,000

I-66 FY 2023-2024, and FY 2025-2026 Program of Projects

Project Description

Supports a continuation of half fares on three OmniRide routes in Prince William County (601, 612, and 622). The fare buy-down campaign reduces the one-way fare from \$11 to \$5.50.

Project Status

The fare buy-down campaign began in July 2024 and ran through May 2025. NVTC is working with Prince William County to close out the project.

32 VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS (VRE)

Amtrak Step-Up Reinstatement on VRE Fredericksburg Line

Funding: \$1,477,065

I-395 FY 2024-2025 Program of Projects

Project Description

Reestablishes VRE's Amtrak Step-Up program on the Fredericksburg Line to again allow VRE multi-ride pass holders to travel between Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. on select peak and off-peak Amtrak Northeast Regional trains. Step-Up allows riders to acquire and use step-up tickets through VRE's mobile app. The project subsidizes VRE's payments to Amtrak for each step-up boarding for a period of 24 months.

Project Status

VRE has secured the necessary agreements to reinstate the Step-Up program and it is expected to launch in fall 2025.

33 VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS (VRE)

Amtrak Step-Up Reinstatement on VRE Manassas Line

Funding: \$537,420

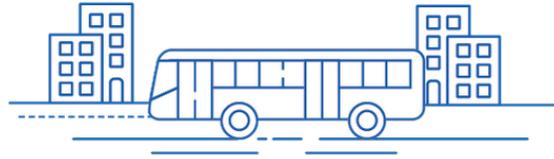
I-66 FY 2025-2026 Program of Projects

Project Description

Reestablishes VRE's Amtrak Step-Up program on the Manassas Line to again allow VRE multi-ride pass holders to travel between Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. on select peak and off-peak Amtrak Northeast Regional trains. Step-Up allows riders to acquire and use step-up tickets through VRE's mobile app. The project subsidizes VRE's payments to Amtrak for each step-up boarding for a period of 24 months.

Project Status

VRE has secured the necessary agreements to reinstate the Step-Up program and it is expected to launch in fall 2025.



Projects Beginning in FY 2026

I-395/95 Commuter Choice FY 2026-2027 Program of Projects – Approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in June 2025.

Funding Recipient	Project Title and Description	Funding Award
Fairfax County	<p>Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit Implementation: Fort Belvoir to Huntington Station</p> <p>Second funding installment of previously awarded \$20 million award to help fund the construction of a seven-mile, nine station bus rapid transit line operating in new median lanes along U.S. Route 1.</p>	\$10,000,000
OmniRide	<p>Dale City to Rosslyn-Ballston Enhanced Bus Service (<i>Continuation</i>)</p> <p>This project supports the continued operation of two morning and two evening trips operating from Dale City in Prince William County to the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor in Arlington County via the I-95/395 express lanes and the Pentagon.</p>	\$555,400
WMATA	<p>New Bus Service from Van Dorn Street Station to Downtown D.C. (Route A29)</p> <p>This project adds a new peak-only service (Route A29) between Van Dorn Street, Beauregard Street, Mark Center, Southern Towers, and Shirlington to Metro Center Station in Downtown Washington. It offers a new weekday peak commuting option in west Alexandria and south Arlington to access Washington without a transfer at the Pentagon at a 24-minute frequency during the morning and evening peak-periods on weekdays.</p>	\$2,357,200
OmniRide	<p>Staffordboro Commuter Lot to the Pentagon Enhanced Bus Service (<i>Continuation</i>)</p> <p>This project supports the continued operation of morning and evening commuter bus service between the Staffordboro Commuter Lot off of Route 610 in Stafford County and the Pentagon via the I-95/395 express lanes.</p>	\$1,972,700

