



# FY 2025-2026 APPROVED PROJECTS

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# I-66 COMMUTER CHOICE FY 2025-2026 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (1 OF 2)

Applicant	Application Title	Score (Max. 100 points)	Funding Request
Arlington County	<a href="#">ART 75 Service Enhancement: Shirlington to Virginia Square</a>	56	\$397,160
Fairfax County	<a href="#">Fairfax Connector Route 697: Stringfellow Road Park-and-Ride to L'Enfant Plaza (Continuation)</a>	69	\$2,130,488
Fairfax County	<a href="#">Fairfax Connector Route 698: Stringfellow Road Park-and-Ride to the Pentagon (Continuation)</a>	78	\$1,506,053
Fairfax County	<a href="#">Fairfax Connector Route 699: Monument Drive Park-and-Ride to Downtown Washington, D.C. (Continuation)</a>	60	\$2,592,444
Fairfax County	<a href="#">Fairfax Centre Bikeshare Expansion</a>	64	\$510,000
Loudoun County	<a href="#">Loudoun County Transit Route 281/681 Service Enhancement: Stone Ridge Park-and-Ride to Downtown Washington, D.C. (Continuation)</a>	84	\$553,000
Loudoun County	<a href="#">Loudoun County Transit Route 483/883: Harmony Park-and-Ride to Downtown Washington, D.C. (Continuation)</a>	93	\$281,000
OmniRide	<a href="#">OmniRide Route 612: Gainesville to the Pentagon (Continuation)</a>	89	\$2,393,125



# I-66 COMMUTER CHOICE FY 2025-2026 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (2 OF 2)

Applicant	Application Title	Score (Max. 100 points)	Funding Request
OmniRide	<a href="#">OmniRide Route 622: Haymarket to Rosslyn (Continuation)</a>	62	\$1,621,275
Prince William County	<a href="#">TDM Strategy: I-66 OmniRide Fare Buy-Down</a>	55	\$1,000,000
Virginia Railway Express (VRE)	<a href="#">Crystal City Station Expansion</a>	73	\$8,000,000
Virginia Railway Express (VRE)	<a href="#">TDM Strategy: Amtrak Step-Up Reinstatement on VRE Manassas Line</a>	94	\$537,420
<b>Total Funding Request *</b>			<b>\$21,521,965</b>

\* Three further projects, with a total funding request of \$8,860,693, were included in the Program of Projects adopted by the Commission but ultimately funded by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation's I-66 Outside the Beltway program. They are included in the benefits totals provided below. The projects will establish new peak-period bus service on Fairfax Connector Route 610 (Centreville to George Mason University), OmniRide Route 653 (Warrenton and Gainesville to L'Enfant Plaza) and OmniRide Route 671 (Front Royal, Linden and Gainesville to Downtown Washington, D.C.).

**2,700**  
daily trips

**21M**  
fewer annual vehicle miles

**250K**  
hours of delay saved each year

**70%**  
GHG emissions reduction over driving alone

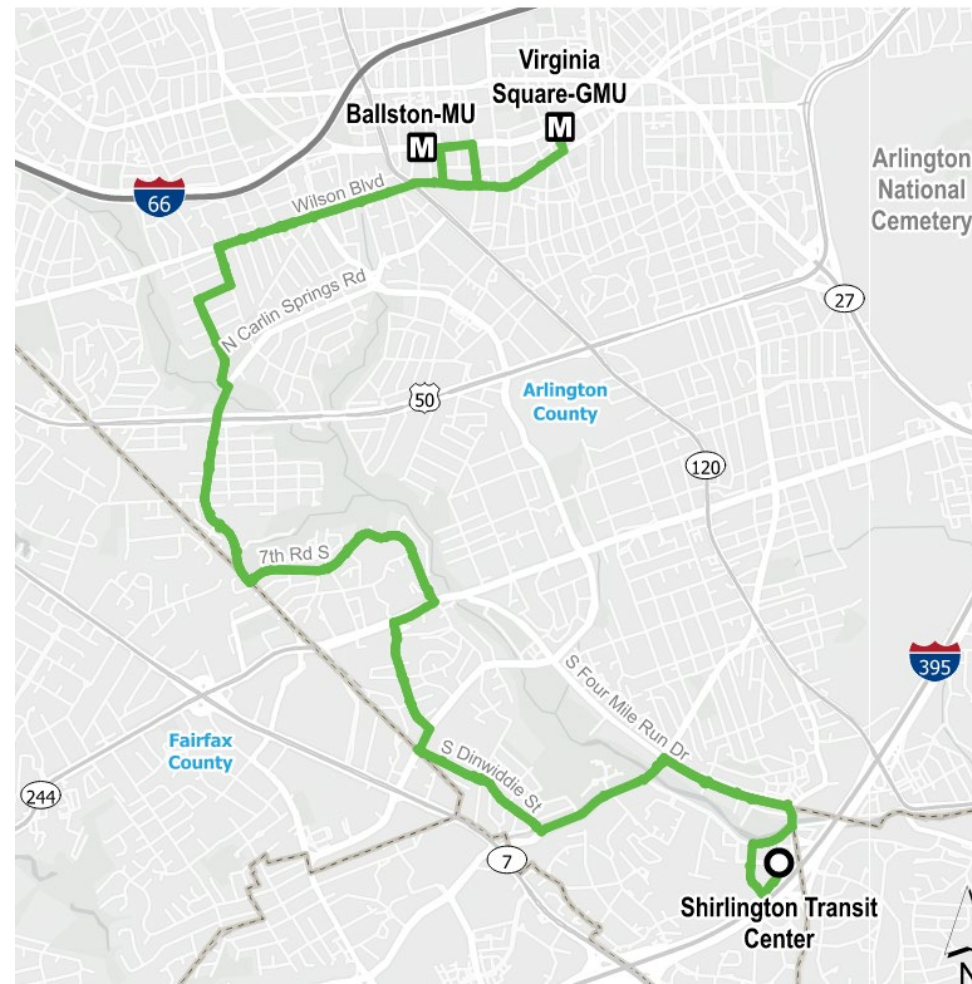
**\$2.6M**  
annual savings for commuters in fuel costs

# ARLINGTON COUNTY

## ART 75 SERVICE ENHANCEMENT: SHIRLINGTON TO VIRGINIA SQUARE

Commuter Choice funding would expand peak-period, peak-direction service on the ART 75 local bus route from every 30 minutes to every 20 minutes. The ART 75 links Shirlington with the Virginia Square-GMU and Ballston-MU Stations and serves neighborhoods with higher concentrations of equity populations and greater demand for transit service. The expanded service would foster more convenient connections for residents of these neighborhoods with the Orange and Silver Lines as well as other ART and Metrobus routes paralleling I-66.

