

# NVTC Commission Meeting

## October 1, 2020

The meeting will start momentarily.



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# Welcome by the NVTC Chair

- Virtual Meeting Guidelines
- Commission Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
- Identify Staff Participating in Meeting
- Overview of Agenda
- Opening Remarks

# NVTC October 2020 Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Remarks
2. Consent Agenda
  - A. Resolution #2419 Finding Need to Conduct September 3, 2020 Meeting Electronically
  - B. Authorize the Notice of Direct Contributions to the Jurisdictions
3. Approval of September 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes
4. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
5. Commuter Choice
6. Legislative Update
7. Transit Resource Center
8. Virginia Railway Express
9. Department of Rail and Public Transportation
10. Executive Director Report

## 2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve NVTC Resolution #2419: Finding Need to Conduct the October 1, 2020 Meeting Electronically
- B. Authorize the Notice of Direct Contributions to the Jurisdictions

*Commission will be updated on any public comments received prior to the meeting.*

## 3. Approve September 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

ACTION ITEM: Approve the Meeting Minutes from the September 3, 2020 Commission Meeting



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## 4. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

A. Presentation from the WMATA General Manager/CEO



**PAUL WIEDEFLED**  
GM/CEO of WMATA

# WMATA Update for the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

Paul J. Wiedefeld  
WMATA GM/CEO  
October 1, 2020



# WMATA Priorities

- Safety
- Service
- Financial Stability





# Pandemic Precautions Summary

## Individual Actions

- Face coverings required for employees and customers
- Social distancing required for employees and encouraged for customers
- All employees continue to stay home if sick and testing is available

## Stations and Vehicles

- Face coverings available for customers
- Intense response, recovery, and proactive cleaning
- Shields installed for bus operators

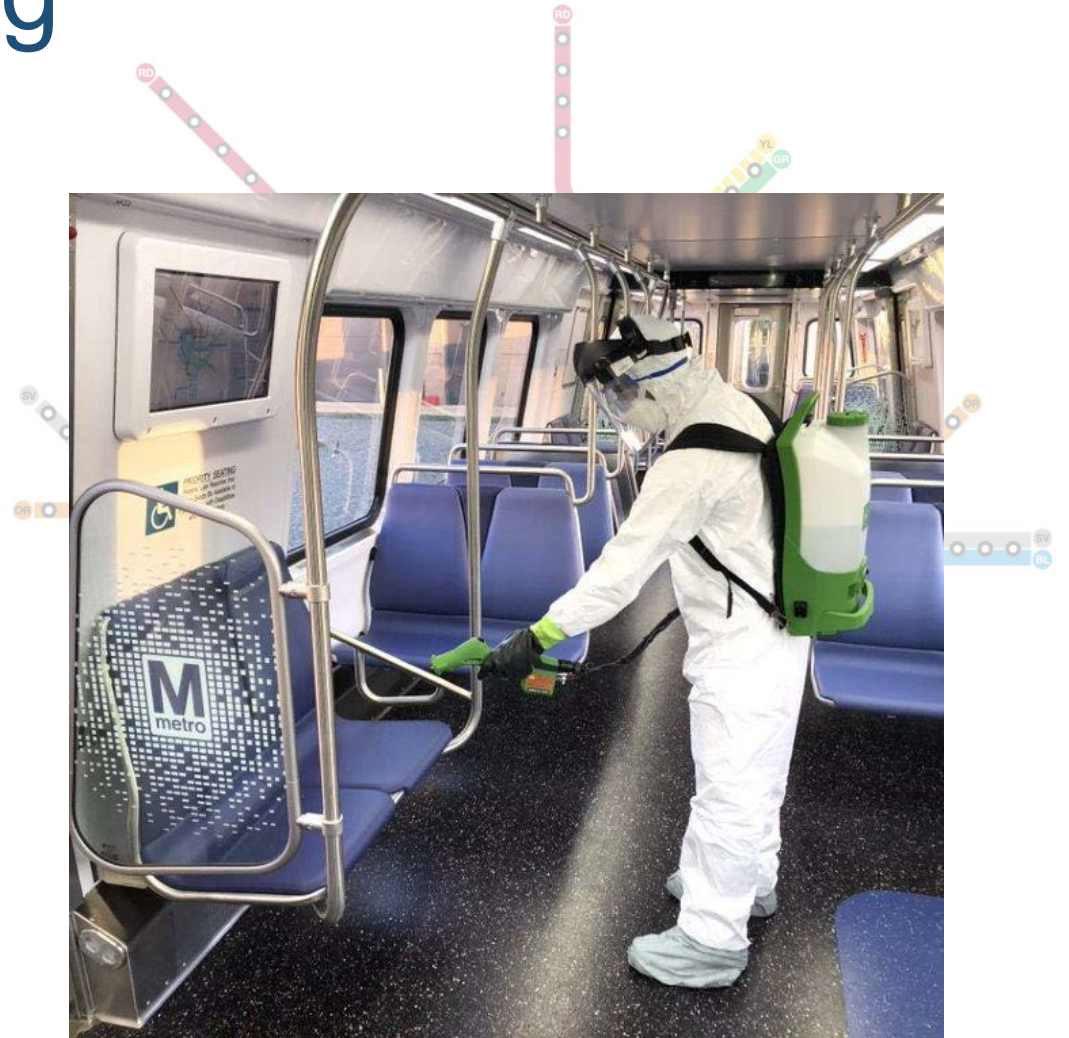
## Operational Changes

- Bus and rail service increased in August
- Launched contactless mobile fare payment for rail and bus
- Operating all trains with 8 cars to support social distancing
- Rear door boarding for bus customers



# Extra Cleaning & Disinfecting

- Daily Vehicle and Station Cleaning
- Disinfecting of buses, rail stations, and facilities, focusing on high-touch areas
- On-demand disinfecting with the additional use of an electrostatic fogger for Covid-19, presumptive positive incidents
- APTA seal for transit industry

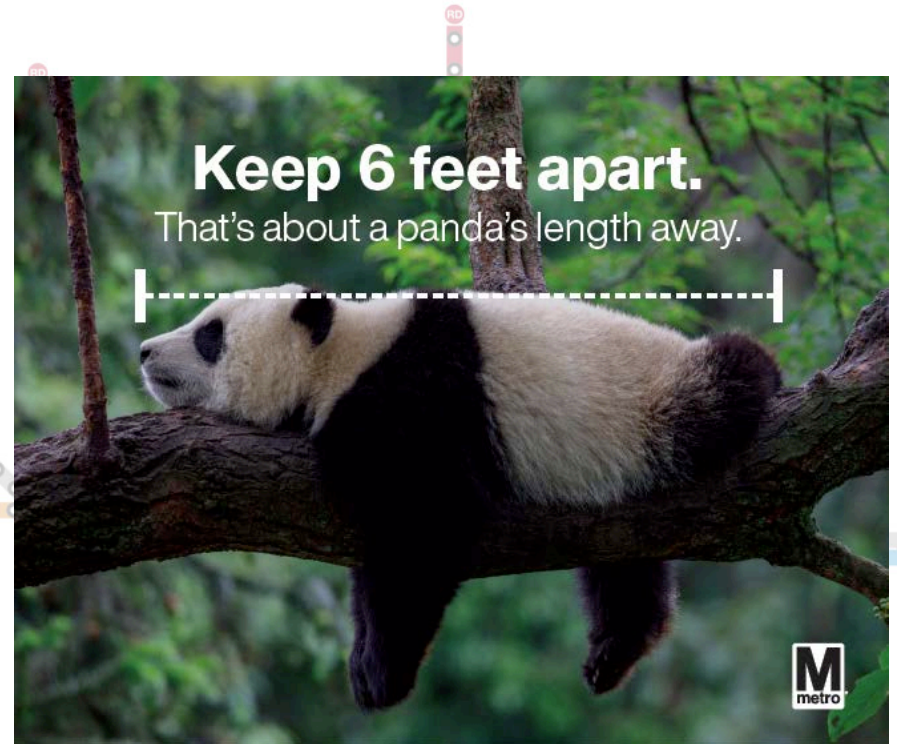


## Forgot your face covering?

We've got you covered.



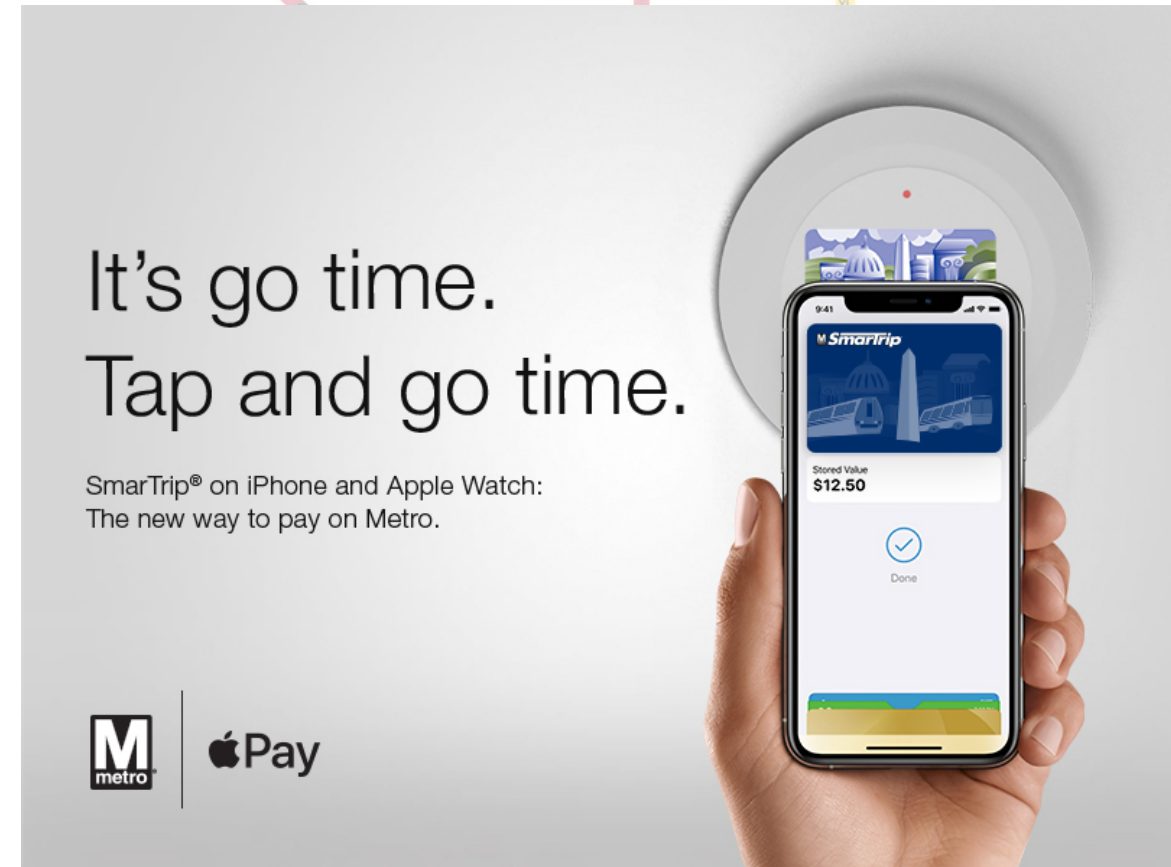
Limit one per rider while supplies last.