DASH	<p>Line 35 (Van Dorn Metro to the Pentagon) Enhanced Bus Service (Continuation)</p> <p>This project supports the continuation of frequent, all-day service on DASH Line 35, which operates between Alexandria’s West End and the Pentagon via the I-395 Express Lanes. With this funding, Line 35 will continue to run every 10 minutes all day on weekdays and every 15 minutes all day on weekends.</p>	\$7,414,500
DASH	<p>Line 36 (Mark Center to Potomac Yard) Enhanced Bus Service (Continuation)</p> <p>This project supports the continuation of frequent, all-day service for DASH Line 36A/B, which operates between the Mark Center, Shirlington, and Potomac Yard. With this funding, Line 36A/B will continue to run every 15 minutes all day, seven days per week.</p>	\$4,388,500
OmniRide	<p>Route 1 Local Enhanced Bus Service (Continuation)</p> <p>This project supports continued morning and afternoon enhanced service for OmniRide’s Route 52 local, operating primarily on Route 1 in Prince William County between Dumfries and the Woodbridge VRE Station.</p>	\$677,700
OmniRide	<p>Prince William Metro Express Enhanced Bus Service (Continuation)</p> <p>This project supports continued morning and afternoon enhanced service for OmniRide’s Prince William Metro Express, which operates between Dale City in Prince William County, the Woodbridge VRE Station, and the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station.</p>	\$607,000
OmniRide	<p>Staffordboro Commuter Lot to Downtown D.C. Enhanced Bus Service (Continuation)</p> <p>This project supports the continued operation of morning and evening commuter bus service between the Staffordboro Commuter Lot off of Route 610 in Stafford County and Downtown Washington via the I95/395 express lanes.</p>	\$1,937,200
Arlington County	<p>Route 87 (Shirlington to the Pentagon) Enhanced Bus Service</p> <p>This project funds enhanced service on ART Route 87, which operates between the Shirlington Bus Station in Arlington and the Pentagon Metro Station on weekdays. Funding supports the consolidation of several route variants and increase headways in the morning and evening peak.</p>	\$475,000

WMATA	<p>Enhanced Bus Service from Landmark and Seminary Valley to the Pentagon (Route A25)</p> <p>This project supports enhanced service on Metro’s Route A25, a peak-period, peak direction route running from the Landmark Transit Center in Alexandria to the Pentagon. Currently, Metro plans on providing service at a 30-minute frequency; this funding will allow Metro to provide additional service at a 15-minute frequency.</p>	\$741,040
Fairfax County	<p>Route 396 (Backlick North Park and Ride to the Pentagon) Enhanced Bus Service (Continuation)</p> <p>This project supports the continued operation of Route 396, a peak-period, peak-direction commuter route which operates between the Backlick North Park and Ride Lot in Fairfax County and the Pentagon via the I-95/395 Express Lanes.</p>	\$1,958,651
Virginia Railway Express	<p>Leeland Road Station Improvement Project</p> <p>This project supports engineering/design activities to lengthen the existing Leeland Road VRE station platform by approximately 300 feet to provide simultaneous boarding at all doors of an eight-car train. Currently only five cars can service the platform at the Leeland Road Station.</p>	\$2,150,566
Fairfax County	<p>Route 321/322 (Greater Springfield Circulator) Enhanced Bus Service</p> <p>This project funds enhanced service on Fairfax Connector Route 321/322, “Greater Springfield Circulator,” improving headways from 30 minutes to 20 minutes. Route 321/322 runs in a loop, providing connections to the Franconia-Springfield Metro and VRE Stations, the Van Dorn Street Metro Station and the Springfield Community Business Center Multimodal facility.</p>	\$2,128,807
Fairfax County	<p>Route 371 (Lorton Park and Ride to Franconia-Springfield) Enhanced Bus Service (Continuation)</p> <p>This project supports continued funding for enhanced service on Route 371, which runs between the Lorton Park and Ride Lot in Fairfax County, the Lorton VRE Station and the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station. The route operates every 15 minutes during rush hour.</p>	\$2,142,197
Total Funding		\$39,506,461



Completed Projects

The following projects have been completed, closed out or cancelled.

ARLINGTON COUNTY

Commuter Store at the Pentagon Transit Center

Funding: \$211,962

I-395/95 FY 2020-2021 Program of Projects

Project Description

Funding supported 12 months of operations of Arlington County's Commuter Store at the Pentagon Transit Center, which provided travel information, sales and assistance to visitors, employees and commuters passing through the Transit Center's bus terminal.

Project Status

The Pentagon Commuter Store was open with Commuter Choice funding from January 2020 to January 2021, helping to serve essential travel needs during the pandemic.

ARLINGTON COUNTY

Enhanced Bus Service on Metrobus 3Y: Lee Highway-Farragut Square

Funding: \$1,040,000

I-66 FY 2020 Program of Projects

Project Description

Improved the peak-period frequency of Metrobus 3Y, a peak-direction route that operated between the East Falls Church Metro Station and downtown Washington, D.C. via U.S. 29. Commuter Choice was to support operation of expanded service for two years.