Funding Request: \$397,160



### Application Score

Measure	Score
Technical Merit <i>(up to 75 points)</i>	38
Annualized Cost Effectiveness <i>(up to 20 points)</i>	13
Applicant Preference <i>(up to 5 points)</i>	5
<b>Total Application Score</b>	<b>56</b>

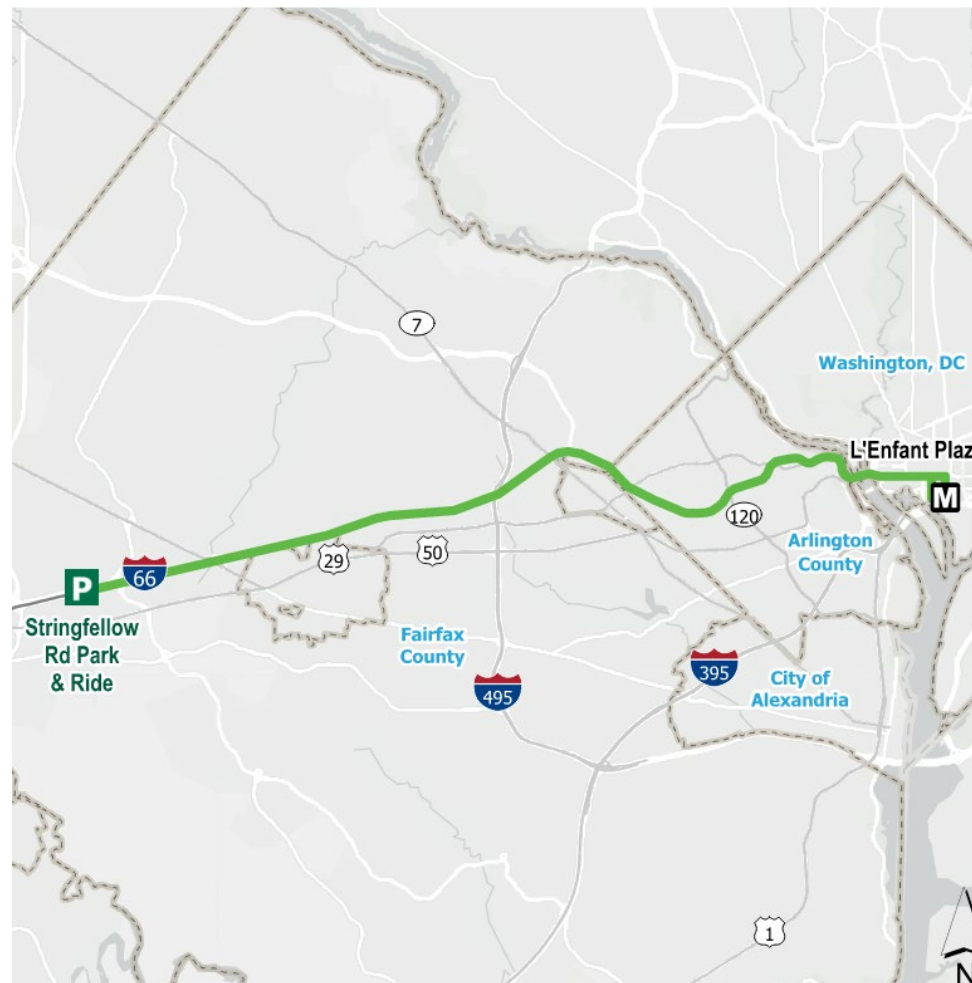
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# FAIRFAX COUNTY

## FAIRFAX CONNECTOR ROUTE 697: STRINGFELLOW ROAD PARK-AND-RIDE TO L'ENFANT PLAZA (CONTINUATION)

Commuter Choice funding is supporting the continued operation of Fairfax Connector Route 697, an express service operating every 20 minutes during peak periods between the Stringfellow Road Park-and-Ride and L'Enfant Plaza in downtown Washington. Route 697 entered service in August 2020 with Commuter Choice funding support and has seen ridership grow since the opening of the I-66 Outside the Beltway Express Lanes. The route provides convenient, reliable service between western Fairfax County and major employment centers near the National Mall and L'Enfant Plaza.

Funding Request: \$2,130,488



### Application Score

Measure	Score
Technical Merit (up to 75 points)	56
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 20 points)	13
Applicant Preference (up to 5 points)	0
<b>Total Application Score</b>	<b>69</b>