# Making Metro Safer and easier

## SmarTrip in Apple Wallet

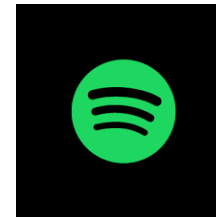
- First transit in North America
- Safer, faster, more convenient way to pay
- Paired with new SmarTrip app, riders now have a fare vending machine in the palm of your hand... view card balances, buy passes and use SmartBenefits



# Marketing and Communications Campaign

Oct – Jan

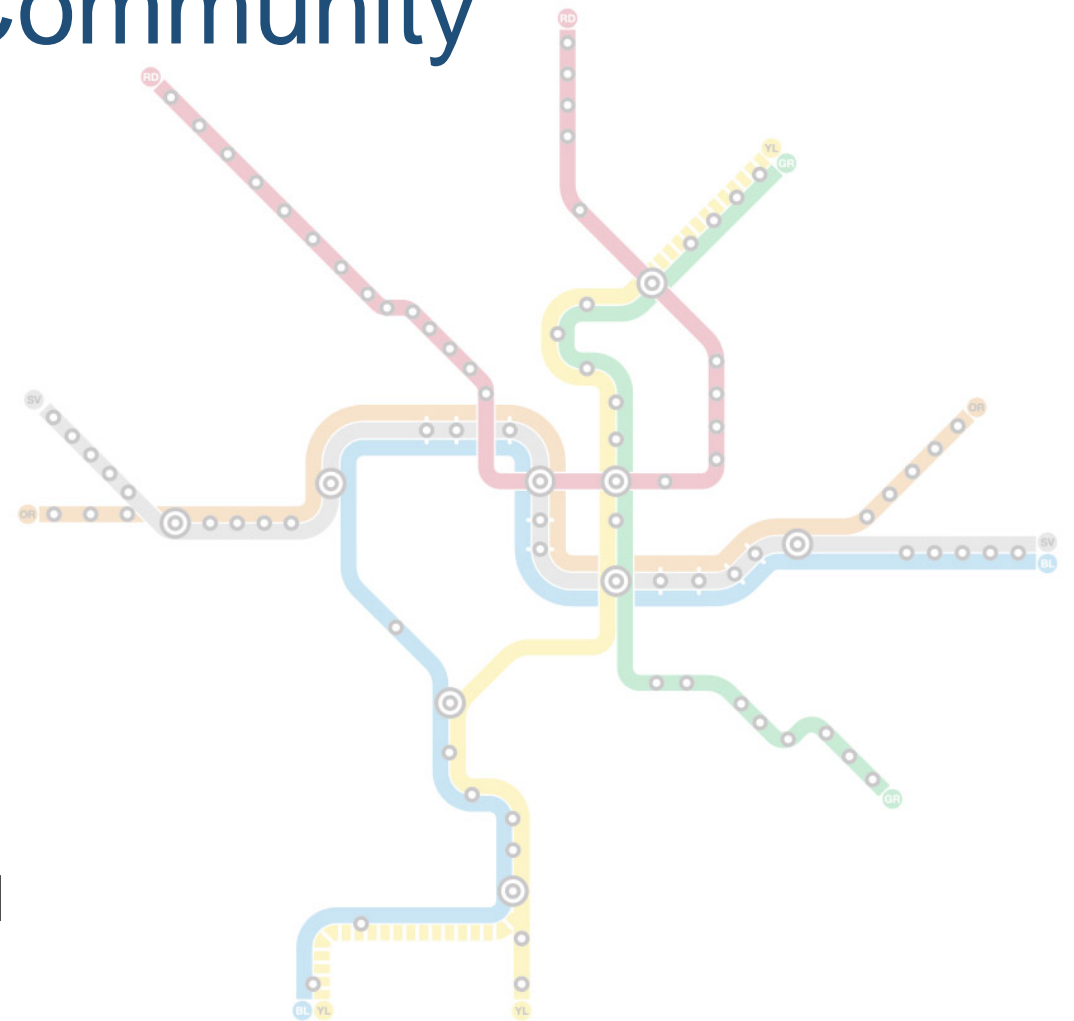
- Local TV News
- Cable TV Spots – HGTV, Food, ESPN
- Digital Display and Social Ads
- Digital Radio
- Ongoing Earned media
- Tunnel wireless connectivity
- Apple Wallet launch
- Google fare payment





# Partnership with Business Community

- Board of Trade DMV working group, Business Improvement Districts (VA & DC), Chambers across the region
- Greater Washington Partnership COVID-19 Snapshot and Transit Tracker
- Regular meetings with region's business community including Tysons Partnership and Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce



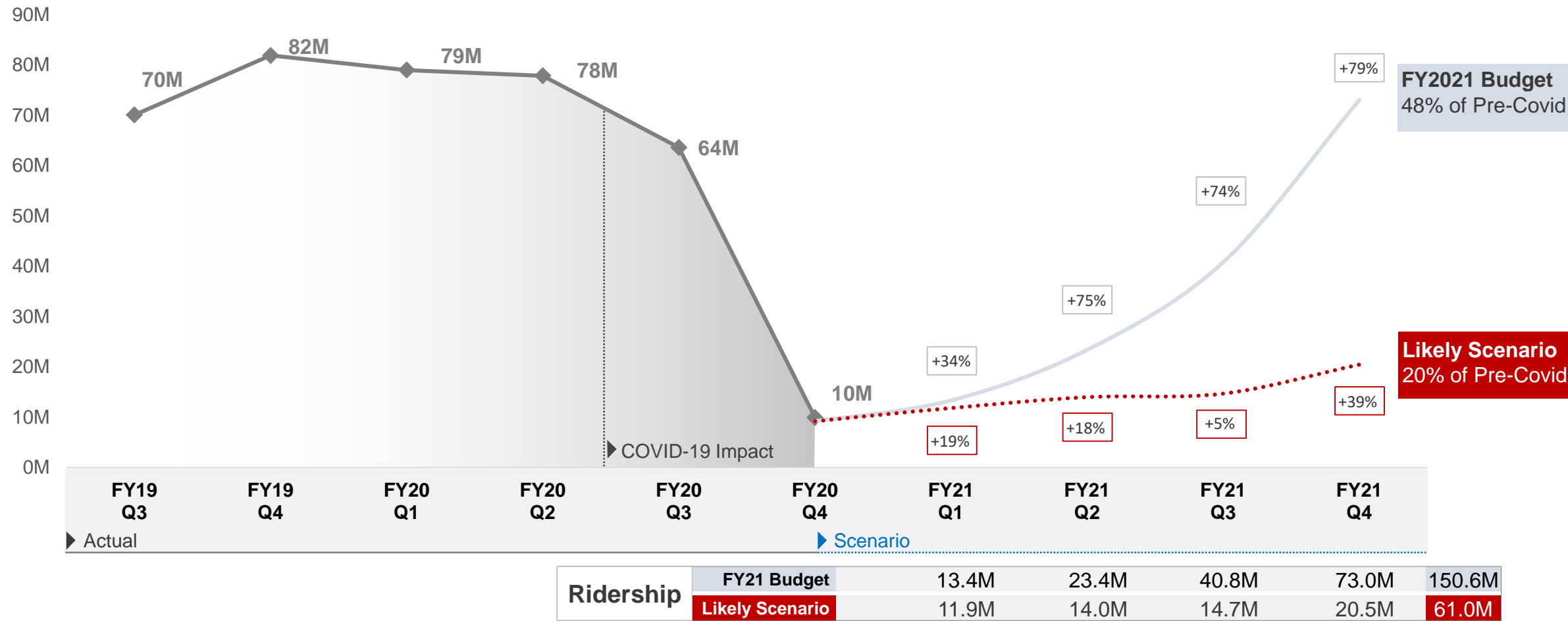
# Focused on Safety and State of Good Repair

Rehabilitation & Maintenance – Safety, SOGR & Program Support	Major Projects - Rail Safety/SOGR	Major Projects – Facilities	Railcar, Bus, Access Vehicle Acquisition	Reimbursable	Modernization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Track</li> <li>•Bridges &amp; Structures</li> <li>•Signal System</li> <li>•Power Systems</li> <li>•Railcars &amp; Buses</li> <li>•Elevators &amp; Escalators</li> <li>•Facilities</li> <li>•Fire systems</li> <li>•Chillers</li> <li>•Lighting</li> <li>•Parking Garages</li> <li>•IT System Preservation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Radio System Replacement</li> <li>•Platform 2 – Orange Line in VA &amp; National Airport</li> <li>•Platform 3 – Green Line in MD, Arlington Cemetery, Addison Rd</li> <li>•Tunnel Water Mitigation</li> <li>•Tunnel Ventilation</li> <li>•Signal System Replacement</li> <li>•Fare Collection System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Northern &amp; Bladensburg Bus Divisions</li> <li>•Heavy Repair &amp; Overhaul Facility</li> <li>•Office Buildings – MD, DC, VA</li> <li>•New Carrollton Parking Garage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•7000 series</li> <li>•8000 series</li> <li>•Replacement Buses</li> <li>•Replacement Access Vehicles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Potomac Yard Station</li> <li>•Silver Line</li> <li>•Purple Line</li> <li>•Project Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•8-car Train Power Upgrades</li> <li>•Electric Bus</li> <li>•Bus Priority</li> </ul>
\$860 M	\$480 M	\$230 M	\$220 M	\$90 M	\$50 M

# Ridership and Service



# Pre and Post COVID-19 Ridership





## Managed Re-Entry Service Began August 2020

### Current Metrobus Service

- Span of hours: 4a-12a
- Weekday: 73% of pre-Covid-19 Service
- Saturday: 87% of pre-Covid-19 Service
- Sunday: 86% of pre-Covid-19 Service
- Level of service constrained by Metrobus workforce availability
- Continue rear-door boarding and no fare collection until January
- Some crowding on certain bus lines – continuing to monitor and deploying additional buses when possible