Project Status

The Metrobus 3Y service expansion operated between December 2019 and March 2020, with increased ridership over that period. The enhanced service did not resume post-pandemic and was closed out in 2023.

ARLINGTON COUNTY

Bus Stop Consolidation and Accessibility Improvements, Lee Highway and Washington Boulevard

Funding: \$462,000

I-66 FY 2017-2018 Program of Projects

Project Description

Replaced and retrofitted underutilized and closely spaced bus stops (approximately 30) along the Langston Boulevard and Washington Boulevard corridors with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant improvements to reduce travel times and attract new bus riders. Approximately 33 bus stops were retrofitted with bus stop pads, pedestrian facilities and added enhanced passenger amenities, including shelters, benches and new lighting fixtures. I-66 Commuter Choice funds supported capital costs related to the project.

Project Status

Arlington County completed improvements to 33 bus stops in the Langston Boulevard and Washington Boulevard corridors in fall 2020. Upgrades improvements included the addition of ADA-compliant passenger landing pads and pedestrian facilities such as enhanced sidewalks, curb ramps and crosswalks.

ARLINGTON COUNTY

Expanded TDM Outreach to the I-66 Corridor

Funding: \$2,050,000

I-66 FY 2017-2018, FY 2019 and FY 2020 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Expands Arlington County's transportation demand management (TDM) program, branded Commute66, and targets commuters bound for locations along the I-66 corridor inside the Beltway and Washington, D.C. to reduce single-occupant car trips through the corridor. Commuter Choice supported education, outreach and marketing activities, centered recently on vanpool formation and mode-shift incentives.

Project Status

Arlington County and NVTC amended the project's scope in June 2023 from a generalized TDM outreach and education campaign to a short-term peak-period, peak-direction free-fare campaign on Arlington Transit (ART) routes serving the I-66 corridor. The free-fare campaign concluded in 2024.

ARLINGTON COUNTY

U.S. 29 HOV and Bus-Only Lane in Rosslyn

Funding: \$710,000

I-66 FY 2021 Program of Projects

Project Description

This project would have established peak-period, peak-direction high-occupancy vehicle (HOV)/bus-only lanes on Langston Blvd. (U.S. 29) through pavement treatment, restriping and signage. The project's focus was a segment of Langston Blvd. between North Veitch Street and Rosslyn that carries up to 60 buses during the rush hour, including Arlington Transit (ART), Metrobus and Loudoun County Transit buses.

Project Status

Arlington County opted to cancel the project in spring 2023 due to significant traffic engineering requirements for repurposing a travel lane on a VDOT-owned roadway.

ARLINGTON COUNTY

Multimodal Real-Time Transportation Information Screens

Funding: \$250,000

I-66 FY 2017-2018 Program of Projects

Project Description

Multimodal real-time transportation screens, which provide dynamic information, were planned for Metrorail stations, high-utilization bus stops and residential and office buildings in the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor. I-66 Commuter Choice funds supported the purchase of screens and the first year of service costs.

Project Status

Arlington County concluded the project in early 2021 with 13 new screens out of a target of 50 installed and I-66 toll information added to 11 existing information screens in the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor. The County encountered challenges that were not anticipated at the time of application in finding hosts for the displays.

ARLINGTON COUNTY

Peak Period Service Expansion to Metrobus Route 2A, Washington Boulevard-Dunn Loring

Funding: \$1,000,000

I-66 FY 2017-2018 Program of Projects

Project Description

This project increased peak-period frequency on Metrobus Route 2A from every 15 minutes to every 10 minutes. The 2A operates on US 29 and Washington Boulevard, adjacent to I-66, and connects three jurisdictions with three Metrorail stations. I-66 Commuter Choice funds supported two years of operating costs for the expanded bus service.

Project Status

Support for this project, enabling 15-minute peak-period headways, ended in June 2019. Ridership on the Metrobus 2A route increased between spring 2018 and 2019 from approximately 2,100 weekday trips to nearly 2,300.

ARLINGTON COUNTY

Peak Period Service Expansion to ART Bus Route 55

Funding: \$450,000

I-66 FY 2017-2018 Program of Projects

Project Description

Buses were added to the ART 55 route to increase peak-period, peak-direction service and attract new riders along Langston Boulevard and connect commuters to the East Falls Church and Rosslyn Metrorail stations. I-66 Commuter Choice funds supported operating costs of expanded service for two years.

