





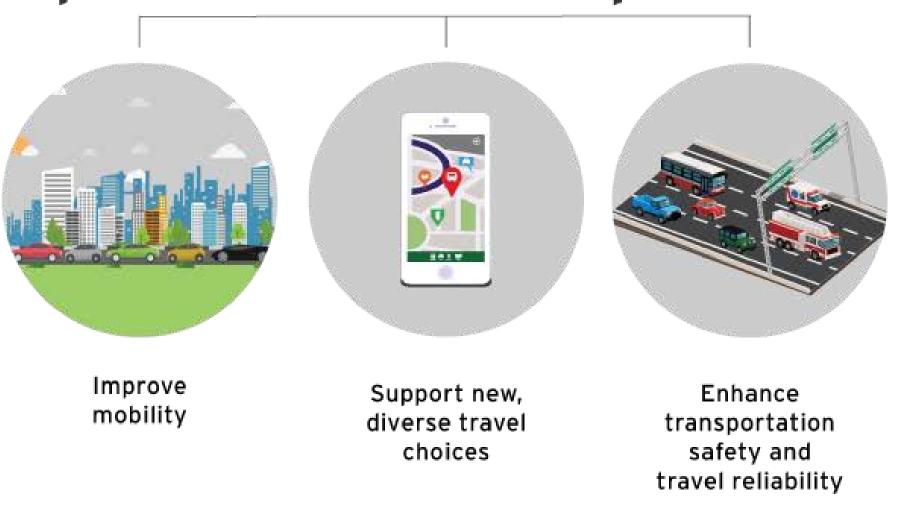
Commuter Choice on the I-66 corridor is a partnership between the Commonwealth of Virginia and NVTC. Led by NVTC, the program funds transit and multimodal projects in Northern Virginia through a competitive process using a portion of the toll revenues from I-66 Inside the Beltway.

All projects supported through Commuter Choice aim to move more people and increase multimodal options for people who live, play and work in Northern Virginia.