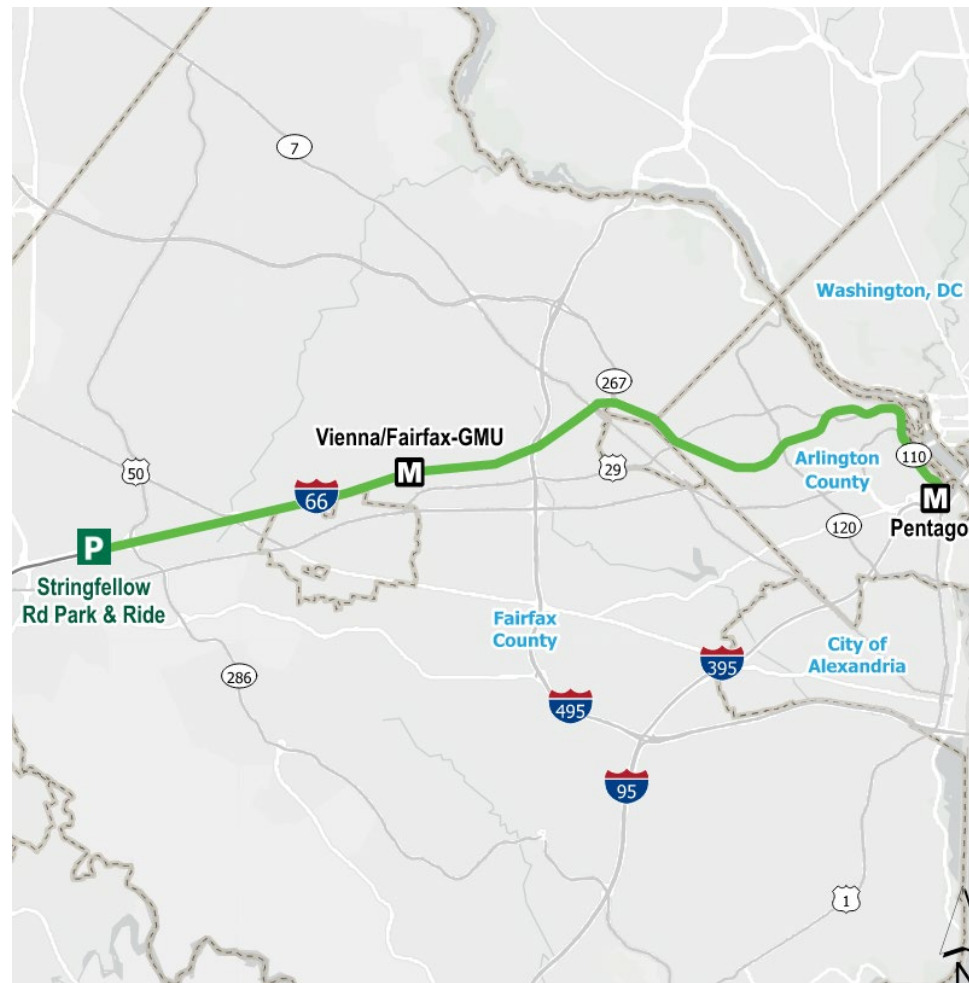
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# FAIRFAX COUNTY

## FAIRFAX CONNECTOR ROUTE 698: STRINGFELLOW ROAD PARK-AND-RIDE TO THE PENTAGON (CONTINUATION)

Commuter Choice funding is supporting the continued operation of Fairfax Connector Route 698, which began operation between Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Station and the Pentagon in January 2019 with Commuter Choice funding support. The route will be extended, partially funded through other sources, to a new western terminus at the Stringfellow Road Park-and-Ride. Route 698's convenient 15-minute peak-period service and quick travel times have helped ridership rebound to pre-pandemic levels.

Funding Request: \$1,506,053



### Application Score

Measure	Score
Technical Merit <i>(up to 75 points)</i>	60
Annualized Cost Effectiveness <i>(up to 20 points)</i>	13
Applicant Preference <i>(up to 5 points)</i>	5
<b>Total Application Score</b>	<b>78</b>

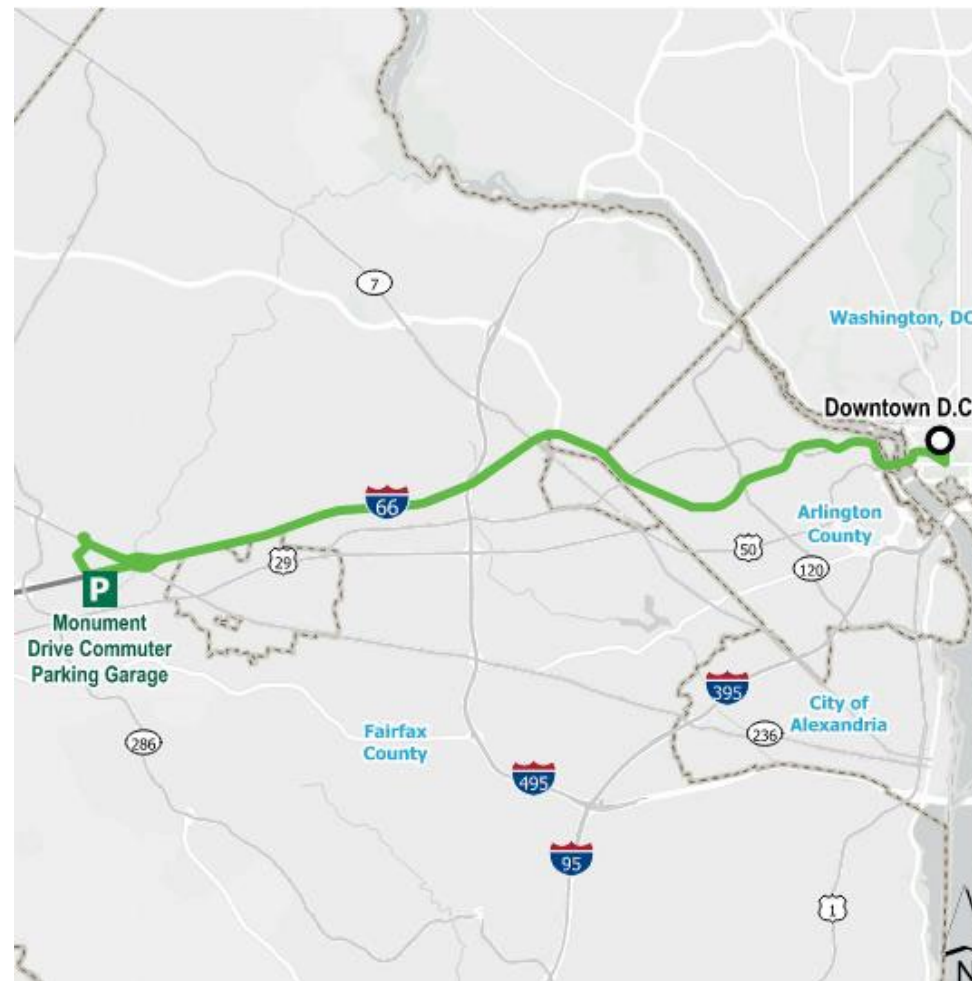
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# FAIRFAX COUNTY