Project Status

Support for this project ended on June 30, 2019. Additional trips averaged nearly 200 weekday passengers. Arlington County continues to maintain the 12-minute peak-period service with other funding.

ARLINGTON COUNTY

I-66 Corridor Intelligent Transportation System Enhancements

Funding: \$400,000

I-66 FY 2019 Program of Projects

Project Description

Improved Arlington's real-time traffic monitoring system by enhancing the intelligent transportation systems infrastructure so the county can better respond to special events and incidents in the corridor. Also allowed Arlington to share video feeds and data easily with county residents and regional partners like the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and both the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT). I-66 Commuter Choice funds supported technology and equipment costs, including count stations, Bluetooth detectors and the installation of closed-circuit television (CCTV), and the costs to report and share data with partner agencies.

Project Status

Arlington County concluded the project after installing the intelligent transportation systems equipment. A platform for sharing the data was also developed as a part of the project.

ARLINGTON COUNTY

Traffic Management Center

Funding: \$400,000

I-66 FY 2019 Program of Projects

Project Description

As part of this project, upgrades to Arlington County's Traffic Management Center allowed the county to maximize its new intelligent transportation system (ITS) capabilities by centralizing data from field devices and responding to incidents as observed in real-time. I-66 Commuter Choice funds supported staff resources for the Traffic Management Center's monitoring and incident response for two years.

Project Status

Arlington County staffed the center during morning and afternoon peak-periods between February 2019 and September 2021, during which time incident data collection and incident management improved.

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

Expanded Transit Access, Bike Share

Funding: \$500,000

I-66 FY 2017-2018 Program of Projects

Project Description

Supported operations of Capital Bikeshare stations in the City of Falls Church, near the East Falls Church and the West Falls Church Metrorail stations. The bike share stations filled a gap in the regional bike share network, increased travel options and reduced demand on the local roadway network.

Project Status

Commuter Choice support for operations ended on June 30, 2022 and the project was closed out.

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

Metrobus Route 3T Extension and Service Expansion

Funding: \$845,754

I-66 FY 2019 Program of Projects

Project Description

The expanded 3T route offered bi-directional, peak period service with 24-minute headways and restored direct Metrobus service between West Falls Church-VT and East Falls Church Metrorail stations. I-66 Commuter Choice funds supported the route's extension and reduced headways.

Project Status

The extension operated between January 2019 and March 2020. Metro implemented more frequent service and a revised routing on the Metrobus 28A in September 2021 as part of its service restoration plans.

CITY OF MANASSAS

Bicycle Parking Improvements at Manassas VRE Station

Funding: \$55,000

I-66 FY 2019 Program of Projects

Project Description

Sheltered bike racks, up to 10 bicycle lockers and a bicycle repair stand were added to provide safe and convenient long-term bicycle parking, making bikes more attractive as a first- and last-mile option for Virginia Railway Express and Amtrak riders. I-66 Commuter Choice funds supported the acquisition and installation of bicycle racks, lockers and other amenities.

Project Status

The City of Manassas completed the project in October 2020, following the installation of a bicycle shelter and eight bicycle racks on the station platform and bicycle lockers and wayfinding signage inside the adjacent station garage.

CITY OF FAIRFAX

CUE Access and Technology Improvements

Funding: \$965,000

I-66 FY 2019 Program of Projects

Project Description

Installed shelters, benches, signage and real-time transit information displays at bus stops along the CUE system. The project included funding for a marketing campaign to increase awareness of CUE.

Project Status

Implementation of the bus stop improvements was completed in December 2023 with the installation of amenities such as shelters, lights, seating and real-time information signs at high-ridership CUE bus stops within the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County along with real-time information signs at the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Station.

FAIRFAX COUNTY

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

Funding: \$154,500

I-66 FY 2022 Program of Projects

Project Description

Supports a TDM strategy to reduce 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. Prior to Commuter Choice funding, the fare for the route was \$7.50. Commuter Choice funds are reducing the fare to \$4.25, the same as on other Fairfax Connector express bus services.

Project Status

Daily ridership along Route 599 grew by 94 trips between the October 2022 start of the fare buy-down and spring 2023, exceeding performance targets. The fare buy-down campaign ended in August 2023.

FAIRFAX COUNTY

I-66 Corridor Vienna/Merrifield Bike Share Expansion

Funding: \$497,100

I-66 FY 2019 Program of Projects

Project Description

Added 10 new bike share stations, connecting residents to the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU and Dunn Loring-Merrifield Metrorail stations and regional trails.