### Maximize Person Throughput

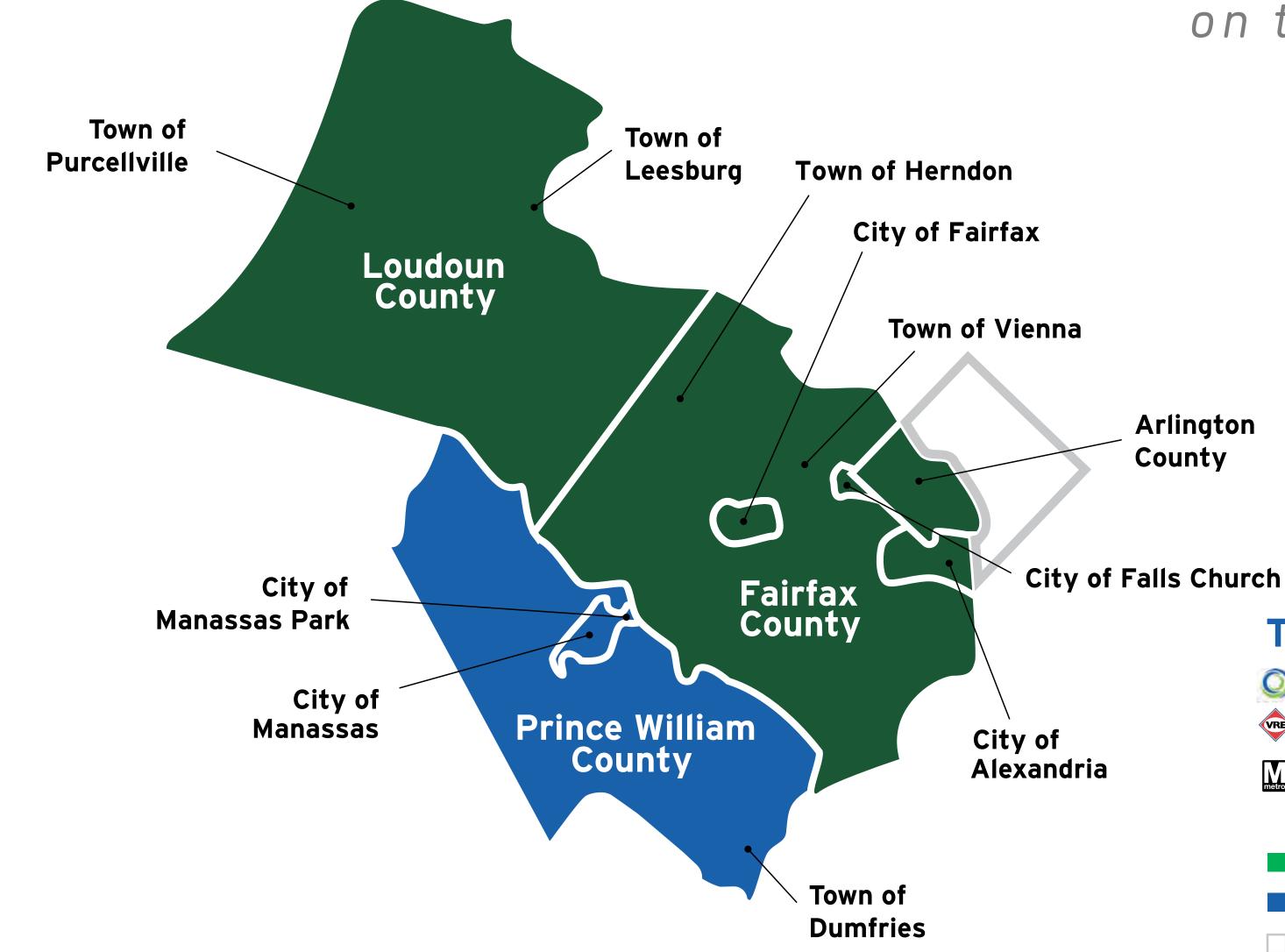


#### Implement Multimodal Improvements



## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

on the I-66 corridor



**Transit Agencies** 

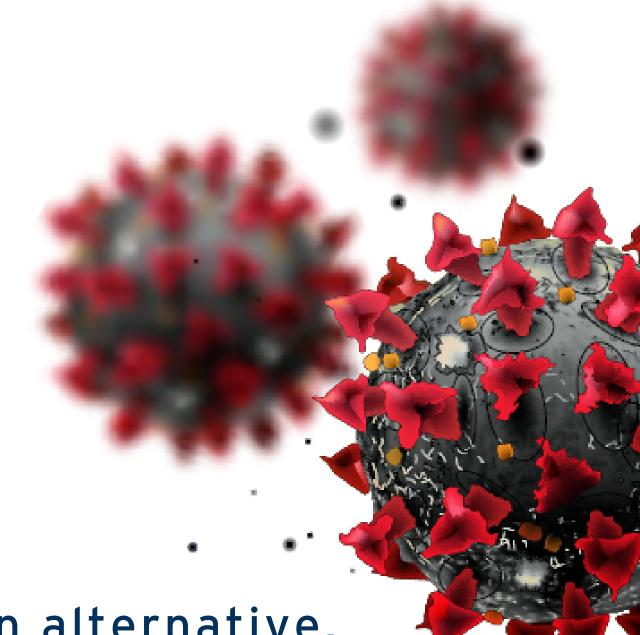
- OmniRide
- VIII Virginia Railway Express
- **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit** Authority (Metrobus/Metrorail)
- NVTC Jurisdiction
- PRTC Jurisdiction
- Non-Eligible Jurisdiction



### IMPACT OF THE COVID-19

public health emergency

Though Commuter Choice on the I-66 corridor would typically support a \$25 to \$30 million, two-year funding program, the COVID-19 public health emergency that began in March 2020 caused a steep and enduring decline in the I-66 toll revenues that fund the program. This sharp diversion required a new strategy.