## FAIRFAX CONNECTOR ROUTE 699: MONUMENT DRIVE PARK-AND-RIDE TO DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON, D.C. (CONTINUATION)

Commuter Choice funding is supporting the continued operation of Fairfax Connector Route 699, which links the Fair Oaks area with the Foggy Bottom/State Department area in downtown Washington with service every 15 to 20 minutes during peak periods. Fairfax County is relocating the route's origin to the Monument Drive Park-and-Ride garage, where the route will connect with several local bus routes. Ridership is rebounding on the route, which entered service in December 2017 with Commuter Choice funding support.

Funding Request: \$2,592,444



### Application Score

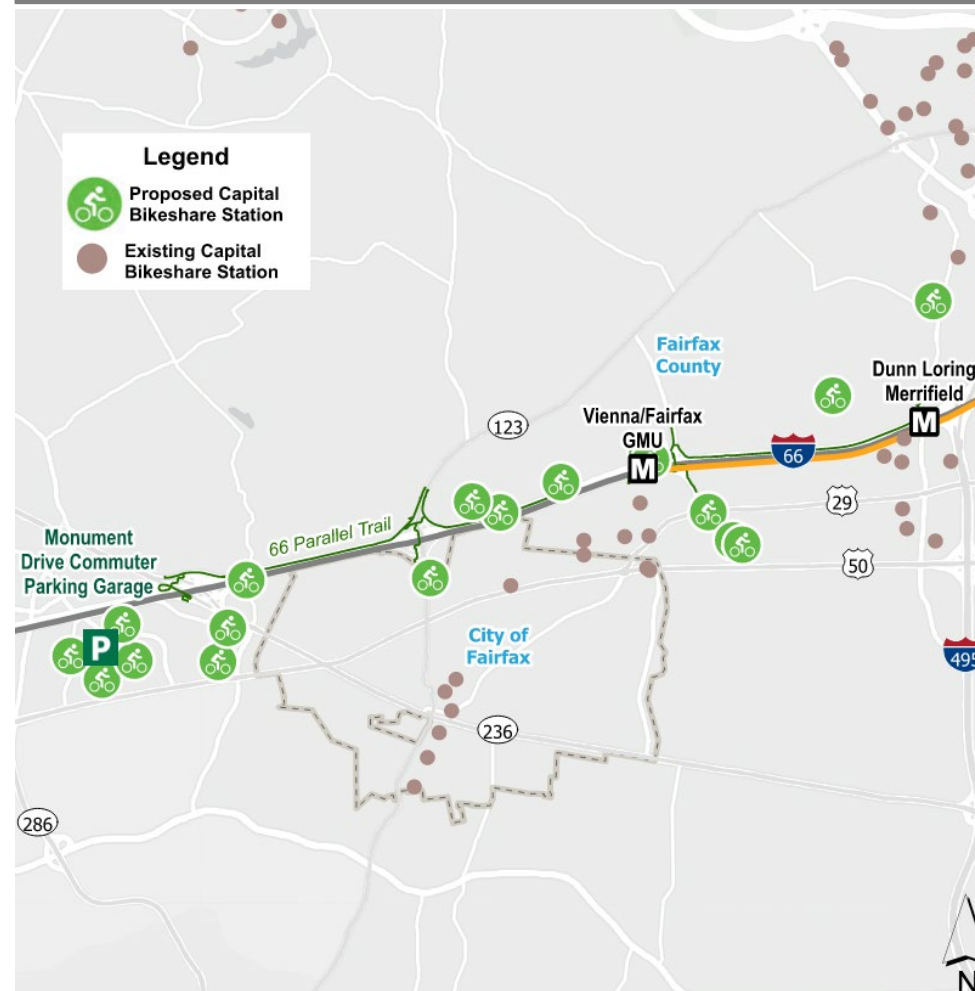
Measure	Score
Technical Merit <i>(up to 75 points)</i>	53
Annualized Cost Effectiveness <i>(up to 20 points)</i>	7
Applicant Preference <i>(up to 5 points)</i>	0
<b>Total Application Score</b>	<b>60</b>

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# FAIRFAX COUNTY FAIRFAX CENTRE BIKESHARE EXPANSION

Commuter Choice funding is supporting the installation of 18 Capital Bikeshare stations near I-66 between approximately 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 to the west to enhance access to the new Monument Drive Park-and-Ride. The project will also leverage recent Commuter Choice-funded bikeshare expansions nearby and increase use of the new I-66 Trail.

Funding Request: \$510,000



## Application Score

Measure	Score
Technical Merit <i>(up to 75 points)</i>	44
Annualized Cost Effectiveness <i>(up to 20 points)</i>	20
Applicant Preference <i>(up to 5 points)</i>	0
<b>Total Application Score</b>	<b>64</b>