### Current Metrorail Service

- ~90% of pre-Covid-19 service
- Weekday: 5am-11pm; Weekend: 7/8am-11pm
- Increased train frequency
- All stations now open
- Mobile fare payment now available

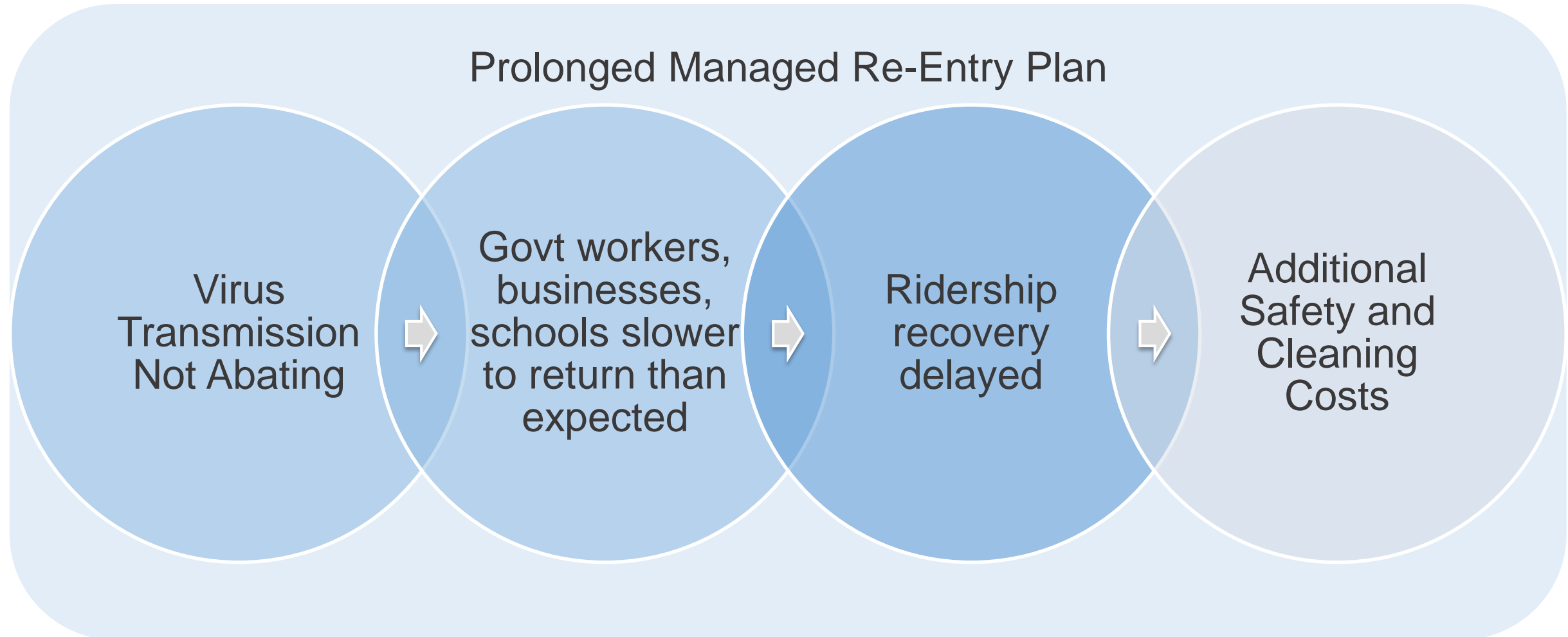
#### Managed Re-Entry Service Plan

Increased Peak, Wider Base

Weekday Service	PEAK	8 min	BL OR GR YL SV	5 min	RD
	OFF PEAK	15 min	BL OR GR YL SV	12 min	RD
Weekend Service	SAT & SUN	15 min	BL OR GR YL SV	12 min	RD

# Financial Stability

# Revised Financial Outlook Worse Due to Covid-19



# Policy Considerations



**Passenger and employee safety top concern**



**Align services with ridership demand with room for recovery & social distancing**



**Protect bus service for essential trips, workers, and transit dependent**



**Reduce adverse impacts for workforce as much as possible**



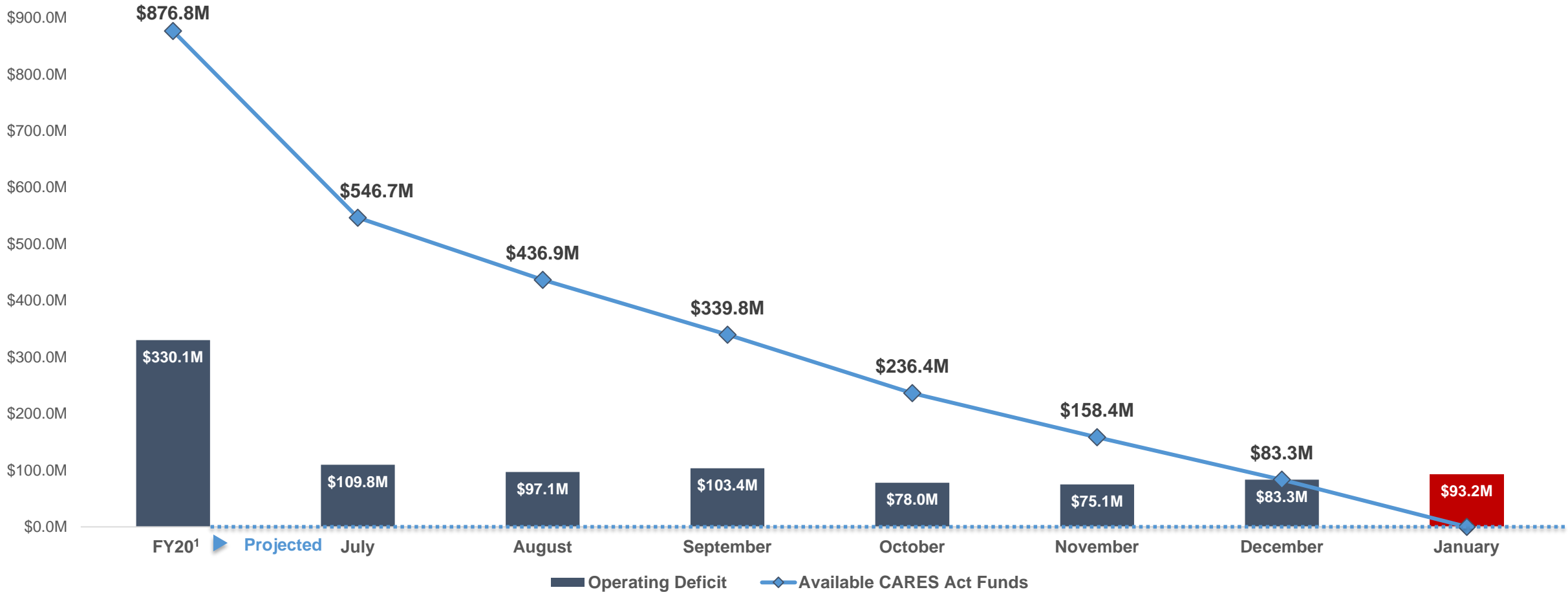
**Act regionally to promote economic recovery and support federal workforce**



**Be intentional about equity**



# CARES Act Funds Will Not Cover Full Fiscal Year



1. FY2020 Cares Act Draw includes \$221M in lost revenue and \$109M in Regional Allocation (Projection includes contingent reserves)

# Actions Needed to Close Remaining Funding Gap, assuming Current Subsidy affirmation

**Likely Scenario**

<b>Management Actions</b>	<b>(\$42.6)</b>
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<b>Board Actions</b>	<b>(\$169.4)</b>
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Defer Capital Projects	(\$30.0)
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Service Cuts/Adjustments	(\$139.4)
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<b>Total Savings Achieved</b>	<b>(\$212.0)</b>
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# Proposed Adjustments to Reduce Expense

		Summary of Impacts					
		Expenses	Revenues	Savings	Retention <sup>1</sup>	Net Savings	FTEs <sup>2</sup>
\$ in Millions							
Rail	Standardize weekday rail service frequency to 12 minutes on each line	(\$34.3)	(\$4.6)	(\$29.7)	\$0.0	(\$29.7)	(493)
	Reduce number of trains/operators by shortening trips where possible (i.e. “turnbacks”) • Red Line: Every other trip Grosvenor-Silver Spring • Yellow Line: All trips begin/end at Mt. Vernon Square	(\$3.5)	(\$0.7)	(\$2.8)	\$0.0	(\$2.8)	(45)
	Shorten span of service by 10 hours/week Close at 9 pm Sun-Thu (retain 11 pm Fri/Sat)	(\$6.8)	(\$1.3)	(\$5.5)	\$0.0	(\$5.5)	(96)
	Silver Line Phase 2 Opening July 1	(\$70.0)	(\$1.3)	(\$68.8)	\$15.0	(\$53.8)	(228)
Bus	Retention of August Service Plan	(\$64.3)	(\$1.7)	(\$62.6)	\$0.0	(\$62.6)	(876)
	Restore Bus Fares in Q3 <sup>3</sup>	\$0.0	\$5.6	(\$5.6)	\$0.0	(\$5.6)	0
	Total	(\$178.8)	(\$4.0)	(\$174.8)	\$15.0	(\$159.8)	(1,738)

1. Retention costs required to maintain assets 2. Full-time equivalents (FTE) vacant or filled 3. Heightened fare evasion may reduce revenue realized

# Timeline for Orderly Service Reduction Actions

- 1 Board Approval of Docket ▶ Sep 18
  - 2 Virtual only public outreach
  - 3 3 months for proposed service change implementation
  - 4 Required 60 days notice for employee layoffs
  - 5 Notice of service changes for customers ▶ Dec 1
  - 6 Reductions take effect mid - December
- Fiscal Cliff - CARES anticipated depletion Jan 2021**



# We Need Your Help

- Critical federal funds are needed to help WMATA and its funding partners withstand the impact of COVID-19
- WMATA is thankful for the support of local, state, and federal elected officials, the business community, and other stakeholder groups
- National and regional economies cannot recover without the support of transit