In October 2020, the Commission adopted an alternative, two-step programming approach for Round Four. The first portion, a limited Initial (FY 2021) program that was constrained to carryover funds that NVTC already had on hand, was approved in December 2020. The second, a Supplemental (FY 2022) program that awarded additional funding that became available, was approved in October 2021.

## Projects Included in the Approved Initial Round Four (FY 2021) Program\*

Ref. #	Applicant	Application Title	Funding Awarded
1	Fairfax County	McLean Metrorail Station North Entrance	\$1,000,000
2	OmniRide	Renewal of Bus Service from Gainesville to Pentagon/Navy Yard	\$461,100
3	OmniRide	Renewal of Bus Service from Haymarket to Rosslyn	\$137,100
4	City of Fairfax	City of Fairfax Bike Share Implementation	\$460,000
5	Arlington County	Lee Highway HOV and Bus-Only Lane in Rosslyn	\$710,000
6	Loudoun County	Renewal of Purcellville Metro Connection Bus Service	\$709,030
		TOTAL FUNDING AWARDED	\$ 3,477,230

<sup>\*</sup>The Commission approved the Initial Round Four (FY 2021) program in October 2020, followed by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in December 2020.

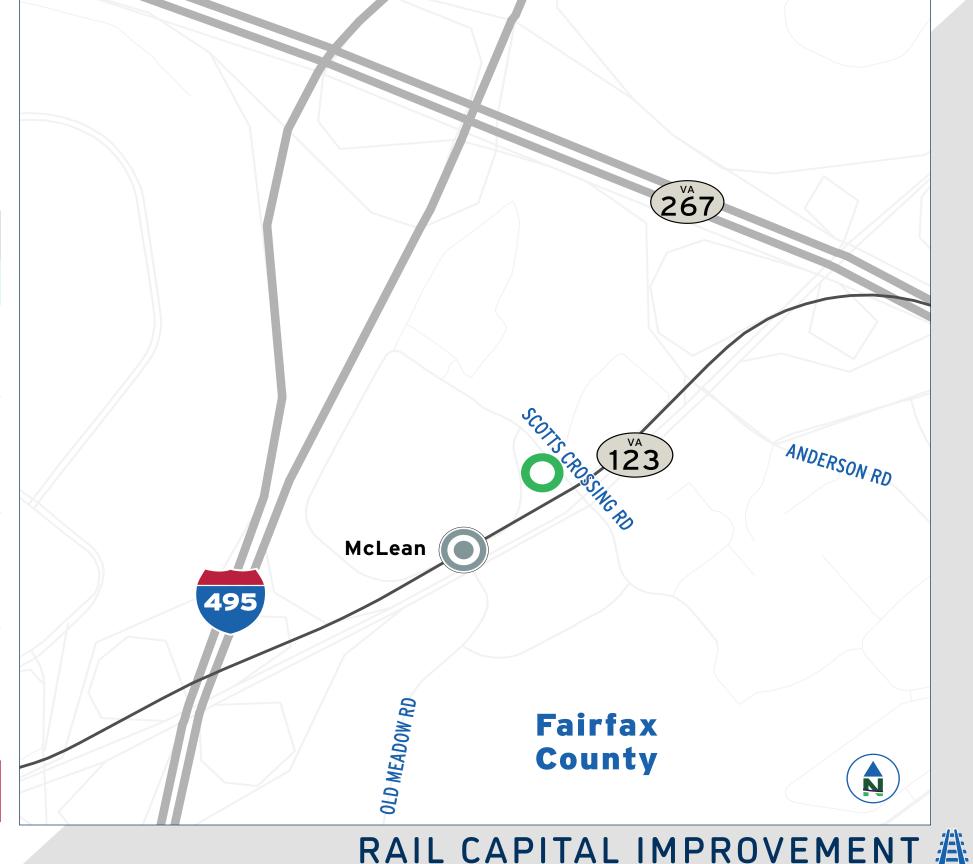
#### FAIRFAX COUNTY

#### McLean Metrorail Station North Entrance

Commuter Choice funding would support the addition of a second entrance to the McLean Metrorail Station on Scotts Crossing Road. Commuters that wish to access the existing entry from the north need to cross State Route 123, a ten-lane crossing that could be a barrier to some. With up to 2,000 prospective residents moving into the redeveloping area north of the current station, this project would create a shorter, more convenient walk to the Metro and increase its visibility.