Project Status

Fairfax County completed installation in December 2023 of the 10 new bikeshare stations that provide enhanced connections for area residents to the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU and Dunn Loring Metrorail stations.

CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

FXBGO! Route VS3: Route 208 Commuter Lot to Fredericksburg Station

Funding: \$1,218,800

I-395/95 FY 2022-2023 Program of Projects

Project Description

Created and supported two years of non-stop bus service between the Route 208 Park and Ride lot in northeastern Spotsylvania County and the Fredericksburg Virginia Railway Express (VRE) station. The project included the purchase of two small buses, upgraded bus stop amenities and bicycle parking, providing better access to transit and mobility options for commuters.

Project Status

Improvements to the Route 208 Park and Ride lot were completed in coordination VDOT. The bus service operated from July to December 2024 and was cancelled due to low ridership.

LOUDOUN COUNTY

Loudoun County Transit Metro Connection Route 88X Extension to Dulles South

Funding: \$1,706,040

I-66 FY 2019 Program of Projects

Project Description

Extended Loudoun County Transit's 88X service to a new western terminus in the Dulles South area and maintains 28-minute headways to the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail station during peak periods. Commuter Choice supported operation of an additional bus on the route that allowed for the route extension.

Project Status

Loudoun County operated expanded service on Route 88X between November 2018 and March 2020, after which demand did not support the restoration of expanded service. Loudoun County closed out the Commuter Choice project in May 2022.

LOUDOUN COUNTY

Loudoun County Transit Metro Connection from New Purcellville Park and Ride

Funding: \$1,774,990

I-66 FY 2019 and FY 2021 Programs of Projects

Project Description

Established a new bus service that connected riders from the Purcellville Park and Ride lot directly to the Silver Line. Commuter Choice funded approximately four years of the route's operation. Commuter Choice also funded the lease of the park-and-ride lot until Loudoun County purchased it in late 2021.

Project Status

Loudoun County implemented several revisions to the routing and frequency after the pandemic that ultimately did not result in significant ridership on the route. The County opted against pursuing continued operating support for the service in future I-66 Commuter Choice calls for projects.

LOUDOUN COUNTY

New Bus Service from Stone Ridge to Pentagon

Funding: \$1,257,226

I-66 FY 2020 Program of Projects

Project Description

Creates an express bus connection from the Stone Ridge II Park and Ride lot to the Pentagon, where riders can access multiple Metrorail lines, other regional bus providers and government shuttle routes. The route features two morning and two evening peak-direction trips. Commuter Choice also funded the purchase of one bus for deployment on the route.

Project Status

The route began operation in August 2021 and Commuter Choice funding support concluded in mid-2023. The route did not garner significant ridership and Loudoun County opted against pursuing continued operating support in future I-66 Commuter Choice calls for projects.

LOUDOUN COUNTY

Transportation Demand Management

Funding: \$623,000

I-66 FY 2017-2018 Program of Projects

Project Description

Expanded a transportation demand management (TDM) program, called I SHARE 66, and provided incentives to Loudoun County residents – such as reduced fares on express buses into D.C. or to Metrorail stations, a SmarTrip® card promotion for new transit riders and financial rewards for new carpools and vanpools. I-66 Commuter Choice funds supported program marketing and commuter incentives.

Project Status

The I SHARE 66 program supported over 190,000 fare-free Loudoun Metro Connection transit rides, established a vanpool and numerous carpools and offered complimentary SmarTrip® cards for new commuter bus riders.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION (NVRC)

New TDM Outreach Campaign for Military Facilities

Funding: \$396,184

I-395/95 FY 2020-2021 Program of Projects

Project Description

Provided outreach, marketing and educational services to specifically foster ridesharing and transit use by the 115,000 personnel working at local military bases, including Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall, Fort Belvoir/Fort Belvoir North and Marine Corps Base Quantico. Funds from Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 corridor supported staffing and incentives for outreach to military facilities around increasing ridesharing and transit use.

Project Status

NVRC faced significant challenges implementing an effective TDM effort with military bases along the corridor, in part due to limited access to the facilities during the pandemic, and decided to close out the project early. The project was closed out in January 2023.