# Thank You!

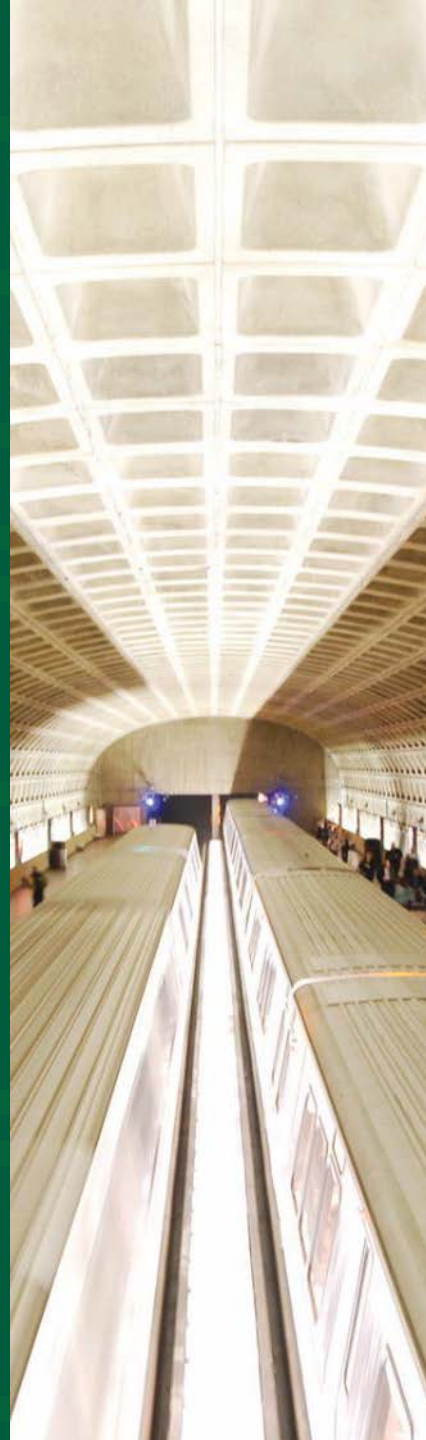
Continue checking [wmata.com/plan](https://wmata.com/plan)  
for Recovery Plan info

And [wmata.com/budget](https://wmata.com/budget) for budget info



## 4. WMATA (continued)

- B. WMATA COVID-19 Response
- C. Report from the Virginia WMATA Board Members
- D. Other WMATA News



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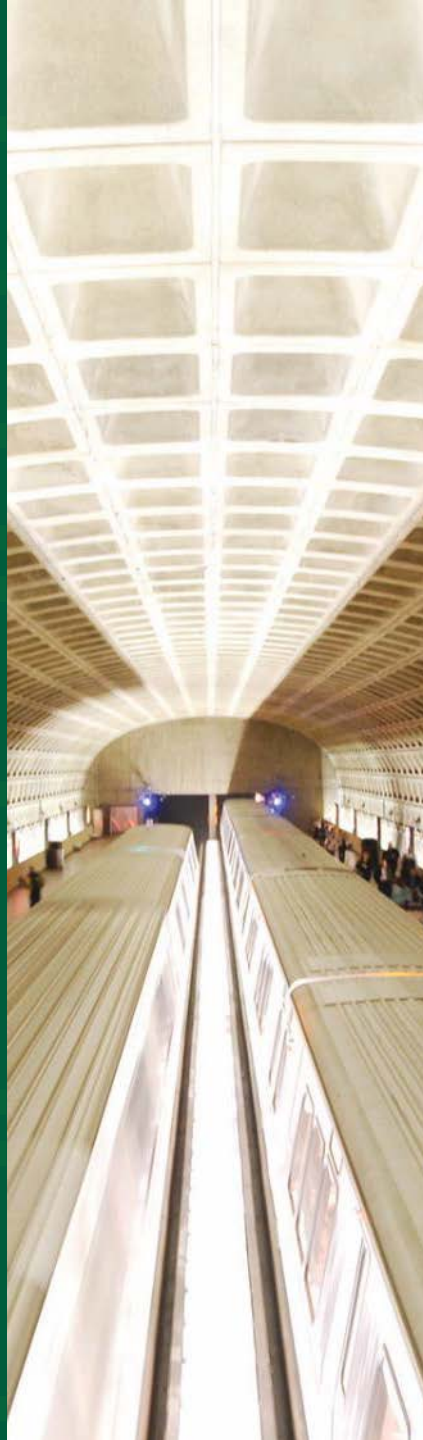




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PROGRAM ANALYST



## 4. WMATA (continued)

### E. Report from the Chair of the 3% Cap Working Group

- Working Group has met three times
- Working Group and WMATA Committee have reached a consensus on recommendations for the report
- Action to approve report at November Commission meeting
- Report due November 10

# 3% Cap Working Group Report to the General Assembly

## Background

- The report examines the role of NVTC jurisdictions in funding of WMATA, the impact of the historical operating subsidies, and WMATA's past and present drivers of past subsidy increases.

## Findings

- The 3% cap has only been used for two WMATA budget cycles.
- It does appear to provide some predictability and require WMATA to focus on controlling costs.
- However, the exclusions do increase the bottom-line subsidy, reducing the predictability of annual subsidy growth.

## Recommendations

- No changes be made to the existing 3% cap legislation;
- No additional exclusions to the cap be considered at this time;
- No legislative changes be considered before the cap has been in place for five WMATA budget development cycles; and
- NVTC continue to evaluate the impact of Virginia's 3% cap legislation.





# Companion Report to NVTC on Virginia's 3% Cap

- Secondary report to the Commission focused on non-legislative actions
- Will follow a separate timeline from the General Assembly report

## 4. WMATA (continued)

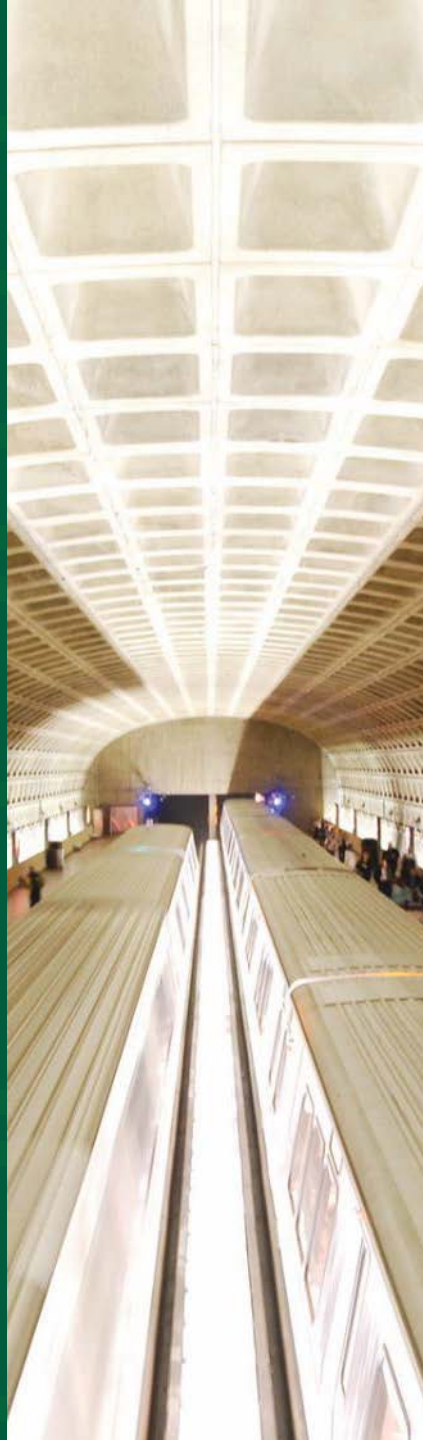
F. Report from the Chair of the NVTC WMATA Committee

Next NVTC WMATA Committee meeting - October 29



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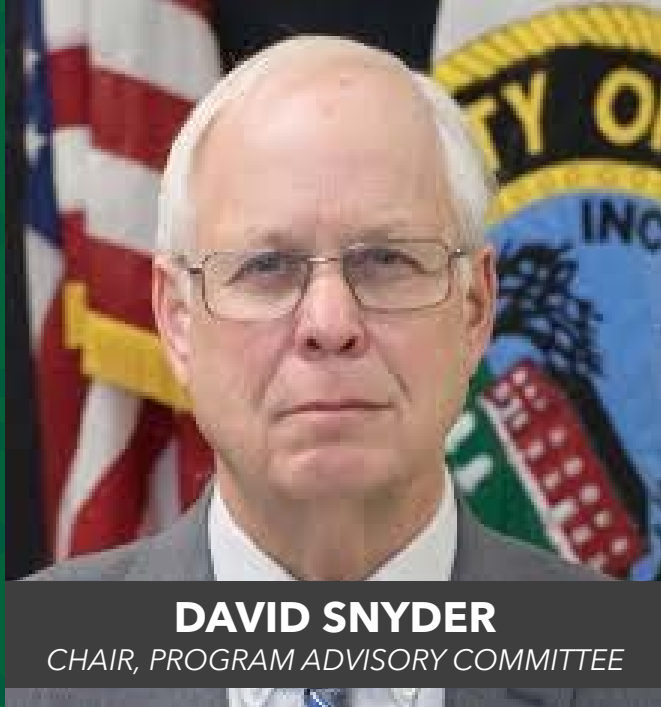
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## 5. Commuter Choice Program

- A. Report from the Chair of the Program Advisory Committee





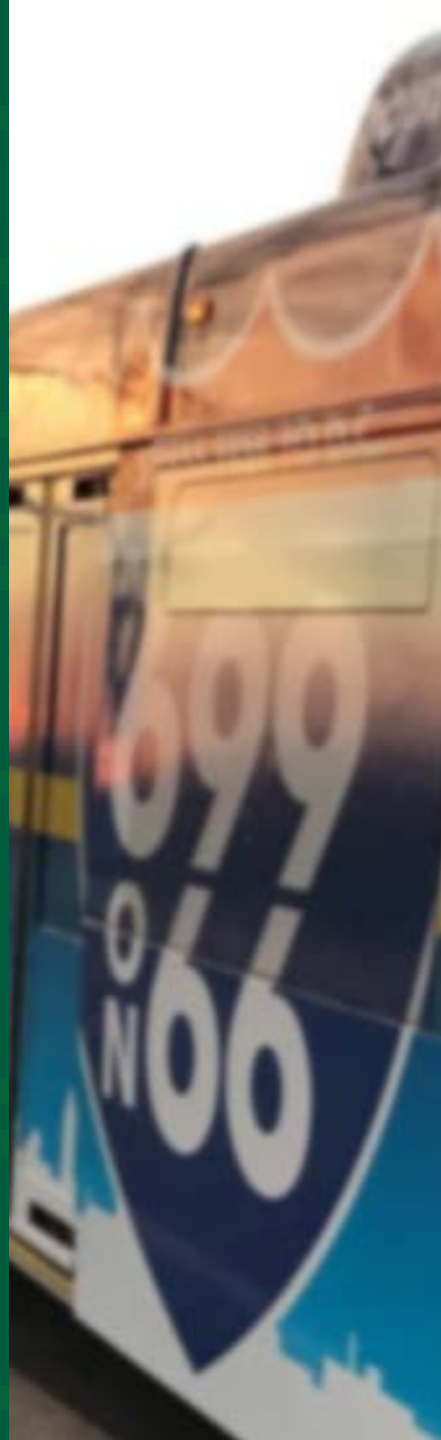
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## 5. Commuter Choice Program

- B. ACTION ITEM: NVTC Commuter Choice Program FY 2020 Annual Report
- C. ACTION ITEM: Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Initial Round Four (FY 2021) Program of Projects
- D. Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 Corridor Update





# Commuter Choice

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



FY 2020 Annual Report is first to include:

- a 5-year look back at the program
- lessons learned from administering the program
- analysis from both the I-66 Inside the Beltway and I-395/95 corridors





# Five-Year Look Back: Lessons Learned



Advocating for a more diverse set of projects that advance Commuter Choice goals



Ensuring project benefits are readily measurable, particularly Transportation Demand Management (TDM) efforts



Encouraging applicants to coordinate projects with other stakeholders in the region to ensure success

NVTC ensures that the Commuter Choice program delivers projects with substantial benefits to toll payers by moving more people and fostering viable, attractive alternatives to driving alone.