#### FUNDING REQUEST \$1,000,000

APPLICATION SCORES	
MEASURE	SCORE
<b>Technical Merit</b> (up to 70 points) Expected ability of the project to address some or all I-66 Improvement Goals	60
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 15 points) The impact created per million dollars of toll revenue investment, taking into account the project's useful life	10
Applicant Preference (up to 10 points) How the project ranks in priority or preference among the other projects submitted by each specific applicant	10
Interagency Collaboration (up to 5 points) Whether the project proposal was coordinated with other jurisdictions or agencies in the region	5
TOTAL APPLICATION SCORE (up to 100 points)	85





#### **OMNIRIDE**

#### Renewal of Bus Service from Gainesville to Pentagon/Navy Yard

Funded in both the inaugural year of the Commuter Choice program and again in Round Three (FY 2020), this project supports the Gainesville to the Pentagon/Navy Yard express bus service between the University Boulevard Park and Ride lot and the Pentagon/Navy Yard. With consistent utilization of the service since its inception, the service is expected to grow to

serve over 400 daily riders in the next year. The renewal would continue support for this highlyutilized commuter bus service through June 2022.

#### **FUNDING REQUEST \$461,100**

APPLICATION SCORES	
MEASURE	SCORE
<b>Technical Merit</b> (up to 70 points) Expected ability of the project to address some or all I-66 Improvement Goals	60
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 15 points) The impact created per million dollars of toll revenue investment, taking into account the project's useful life	10
Applicant Preference (up to 10 points) How the project ranks in priority or preference among the other projects submitted by each specific applicant	10
Interagency Collaboration (up to 5 points) Whether the project proposal was coordinated with other jurisdictions or agencies in the region	0
TOTAL APPLICATION SCORE (up to 100 points)	80





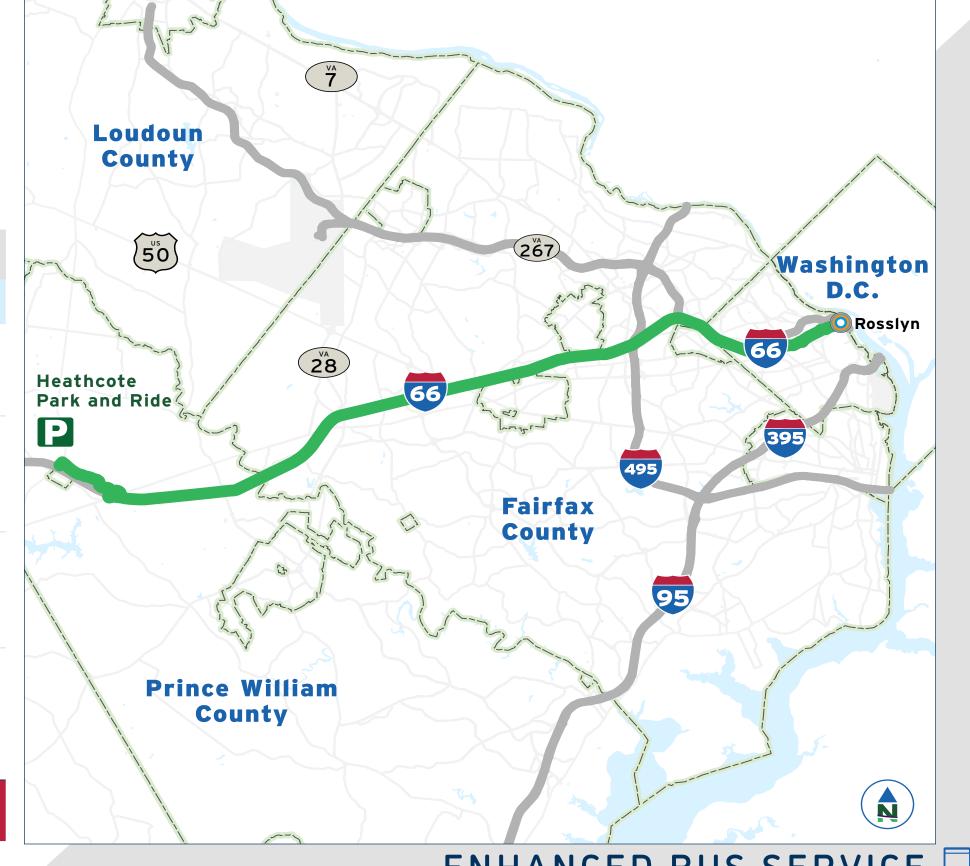
#### OMNIRIDE Renewal of Bus Service from Haymarket to Rosslyn