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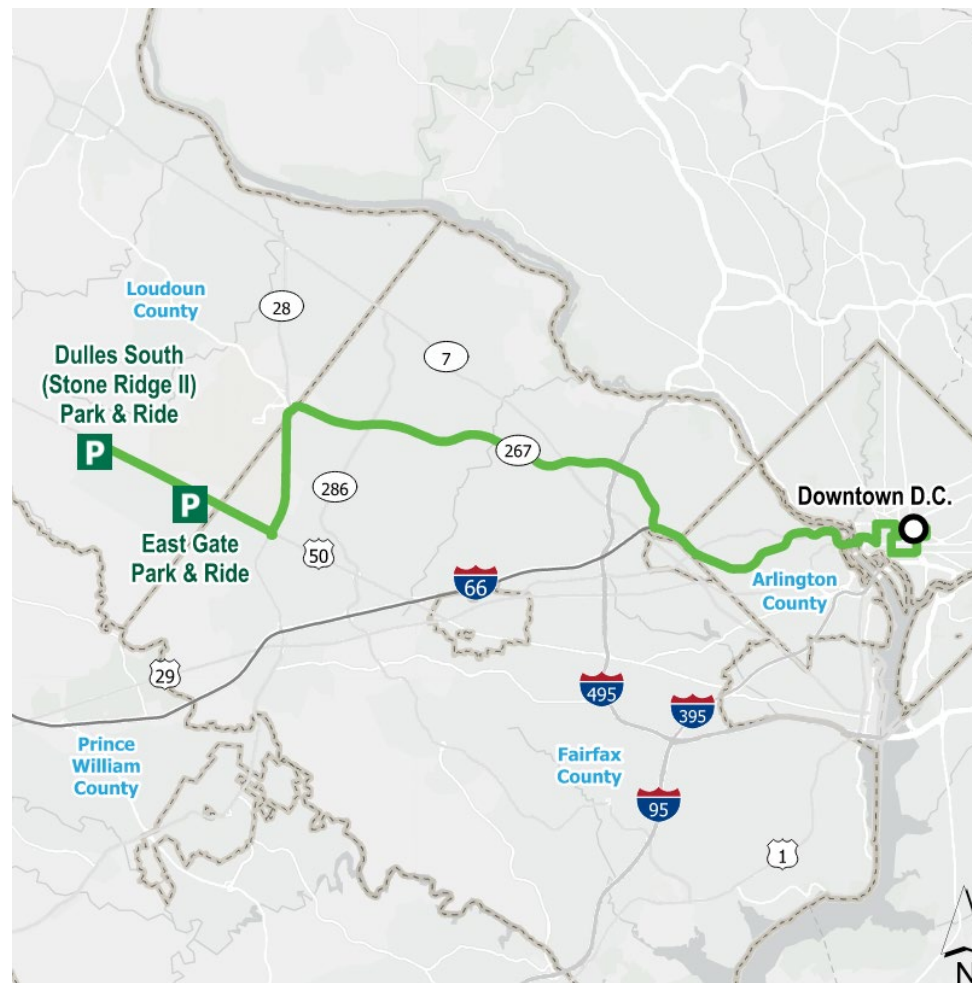


# LOUDOUN COUNTY

## LOUDOUN COUNTY TRANSIT ROUTE 281/681 SERVICE ENHANCEMENT: STONE RIDGE PARK-AND-RIDE TO DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON, D.C. (CONTINUATION)

Commuter Choice funding is supporting the continued operation of two peak-period express trips in each direction on Loudoun County Transit's commuter bus route between the Dulles South (Stone Ridge II) and East Gate Park-and-Rides and downtown Washington. The trips, which began operation in February 2017 with Commuter Choice funding support, have seen ridership gains in recent months as traffic has increased.

Funding Request: \$553,000



Application Score

Measure	Score
Technical Merit (up to 75 points)	64
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 20 points)	20
Applicant Preference (up to 5 points)	0
<b>Total Application Score</b>	<b>84</b>

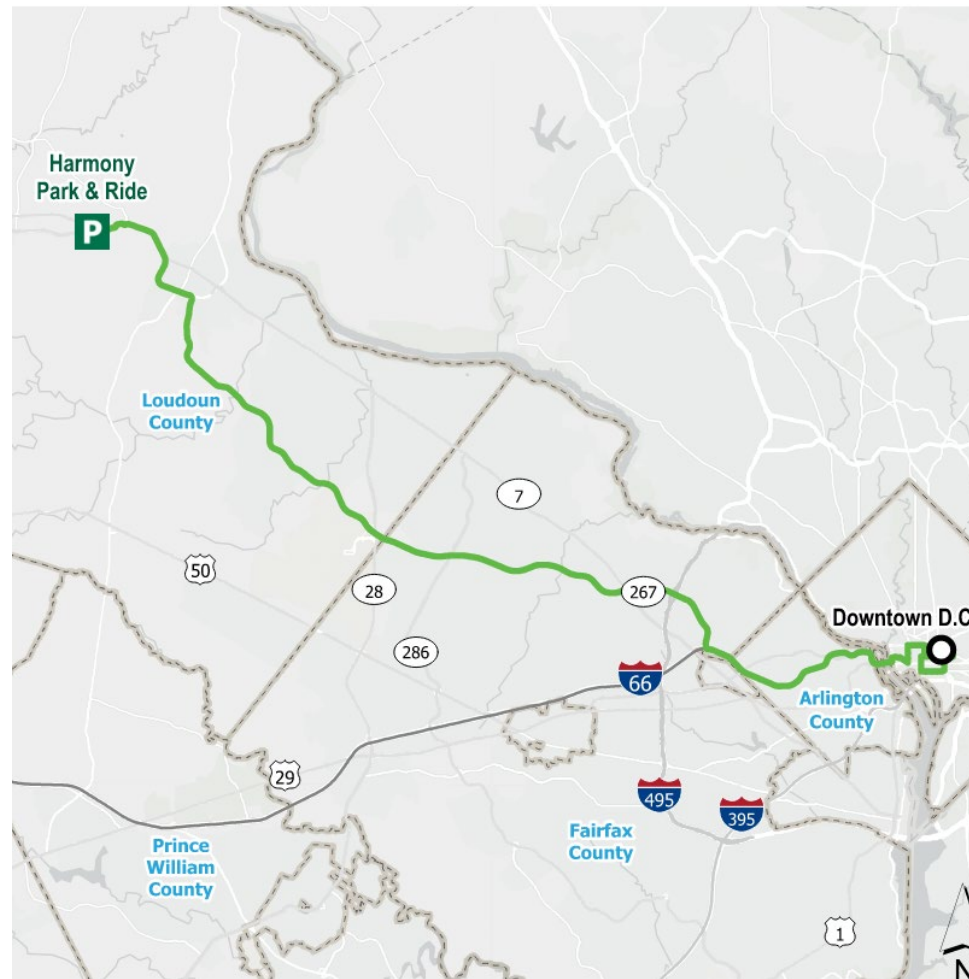
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# LOUDOUN COUNTY

## LOUDOUN COUNTY TRANSIT ROUTE 483/883: HARMONY PARK-AND-RIDE TO DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON, D.C. (CONTINUATION)

Commuter Choice funding is supporting the continued operation of commuter bus service between the Harmony Park-and-Ride in western Loudoun County and downtown Washington, with one trip in each direction. The service launched in August 2021 with Commuter Choice funding support and has been popular given the long travel distance and the route's competitive travel times.