# 24

**Operational & Completed  
Transit & Access To  
Transit Projects**

Commuter Choice's **24 operational and completed transit and access to transit projects** move about **2,200 more people** through the I-66 Inside the Beltway and I-395/95 corridors each morning.

The number of trips provided by these projects is **86% of the total target** that was the basis for the projects' selection.



## Five-Year Look Back: At-a-Glance

# 1500

**PEOPLE**

In the **I-66 corridor**, 16 projects move almost **1,500 people each morning**, within a reasonable range (77%) of their target.

## 69%

**meet or exceed  
the target**



Eleven of the 16 projects in the **I-66 corridor** meet (within 30%) or exceed their ridership targets.

# 700

**PEOPLE**

In the **I-395/95 corridor**, eight projects move about **700 people each morning**, substantially outperforming their target (117%).

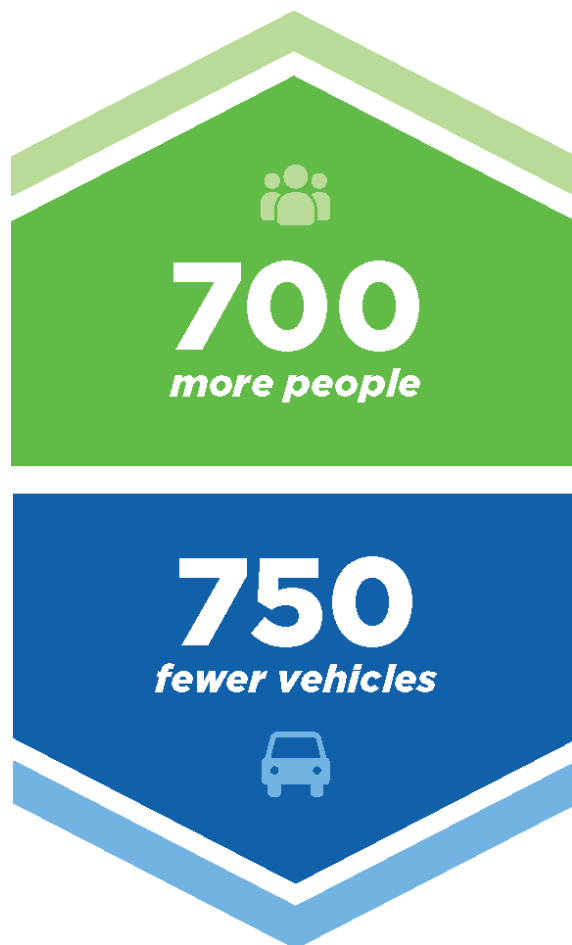
## 75%

**meet or exceed  
the target**



Six of the eight projects in the **I-395/95 corridor** meet (within 30%) or exceed their ridership targets.




Since Commuter Choice funding began in 2017 on the I-66 corridor Inside the Beltway, more people have moved in fewer vehicles.



Each morning in 2019, **700 more people** and **750 fewer vehicles** moved through the corridor than in 2015.

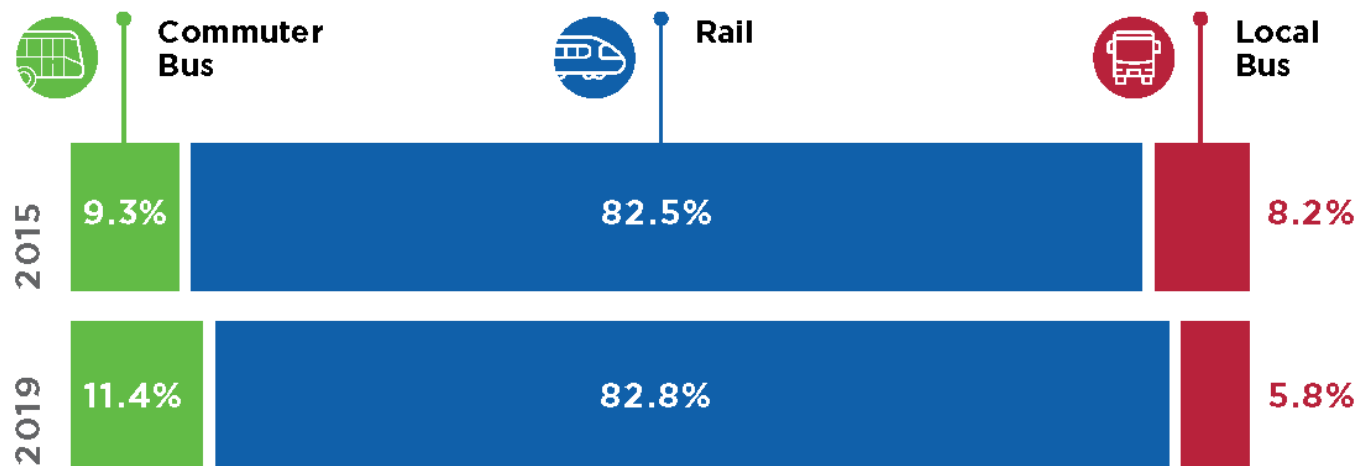
# Program Highlights

More people used transit, carpools and vanpools to travel along the I-66 corridor during the morning peak period in 2019 than in 2015.

	 TRANSIT	 CARPOOL/VANPOOL	 DRIVING ALONE
2015	41.1%	22.5%	36.4%
2019	41.5%	23.7%	<b>34.7%</b>

**-1.7% decrease in the mode share of people who drive alone in 2019**

When using transit to commute, most people use Metro and VRE. More people, however, are adopting the long-haul Commuter Bus as their preferred travel mode.



*+2.1% increase in Commuter Bus mode share*

**56**

additional commuter buses move through the I-66 corridor each day with Commuter Choice funding

**+26% Growth**  
in commuter bus ridership since 2015



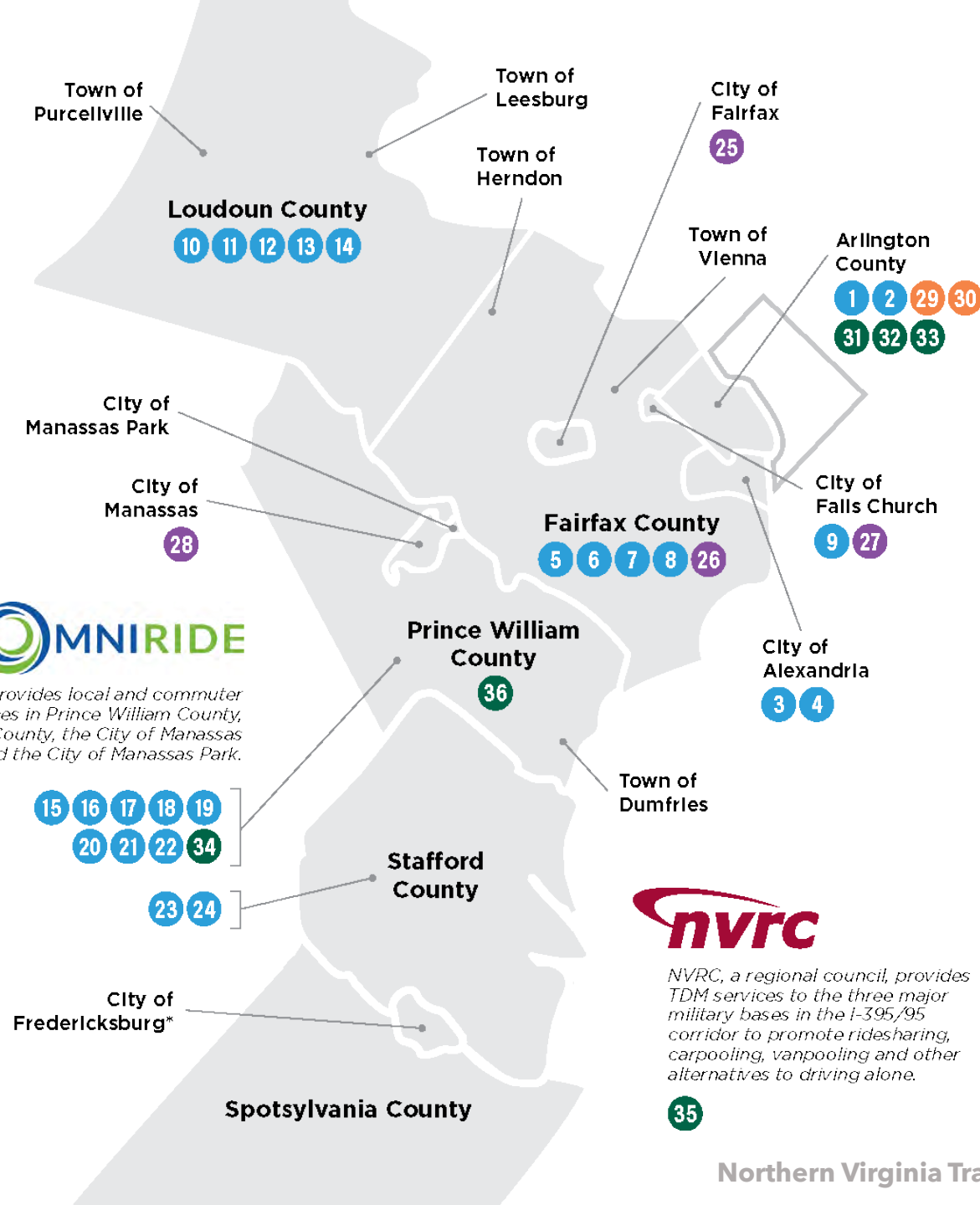
# Current Projects

## Project Type

- Bus Service
- Access to Transit
- Roadway Operations
- TDM



OmniRide provides local and commuter transit services in Prince William County, Stafford County, the City of Manassas and the City of Manassas Park.