A renewal of a bus service initially funded in Round Three (FY 2020) of the Commuter Choice program on the I-66 corridor, this project supports four morning and four evening peak direction, express bus trips between the Heathcote Commuter lot in Haymarket and Rosslyn-Ballston corridor. Completed in December 2018, the Heathcote Commuter lot has 230 spaces, and buses

originating from the lot connect to four Metrorail stations and the Arlington campus of George Mason University.

#### **FUNDING REQUEST \$137,100**

APPLICATION SCORES	
MEASURE	SCORE
Technical Merit (up to 70 points) Expected ability of the project to address some or all I-66 Improvement Goals	56
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 15 points) The impact created per million dollars of toll revenue investment, taking into account the project's useful life	15
Applicant Preference (up to 10 points) How the project ranks in priority or preference among the other projects submitted by each specific applicant	0
Interagency Collaboration (up to 5 points) Whether the project proposal was coordinated with other jurisdictions or agencies in the region	0
TOTAL APPLICATION SCORE (up to 100 points)	71



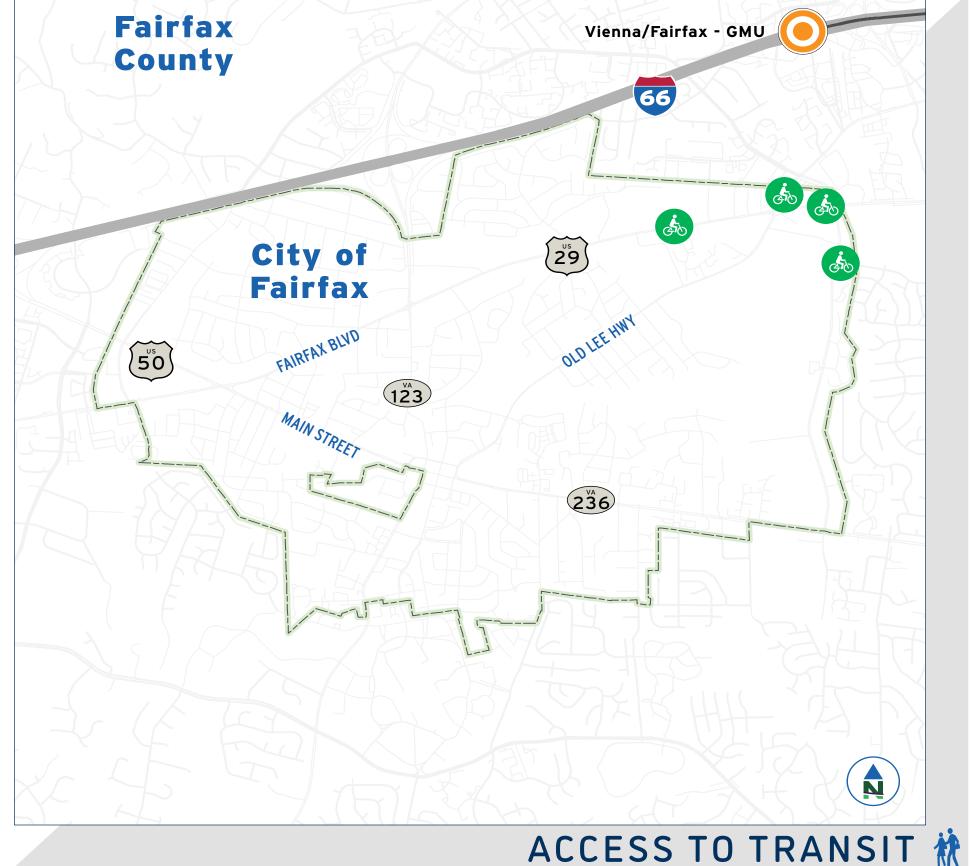


#### CITY OF FAIRFAX **Bike Share Implementation**

This project 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 would help residents and visitors connect to Metrorail, commuter buses and regional trails and add to the extensive Capital Bikeshare network, including a nearly complete expansion project in Fairfax County.

#### **FUNDING REQUEST \$460,000**

APPLICATION SCORES	
MEASURE	SCORE
Technical Merit (up to 70 points)  Expected ability of the project to address some or all I-66 Improvement Goals	34
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 15 points) The impact created per million dollars of toll revenue investment, taking into account the project's useful life	10
Applicant Preference (up to 10 points) How the project ranks in priority or preference among the other projects submitted by each specific applicant	10
Interagency Collaboration (up to 5 points) Whether the project proposal was coordinated with other jurisdictions or agencies in the region	5
TOTAL APPLICATION SCORE (up to 100 points)	59





#### ARLINGTON COUNTY

#### Lee Highway HOV and Bus-Only Lane in Rosslyn

Commuter Choice funding would support the design and construction of peak-period, peakdirection high-occupancy vehicle (HOV)/bus-only lanes on Lee Highway (US 29) through pavement treatment, restriping, and signage. The project's focus is a segment of Lee Highway 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.

#### **FUNDING REQUEST \$710,000**

APPLICATION SCORES	
MEASURE	SCORE
Technical Merit (up to 70 points)  Expected ability of the project to address some or all I-66 Improvement Goals	42
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 15 points) The impact created per million dollars of toll revenue investment, taking into account the project's useful life	10
Applicant Preference (up to 10 points) How the project ranks in priority or preference among the other projects submitted by each specific applicant	0
Interagency Collaboration (up to 5 points) Whether the project proposal was coordinated with other jurisdictions or agencies in the region	5
TOTAL APPLICATION SCORE (up to 100 points)	57