Funding Request: \$281,000



Application Score

Measure	Score
Technical Merit (up to 75 points)	68
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 20 points)	20
Applicant Preference (up to 5 points)	5
<b>Total Application Score</b>	<b>93</b>

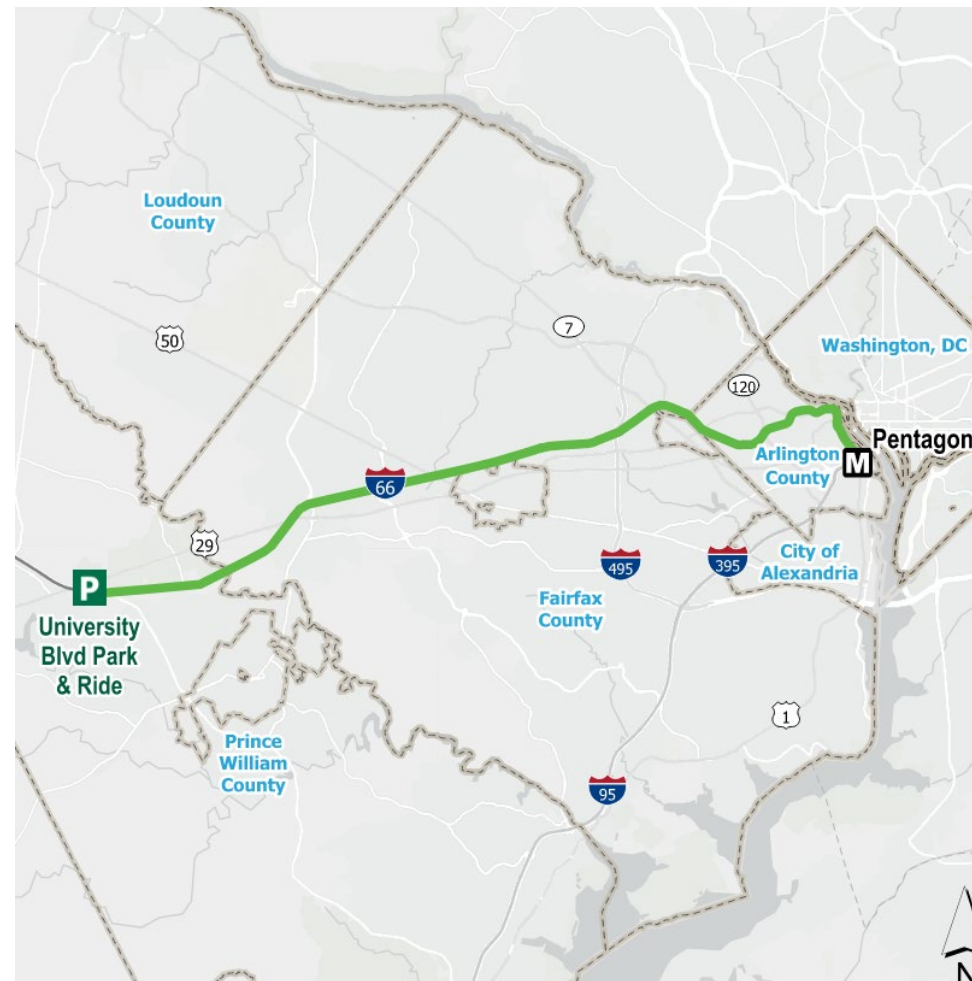
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# OMNIRIDE

## OMNIRIDE ROUTE 612: GAINESVILLE TO THE PENTAGON (CONTINUATION)

Commuter Choice funding is supporting the continued operation of OmniRide's Route 612. The route will provide half-hourly peak-period commuter bus service between the University Blvd. Park-and-Ride in Gainesville and the Pentagon, with the onward service to the Navy Yard that the route currently provides transferred to a new route. Route 612 began operation in December 2016 with Commuter Choice funding support. The route's ridership has rebounded well since the opening of the Outside the Beltway Express Lanes, which decreased the route's one-way travel times by about 20 minutes.

Funding Request: \$2,393,125



### Application Score

Measure	Score
Technical Merit <i>(up to 75 points)</i>	71
Annualized Cost Effectiveness <i>(up to 20 points)</i>	13
Applicant Preference <i>(up to 5 points)</i>	5
<b>Total Application Score</b>	<b>89</b>