NVRC, a regional council, provides TDM services to the three major military bases in the I-395/95 corridor to promote ridesharing, carpooling, vanpooling and other alternatives to driving alone.



## NEW OR ENHANCED BUS SERVICE PROJECTS

- 1 **Arlington County - Bus Stop Consolidation and Accessibility Improvements, Lee Highway and Washington Boulevard I-66**  
Funding: \$462,000
- 2 **Arlington County - Enhanced Bus Service on Metrobus 3Y: Lee Highway-Farragut Square I-66**  
Funding: \$1,040,000
- 3 **City of Alexandria/DASH - Enhanced Bus Service on AT-1 Plus: West End to Van Dorn Metro I-395**  
Funding: \$3,040,000
- 4 **City of Alexandria/DASH - Enhanced Bus Service on AT-9: Mark Center to Potomac Yard I-395**  
Funding: \$1,949,000
- 5 **Fairfax County - New Bus Service from Stringfellow to L'Enfant Plaza I-66**  
Funding: \$4,326,000
- 6 **Fairfax County - New Bus Service to the Pentagon with Gambrill and Backlick North Park and Ride Improvements I-395**  
Funding: \$3,540,903
- 7 **Fairfax County - Fairfax Connector Express Bus Service between Vienna/Fairfax-GMU and Pentagon Metrorail Stations I-66**  
Funding: \$3,452,618
- 8 **Fairfax County - Fairfax Connector Government Center—Downtown DC, Route 699 I-66**  
Funding: \$5,276,336\*

- 9 **City of Falls Church - Metrobus Route 3T Extension and Service Expansion I-66**  
Funding: \$845,754
- 10 **Loudoun County - Loudoun County Transit Metro Connection from New Purcellville Park and Ride I-66**  
Funding: \$1,065,960
- 11 **Loudoun County - Loudoun County Transit Metro Connection Route 88X Extension to Dulles South I-66**  
Funding: \$1,706,040
- 12 **Loudoun County - Stone Ridge Enhanced Transit I-66**  
Funding: \$2,472,970\*
- 13 **Loudoun County - New Bus Service from Purcellville to DC I-66**  
Funding: \$949,482
- 14 **Loudoun County - New Bus Service from Stone Ridge to Pentagon I-66**  
Funding: \$1,257,226
- 15 **OmniRide - Gainesville to Pentagon Commuter Service I-66**  
Funding: \$5,559,600\*
- 16 **OmniRide - OmniRide Linton Hall Metro Direct Bus Service Enhancement I-66**  
Funding: \$134,200
- 17 **OmniRide - On-Demand Commuter Lot Shuttles in Prince William County I-66**  
Funding: \$1,087,796
- 18 **OmniRide - Enhanced Bus Service from Gainesville to DC I-66**  
Funding: \$1,519,100

- 19 **OmniRide - New Bus Service from Haymarket to Rosslyn I-66**  
Funding: \$776,700
- 20 **OmniRide - Enhanced Bus Service from Dale City to Ballston I-395**  
Funding: \$251,600
- 21 **OmniRide - Enhanced Bus Service on Prince William Metro Express I-395**  
Funding: \$562,400
- 22 **OmniRide - Enhanced Bus Service on Route 1 Local I-395**  
Funding: \$1,133,500
- 23 **OmniRide - New Bus Service from Staffordboro to Downtown D.C. I-395**  
Funding: \$3,569,200
- 24 **OmniRide - New Bus Service from Staffordboro to the Pentagon I-395**  
Funding: \$3,495,300

## ACCESS TO TRANSIT PROJECTS

- 25 **City of Fairfax - CUE Access and Technology Improvements I-66**  
Funding: \$965,000
- 26 **Fairfax County - I-66 Corridor Vienna/Merrifield Bike Share Expansion I-66**  
Funding: \$497,100
- 27 **City of Falls Church - Expanded Transit Access, Bike Share I-66**  
Funding: \$500,000
- 28 **City of Manassas - Bicycle Parking Improvements at Manassas VRE Station I-66**  
Funding: \$55,000

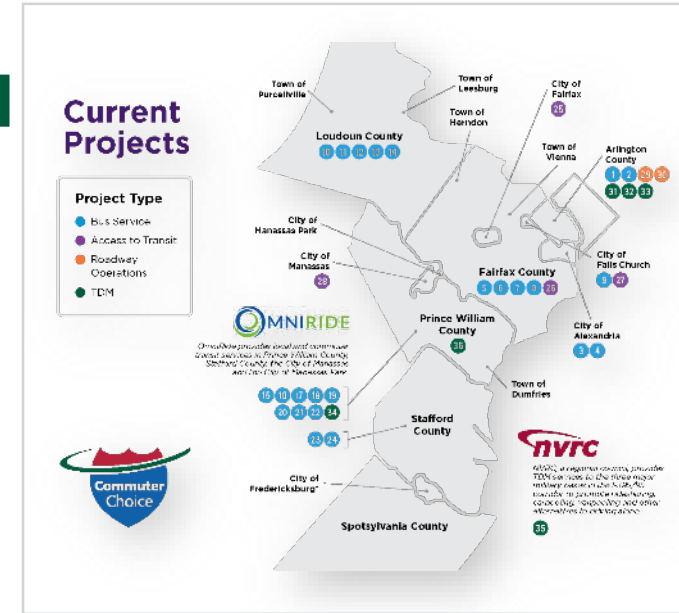
## ROADWAY OPERATIONS PROJECTS

- 29 **Arlington County - I-66 Corridor Intelligent Transportation System Enhancements I-66**  
Funding: \$400,000
- 30 **Arlington County - Traffic Management Center I-66**  
Funding: \$400,000

## TDM PROJECTS

- 31 **Arlington County - Commuter Store at the Pentagon Transit Center I-395**  
Funding: \$211,962
- 32 **Arlington County - Expanded TDM Outreach to the I-66 Corridor I-66**  
Funding: \$2,050,000\*
- 33 **Arlington County - Multimodal Real-Time Transportation Information Screens I-66**  
Funding: \$250,000
- 34 **OmniRide - Flexible Vanpool Program I-66**  
Funding: \$317,600
- 35 **NVRC - New TDM Outreach Campaign for Military Facilities I-395**  
Funding: \$396,184
- 36 **Prince William County - New TDM Outreach to the I-66 Corridor I-66**  
Funding: \$200,000

*\*denotes the total funded amount for projects funded in multiple rounds*

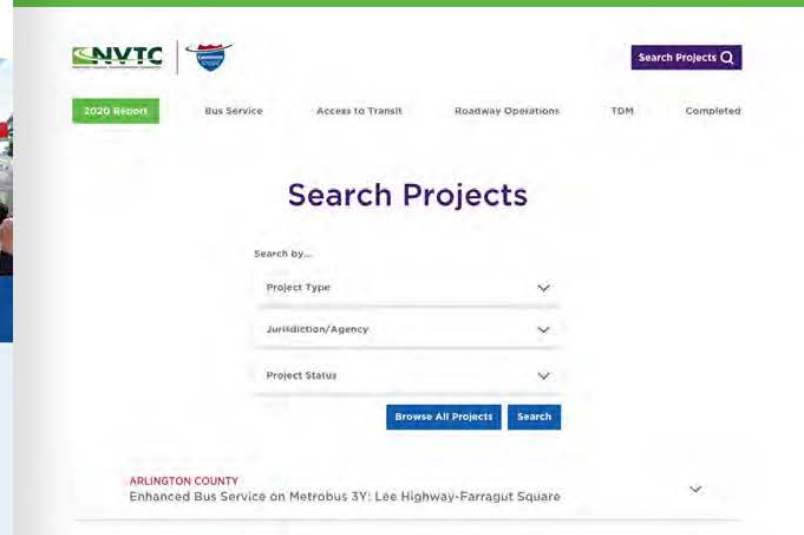
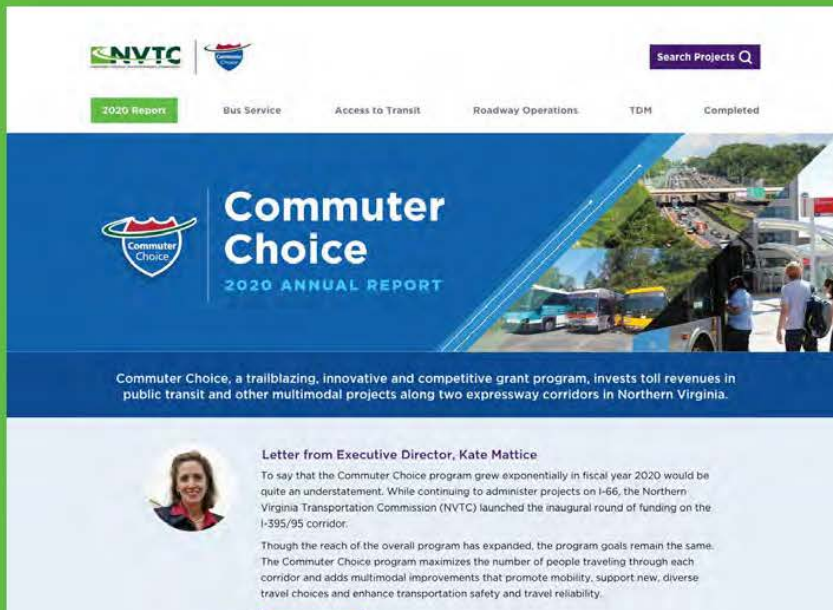