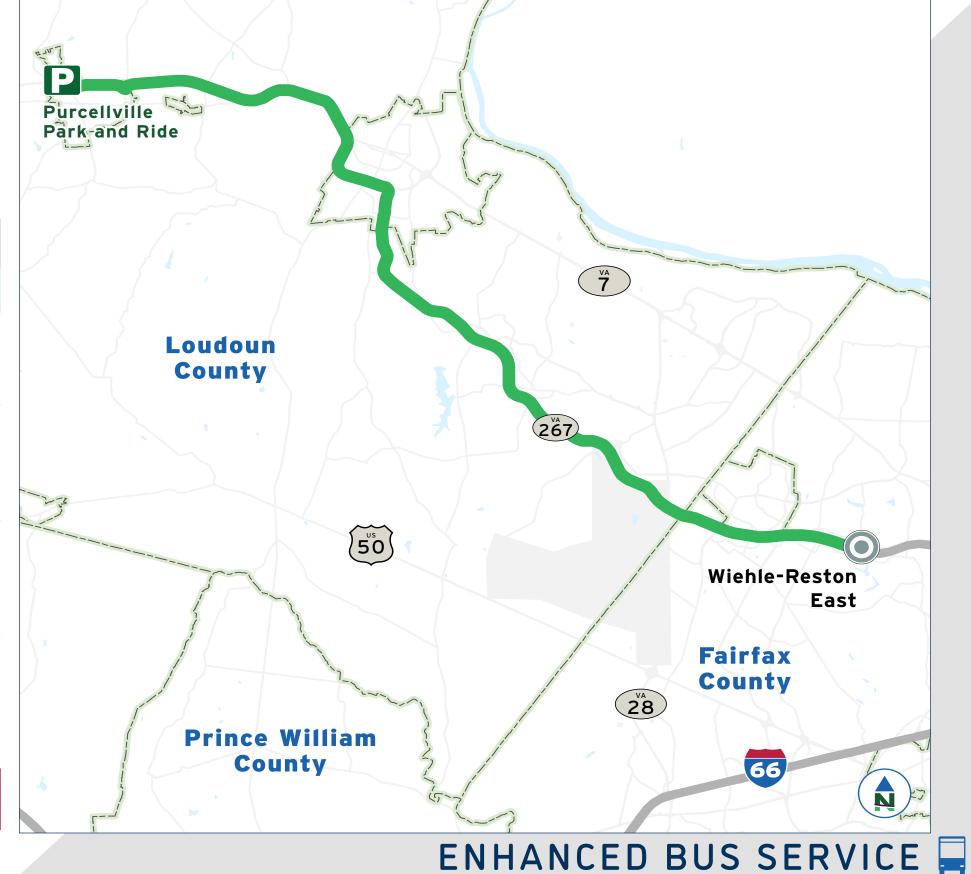


#### LOUDOUN COUNTY Renewal of Purcellville Metro Connection Bus Service

Commuter Choice funding would support one year of operating costs for the Metro Connection bus service linking the Town of Purcellville to the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail station and the leasing fees for 125 parking spaces. Initially funded in Round Two (FY 2019) of the Commuter Choice program, this successful route has experienced consistent ridership growth on its nine weekday, peak-period round trips.

#### **FUNDING REQUEST \$709,030**

APPLICATION SCORES	
MEASURE	SCORE
<b>Technical Merit</b> (up to 70 points) Expected ability of the project to address some or all I-66 Improvement Goals	42
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 15 points) The impact created per million dollars of toll revenue investment, taking into account the project's useful life	5
Applicant Preference (up to 10 points) How the project ranks in priority or preference among the other projects submitted by each specific applicant	0
Interagency Collaboration (up to 5 points) Whether the project proposal was coordinated with other jurisdictions or agencies in the region	5
TOTAL APPLICATION SCORE (up to 100 points)	52



## Projects Included in the Approved Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022) Program\*

Ref. #	Applicant	Application Title	Funding Request
1	OmniRide	TDM Strategy-I-66 Corridor Vanpool Parking Benefit	\$85,000
2	Fairfax County	New Bus Service from Reston South to Crystal City	\$5,110,800
3	Fairfax County	TDM Strategy- Fare Buy Down on Bus Service from Reston North to Crystal City	\$154,500
		TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST	\$5,350,300

<sup>\*</sup>The Commission approved the Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022) program in October 2021, followed by the Commonwealth Transportation Board later in the month.

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.

#### **FUNDING REQUEST \$85,000**

APPLICATION SCORES	
MEASURE	SCORE
<b>Technical Merit</b> (up to 70 points) Expected ability of the project to address some or all I-66 Improvement Goals	47
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 15 points) The impact created per million dollars of toll revenue investment, taking into account the project's useful life	15
Applicant Preference (up to 10 points) How the project ranks in priority or preference among the other projects submitted by each specific applicant	0
Interagency Collaboration (up to 5 points) Whether the project proposal was coordinated with other jurisdictions or agencies in the region	0
TOTAL APPLICATION SCORE (up to 100 points)	62