OMNIRIDE

Enhanced Bus Service from Gainesville to DC

Funding: \$1,519,100

I-66 FY 2020 Program of Projects

Project Description

Added two morning and two evening peak-direction buses between the Gainesville Commuter Lot and major employment areas in Washington, D.C., including the State Department, the World Bank and the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. Commuter Choice funds also supported the purchase of two buses for deployment on the route.

Project Status

Commuter Choice funding support for additional trips on OmniRide's Route 611 lapsed in late 2022. Route 611 continues to operate with some certain trips beginning in Front Royal and others beginning at the University Lot in Gainesville.

OMNIRIDE

OmniRide Linton Hall Metro Direct Bus Service Enhancement

Funding: \$134,200

I-66 FY 2019 Program of Projects

Project Description

Increased service (one additional AM peak-period and PM peak-period trip) on OmniRide's Metro Direct route between Linton Hall and the Tysons Corner Metrorail station to serve more riders during I-66 construction and support transit and transportation demand management plans. I-66 Commuter Choice funds supported transit operating costs of additional trips for two years.

Project Status

The additional trips began operating in July 2019 and project support concluded at the end of 2021. Half-fare subsidies from the Virginia Department of Transportation during I-66 Outside the Beltway construction helped boost ridership in the first several months of service.

OMNIRIDE

On-Demand Commuter Lot Shuttles in Prince William County

Funding: \$1,087,796

I-66 FY 2019 Program of Projects

Project Description

Gainesville/Haymarket neighborhoods were to be connected to nearby commuter lots via free, on-demand shuttles. Funding was to cover the purchase of vehicles, onboard vehicle hardware, transit operation and promotion.

Project Status

OmniRide opted in October 2020 against proceeding with the project given delays in initiating the procurement for technology for the shuttles and less need for the service given recent park-and-ride capacity expansions in the Gainesville/Haymarket area.

OMNIRIDE

I-66 Slug Line Campaign

Funding: \$287,800

I-66 FY 2020 Program of Projects

Project Description

OmniRide intended to develop a marketing and communications plan to promote slug lines at four commuter lots, to encompass social media management, engagement with regional stakeholders and outreach to the public. I-66 Commuter Choice funds were to support marketing and outreach around encouraging carpooling or slugging in the I-66 corridor in anticipation of the I-66 Outside the Beltway Express Lanes opening in 2022.

Project Status

OmniRide's governing body opted not to proceed with procurement for the project in June 2020. As such, the project was canceled.

OMNIRIDE

Flexible Vanpool Program

Funding: \$317,600

I-66 FY 2019 Program of Projects

Project Description

OmniRide intended to develop and provide rostering and fare payment software to allow riders registered with one vanpool to ride with another and unregistered riders to catch a one-time ride. I-66 Commuter Choice funds were to support software and hardware procurement and vanpool promotion.

Project Status

OmniRide opted in October 2020 against proceeding with the project given delays in initiating the procurement for the ride matching technology and diminished interest in dynamic ridesharing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

OMNIRIDE

TDM Strategy – I-66 Corridor Vanpool Parking Benefit

Funding: \$85,000

I-66 FY 2022 Program of Projects

Project Description

Encouraged vanpooling by offsetting expensive parking rates in major employment areas. Vanpool Alliance provided a \$200 a month incentive payment to newly formed, eligible vanpools that travel along the I-66 corridor into Arlington and Washington, D.C. Commuter Choice funds supported the TDM strategy for up to two years.

Project Status

Despite significant marketing efforts and the opening of the I-66 Outside the Beltway Express Lanes, no vanpools enrolled in the program and OmniRide cancelled the project.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

New TDM Outreach to the I-66 Corridor

Funding: \$200,000

I-66 FY 2020 Program of Projects

Project Description

Established a commuter-focused transportation demand management (TDM) program, encompassing online, print materials and advertising to increase awareness and promote regional travel choices.

Project Status

The TDM campaign included an online survey, dedicated website, and advertising on social media, and radio and TV. The campaign ended in February 2024, with over 13 million total impressions reported across social media, radio, TV, and online platforms.

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY

New Park and Ride Lot in Massaponax

Funding: \$1,100,000

I-395/95 FY 2022-2023 Program of Projects

Project Description

Expanded the transportation network by completing the financing for a new 715-space park and ride lot near Route 1 and Spotsylvania Parkway, along with funding awarded through the Virginia SMART SCALE program.

Project Status

Construction was completed and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held in June 2023. OmniRide Route 923 provides non-stop service from the lot to the Pentagon and destinations in Washington, D.C.