**36 approved projects**



To read the full 2020 annual report  
with detailed project information, visit

*CommuterChoiceAR.org*



**COMING SOON**



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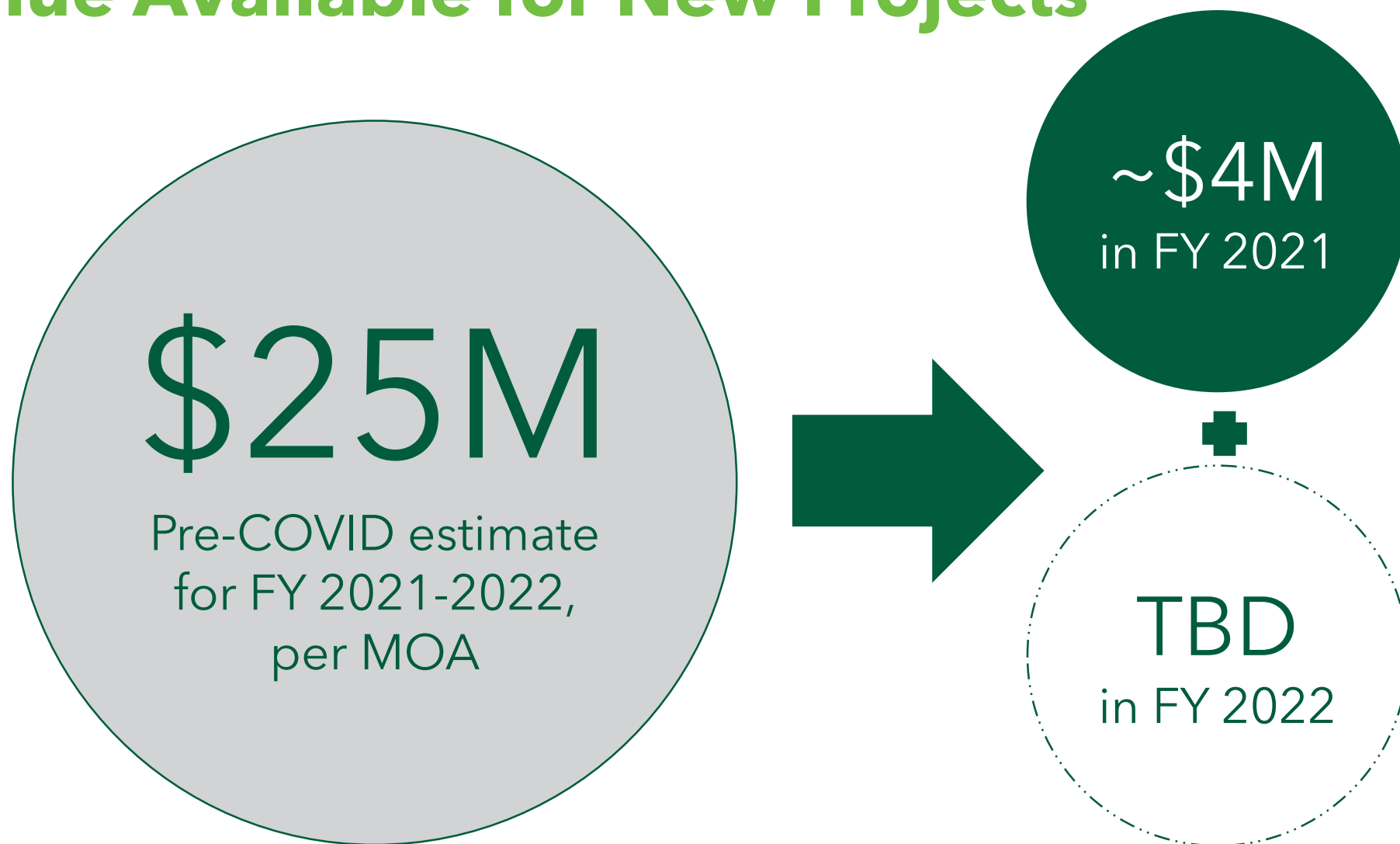


## 5C. Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Initial Round Four (FY 2021) Program of Projects

- Approve I-66 Corridor Initial Round Four (FY 2021) Program of Projects for Submission to the Commonwealth Transportation Board
- Approve Executive Director to execute related Standard Project Agreements
- Consider remaining eligible project application scores in selection of Supplemental Program in Spring 2021

# I-66 Round Four (FY 2021-2022)

## Revenue Available for New Projects



# Recommended Initial (FY 2021) Program

## Endorsed by the Program Advisory Committee

Applicant	I-66 Round Four (FY 2021-2022) Application Title	Application Score (100 Points)	Funding Request
Fairfax County	McLean Metro Station North Entrance	85	\$1,000,000
OmniRide	Renewal of Bus Service from Gainesville to Pentagon/Navy Yard	80	\$461,100
OmniRide	Renewal of Bus Service from Haymarket to Rosslyn	71	\$137,100
City of Fairfax	City of Fairfax Bike Share Implementation	59	\$460,000
Arlington County	Lee Highway HOV and Bus-Only Lane in Rosslyn	57	\$710,000
Loudoun County	Renewal of Purcellville Metro Connection Bus Service	52	\$709,030
NVTC	<i>Program Administration and Oversight for FY 2021</i>		\$300,000
<b>TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST</b>			<b>\$3,777,230</b>



A word cloud visualization of terms related to transit projects. The most prominent words are "commuter", "projects", "transit", "investment", "will", "work from home", "valuable", "trips", "corridor", "like", "services", "bike", "area", "region", "capital", "people", "metro", "choice", "funding", "approach", "use", "imagine", "save", "walking-distance", "technical", "reflected", "Four", "strengthening", "money", "restripping", "station", "bus", "alliance", "improvement", "allegedly", "confidence", "destination", "working", "seem", "potential", "boondoggles", "encourages", "substantial", "affordably", "redeveloping", "appropriately", "priorities", "already", "share", "agencies", "interventions", "opportunity", "recommendations", "erroneously", "improvements", "grants", "vehicle", "benefits", "support", "consideration", "revenue", "far", "home", "access", "Peak", "individual", "toilet", "Bike", "best", "decrease", "immediately", "Commission", "emphasis", "multiplier", "operations", "short-stinted", "time", "outside-the-beltway", "development", "comprehensive", "approval", "actually", "still", "civic", "hold", "odds", "true", "become".

- Open September 1-21
- Comments accepted via online form, email, voicemail
- Promotion via social media and through applicants
- Virtual Town Hall meeting for members of the public to learn about the projects
- **Five comment submissions received**

# Projects To Be Considered for Supplemental (FY 2022) Program Endorsed by the Program Advisory Committee

Applicant	I-66 Round Four (FY 2021-2022) Application Title	Application Score (100 Points)	Funding Request
City of Falls Church	Restoration of Peak-Period Metrobus Route 28X, Tysons Corner to Mark Center	73	\$3,305,967
OmniRide	TDM Strategy - I-66 Corridor Vanpool Parking Benefit	62	\$85,000
Fairfax County	New Bus Service from Reston South to Crystal City	59	\$5,110,800
Town of Vienna	New Park and Ride at Patrick Henry Library	56	\$5,050,000
Fairfax County	TDM Strategy - Fare Buy Down on Bus Service from Reston North to Crystal City	44	\$154,500
<b>TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR PROJECTS</b>			<b>\$13,706,267</b>
NVTC	<i>Program Administration and Oversight for FY 2022</i>		<i>TBD</i>



## 5. Commuter Choice Program - I-66 Action Items

- 5B: Authorize the Executive Director to Submit the NVTC Commuter Choice Program FY 2020 Annual Report to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
- 5C: Approve Resolution #2420: Approve the Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Initial Round Four (FY 2021) Program of Projects for Submission to the Commonwealth Transportation Board and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute the Standard Project Agreements



**BEN OWEN**

NVTC COMMUTER CHOICE  
SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER



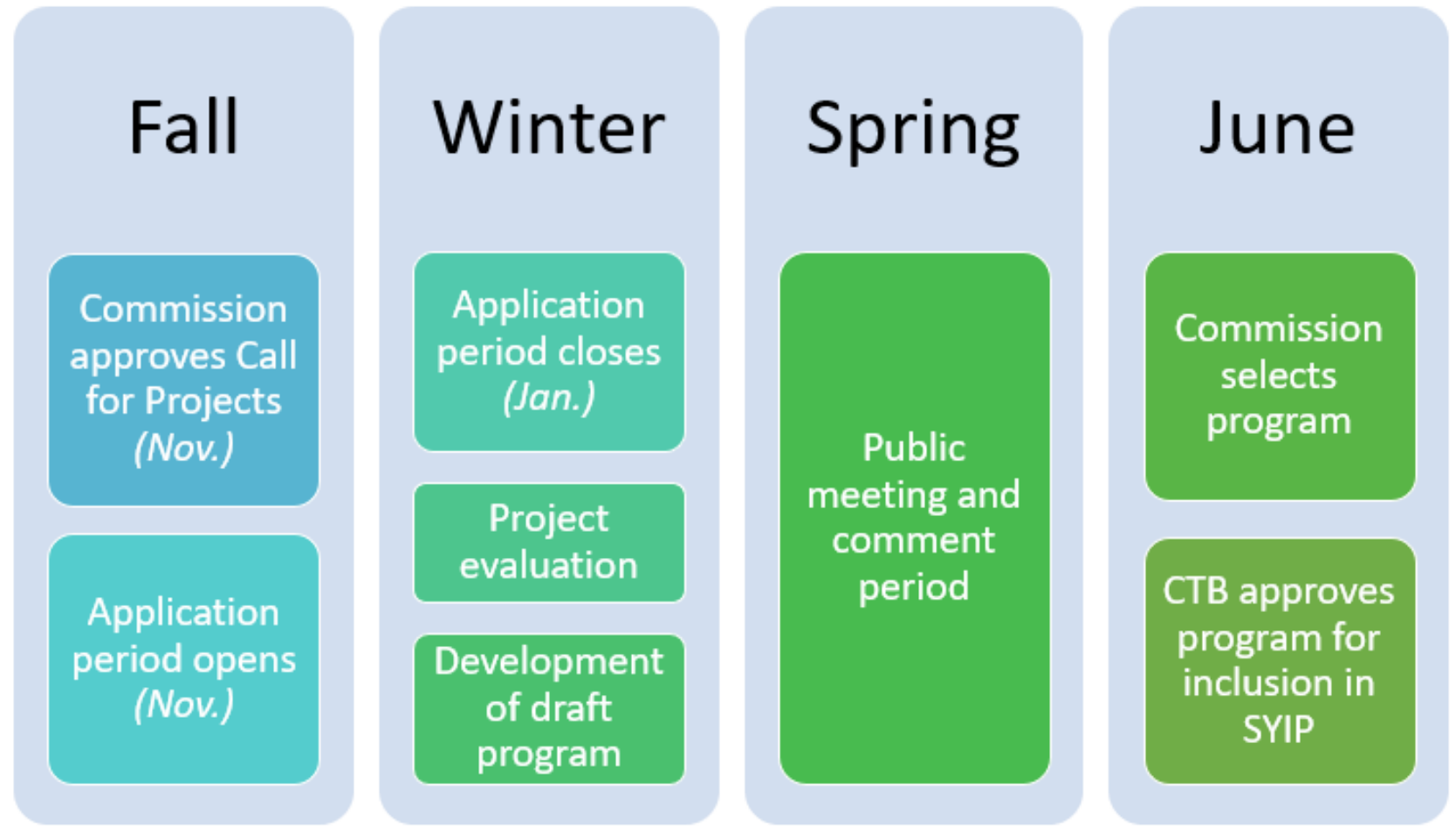
## 5D. Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 Corridor Round Two Update