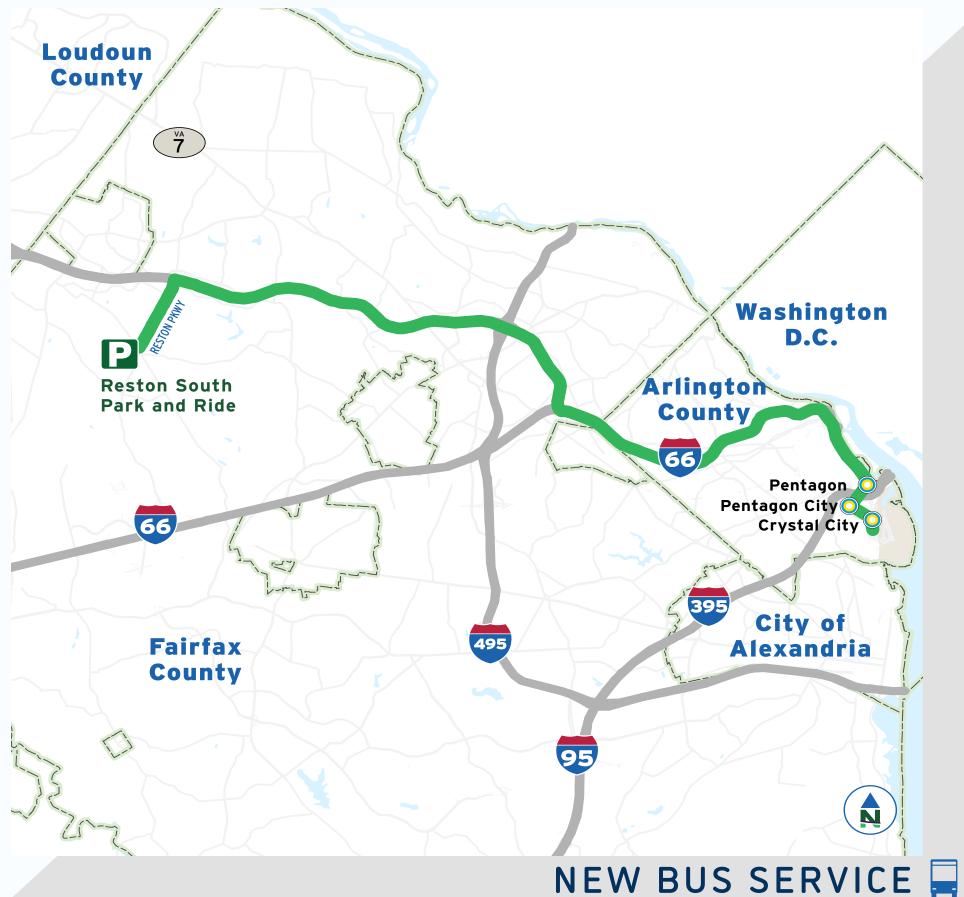




Commuter Choice funding would support two years of operating costs for express bus service between the Reston South Park and Ride lot and employment areas in Arlington, namely the Pentagon, Pentagon City and Crystal City. Funds would also support the purchase of six buses to service the 10 morning and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

#### **FUNDING REQUEST \$5,110,800**

APPLICATION SCORES		
MEASURE	SCORE	
<b>Technical Merit</b> (up to 70 points) Expected ability of the project to address some or all I-66 Improvement Goals	49	
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 15 points) The impact created per million dollars of toll revenue investment, taking into account the project's useful life	5	
Applicant Preference (up to 10 points) How the project ranks in priority or preference among the other projects submitted by each specific applicant	0	
Interagency Collaboration (up to 5 points) Whether the project proposal was coordinated with other jurisdictions or agencies in the region	5	
TOTAL APPLICATION SCORE (up to 100 points)	59	,





NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

# FAIRFAX COUNTY TDM Strategy - Fare Buy-Down on Bus Service from Reston North to Crystal City

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.

#### **FUNDING REQUEST \$154,500**

APPLICATION SCORES	
MEASURE	SCORE
<b>Technical Merit</b> (up to 70 points) Expected ability of the project to address some or all I-66 Improvement Goals	29
Annualized Cost Effectiveness (up to 15 points) The impact created per million dollars of toll revenue investment, taking into account the project's useful life	15
Applicant Preference (up to 10 points) How the project ranks in priority or preference among the other projects submitted by each specific applicant	0
Interagency Collaboration (up to 5 points) Whether the project proposal was coordinated with other jurisdictions or agencies in the region	0
TOTAL APPLICATION SCORE (up to 100 points)	44