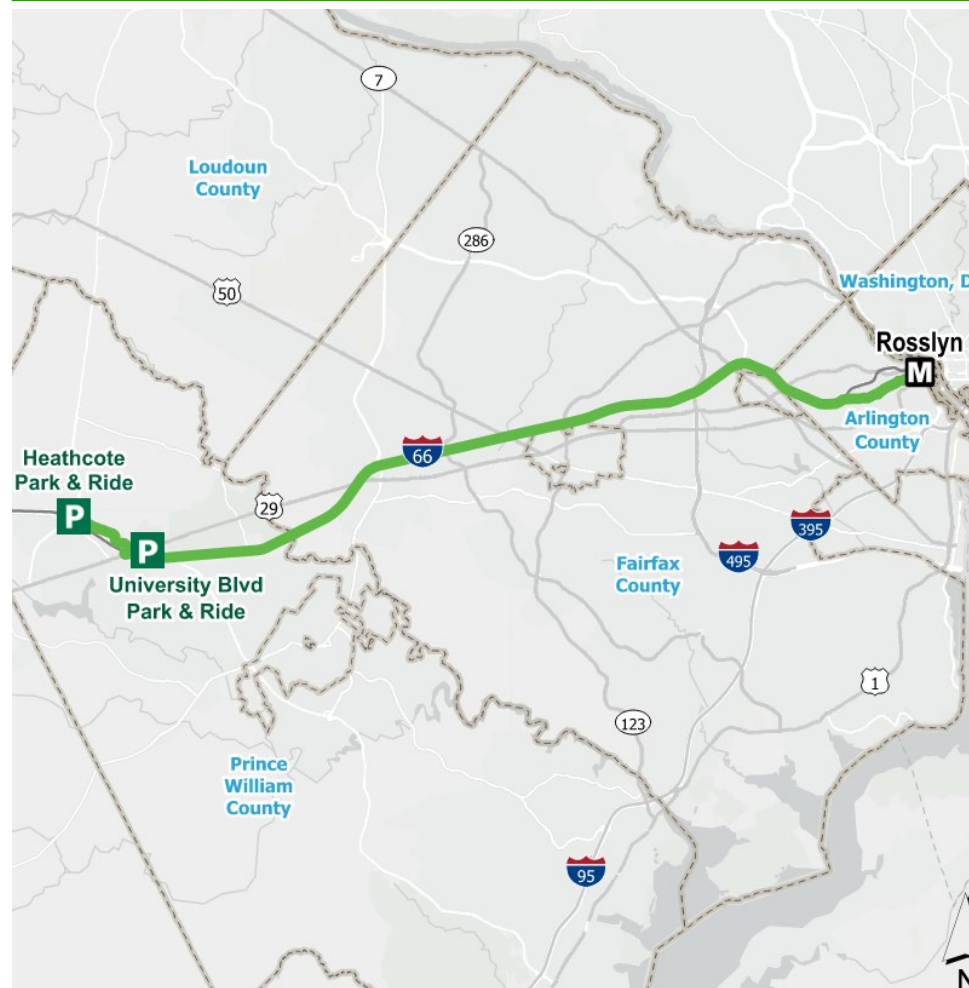
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# OMNIRIDE

## OMNIRIDE ROUTE 622: HAYMARKET TO ROSSLYN (CONTINUATION)

Commuter Choice funding is supporting the continued operation of OmniRide's Route 622, which connects the Heathcote Park-and-Ride in Haymarket and the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor in Arlington via the University Blvd. Park-and-Ride in Gainesville. OmniRide will expand service from four to six trips in each direction to make the route more convenient for western Prince William County commuters. Ridership on Route 622, which began operation in July 2019 with Commuter Choice funding support, has grown with the improved travel time and reliability fostered by the Outside the Beltway Express Lanes.

Funding Request: \$1,621,275



### Application Score

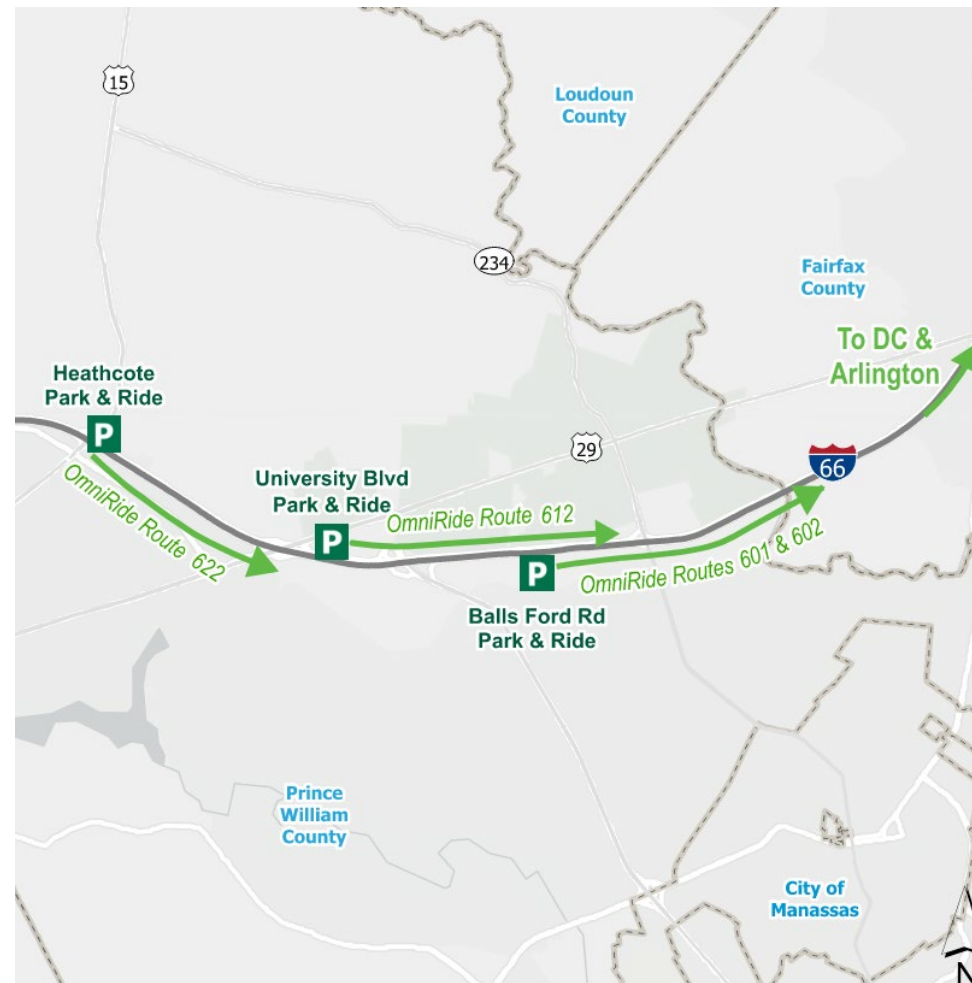
Measure	Score
Technical Merit (up to 75 points)	49
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 20 points)	13
Applicant Preference (up to 5 points)	0
<b>Total Application Score</b>	<b>62</b>

# PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

## TDM STRATEGY: I-66 OMNIRIDE FARE BUY-DOWN

Commuter Choice funding is supporting the continuation of a successful half-fare campaign on OmniRide commuter bus routes connecting western Prince William County with employment concentrations in Arlington and Washington. Under the campaign, one-way cash fares on OmniRide's Routes 601, 612 and 622 will be \$5.50 (half of the \$11 one-way commuter fare effective July 1, 2024) for a further 12 months to encourage more commuters to return to transit. Travel times are 15 to 20 minutes shorter and much more reliable for OmniRide's I-66 commuter routes since the opening of the Outside the Beltway Express Lanes.

Funding Request: \$1,000,000



Application Score

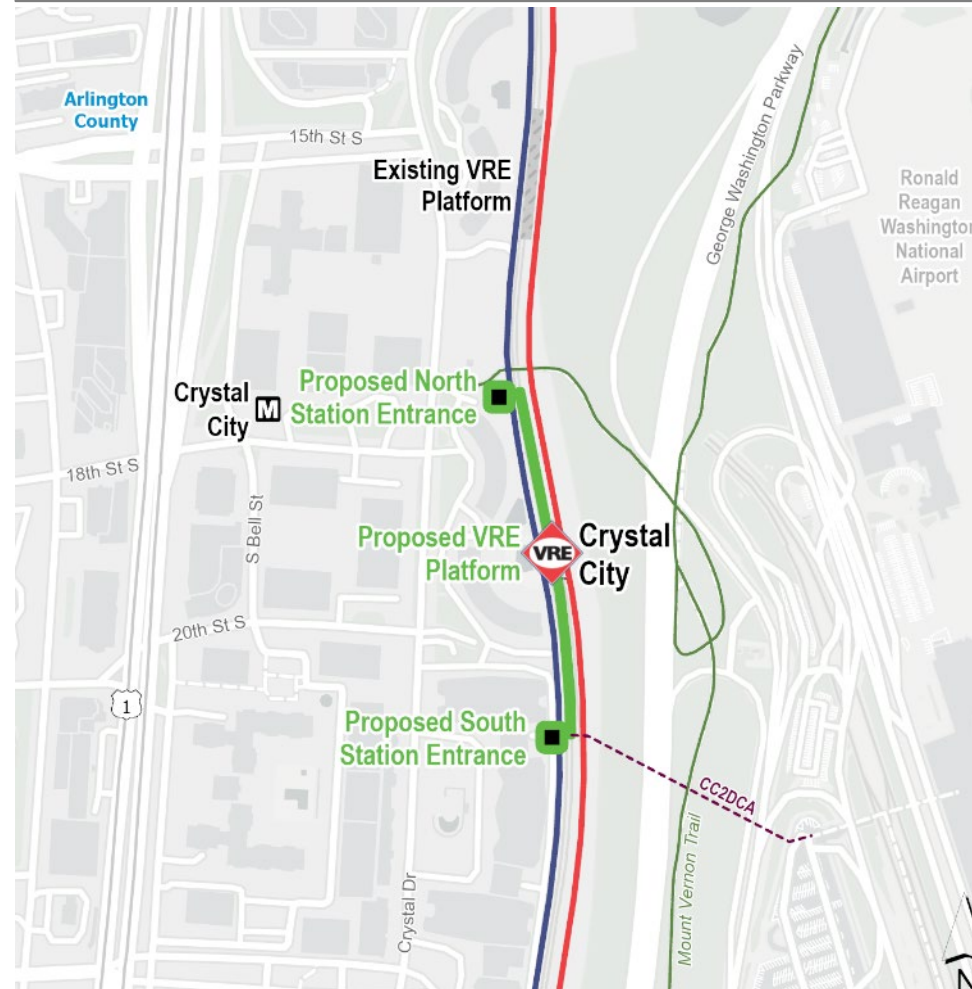
Measure	Score
Technical Merit (up to 75 points)	43
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 20 points)	7
Applicant Preference (up to 5 points)	5
<b>Total Application Score</b>	<b>55</b>

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# VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS CRYSTAL CITY STATION EXPANSION

This project relocates and expands the Crystal City commuter rail station to enable simultaneous boarding of two full-length trains and support potential future Amtrak service at the station. The station expansion supports Commonwealth plans for expanded rail service. The project received a portion of its total funding request from I-395/95 Commuter Choice in 2023 and the remainder is proposed to be fulfilled under I-66 Commuter Choice, given that the project also benefits travel along VRE's Manassas Line, a portion of which parallels I-66.

Funding Request: \$8,000,000



## Application Score

Measure	Score
Technical Merit (up to 75 points)	60
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 20 points)	13
Applicant Preference (up to 5 points)	0
<b>Total Application Score</b>	<b>73</b>

# VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS

## TDM STRATEGY: AMTRAK STEP-UP REINSTATEMENT ON VRE MANASSAS LINE

This project reestablishes VRE's Amtrak Step-Up program along the Manassas Line to allow VRE multi-ride pass holders to travel between Manassas, Burke Center and Washington Union Station on select Amtrak Northeast Regional trains. The project complements a recent I-395/95 Commuter Choice award to reestablish the program on the VRE Fredericksburg Line and will allow riders to acquire and use step-up tickets through VRE's mobile app at nominal charge. The project will subsidize VRE's payments to Amtrak for each step-up boarding for 24 months.

Funding Request: \$537,420



Application Score

Measure	Score
Technical Merit (up to 75 points)	69
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 20 points)	20
Applicant Preference (up to 5 points)	5
<b>Total Application Score</b>	<b>94</b>

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