- Schedule for I-395/95 Round Two
- Use of existing technical evaluation criteria and process
- Proposed Policy Changes

Action will be requested at November's Commission meeting



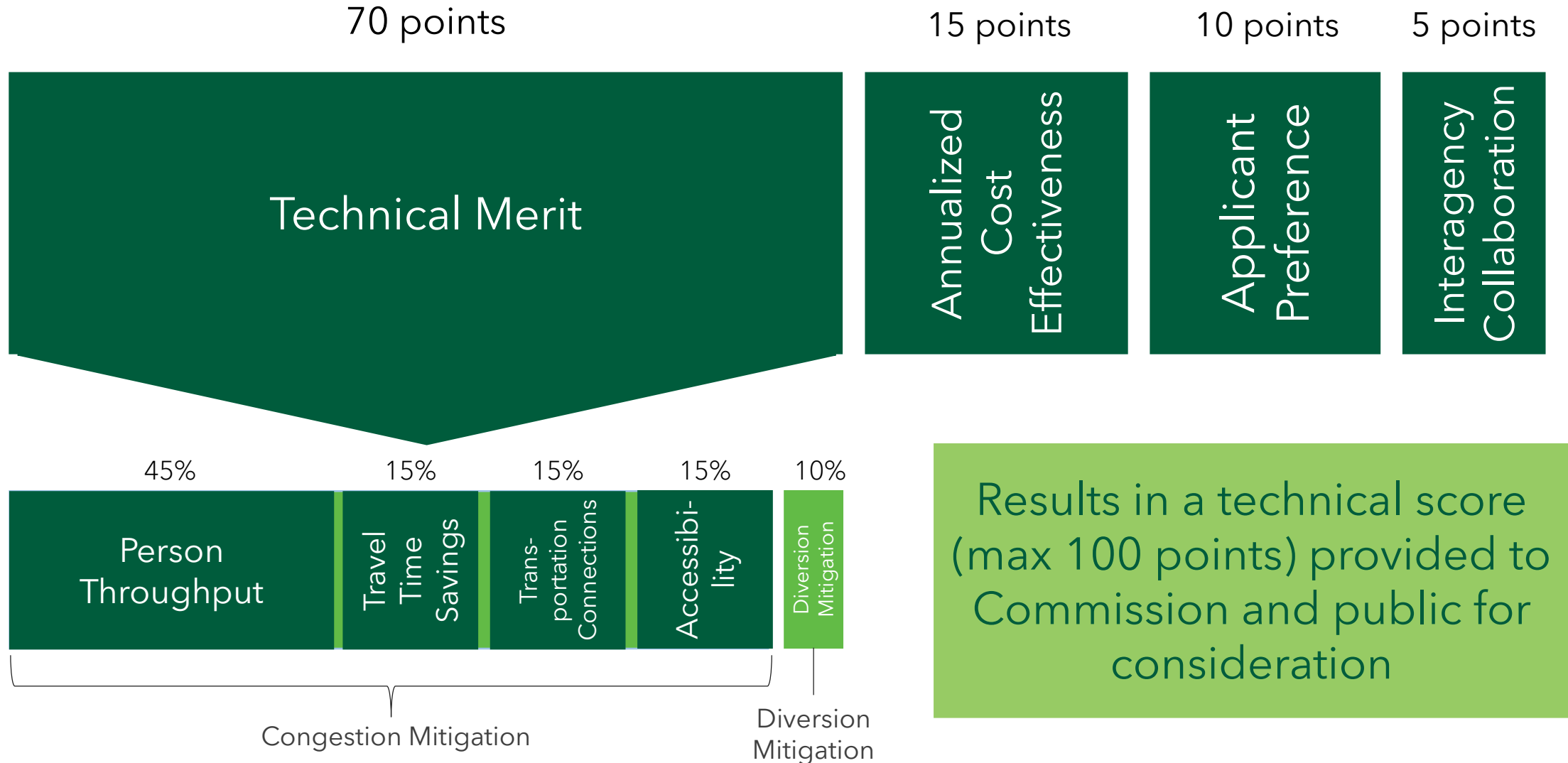
# I-395/95 Round Two (FY 2022-2023) Call for Projects Schedule



Staff are working with our Commonwealth partners to understand how COVID-19 may affect available revenue.

# Proposed Technical Evaluation Process

From the Fall 2019 Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Call for Projects



# Proposed Program-Wide Policy Changes

## Would take effect with the I-395/95 Round Two call for projects



### Framework for Larger Capital Projects

- Commuter Choice will only fund asset acquisition and construction
- Must document ability to begin construction in two years, expend funds in five
- Funding awards may extend across two consecutive two-year programs



### Minimum Funding Award Amount

- \$200,000 for all projects



### Transportation Demand Management Project Requirements

- Must exclusively benefit toll payers and have directly measurable outcomes



### Partner Support Documentation Requirement

- Executive, Board or Council support documentation required with applications for projects that significantly involve a third party (VDOT, WMATA, etc.)

## 6. Legislative Update

- A. Report from the Chair of the Legislative and Policy Committee



**DAVID MEYER**

CHAIR, LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY  
COMMITTEE





## 6. Legislative Update



**AIMEE PERRON-SEIBERT**  
NVTC LEGISLATIVE LIAISON



**KATE MATTICE**  
NVTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**DINAH GIRMA**  
NVTC PROGRAM ANALYST



## 7. NVTC Transit Resource Center

In meeting materials:

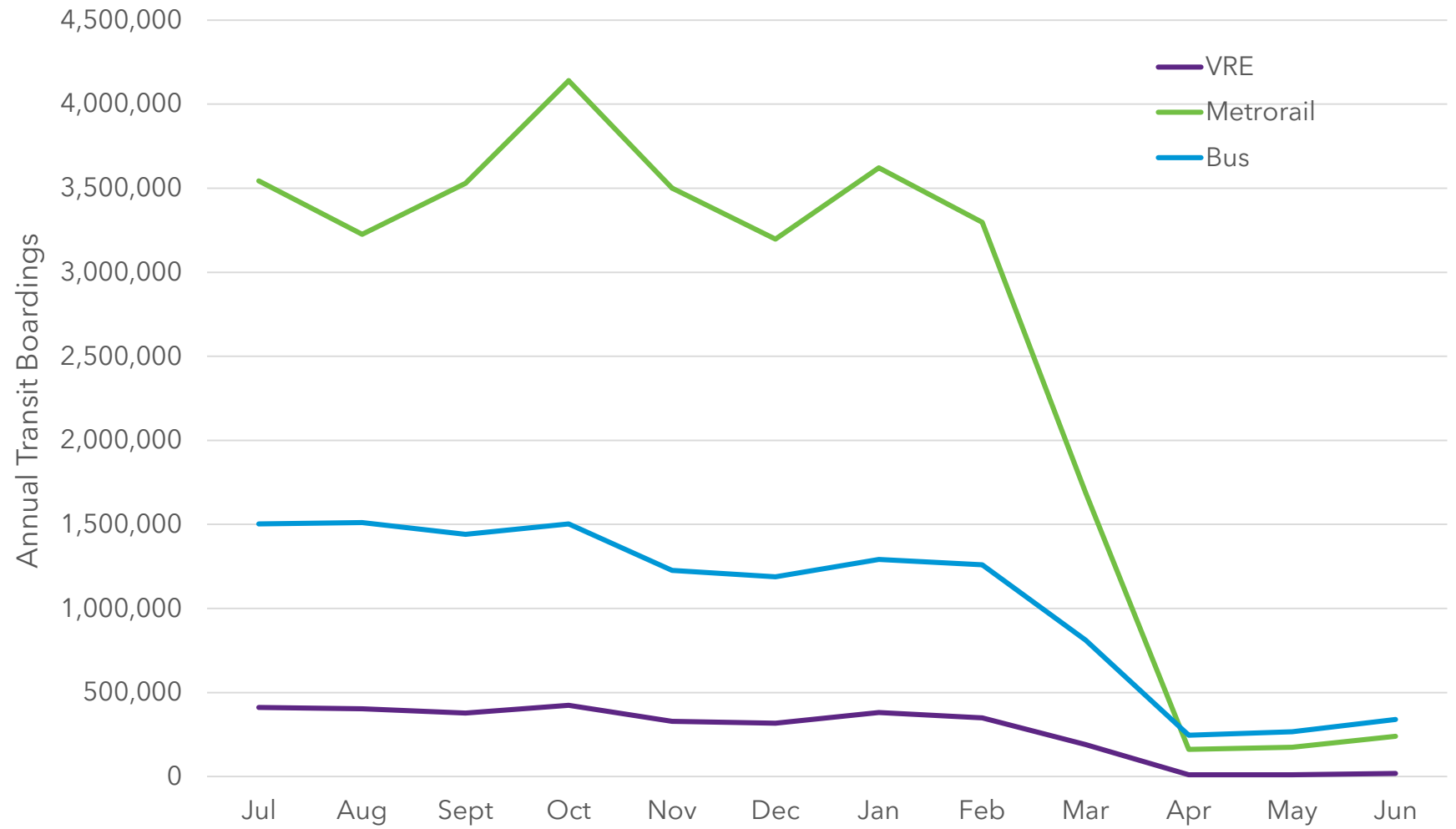
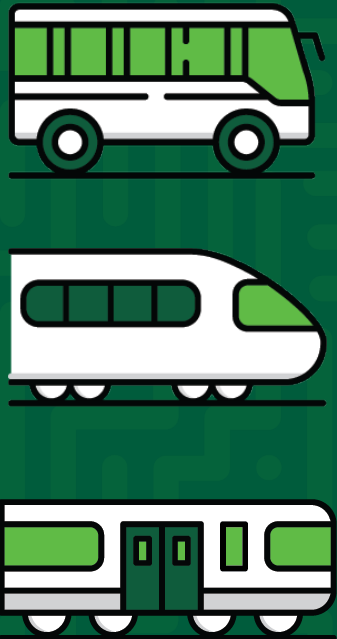
- A. FY 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Transit Ridership Report
- B. FY 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Parking Utilization

Presentation on:

- C. NVTC FY 2020 Annual Transit Performance Report

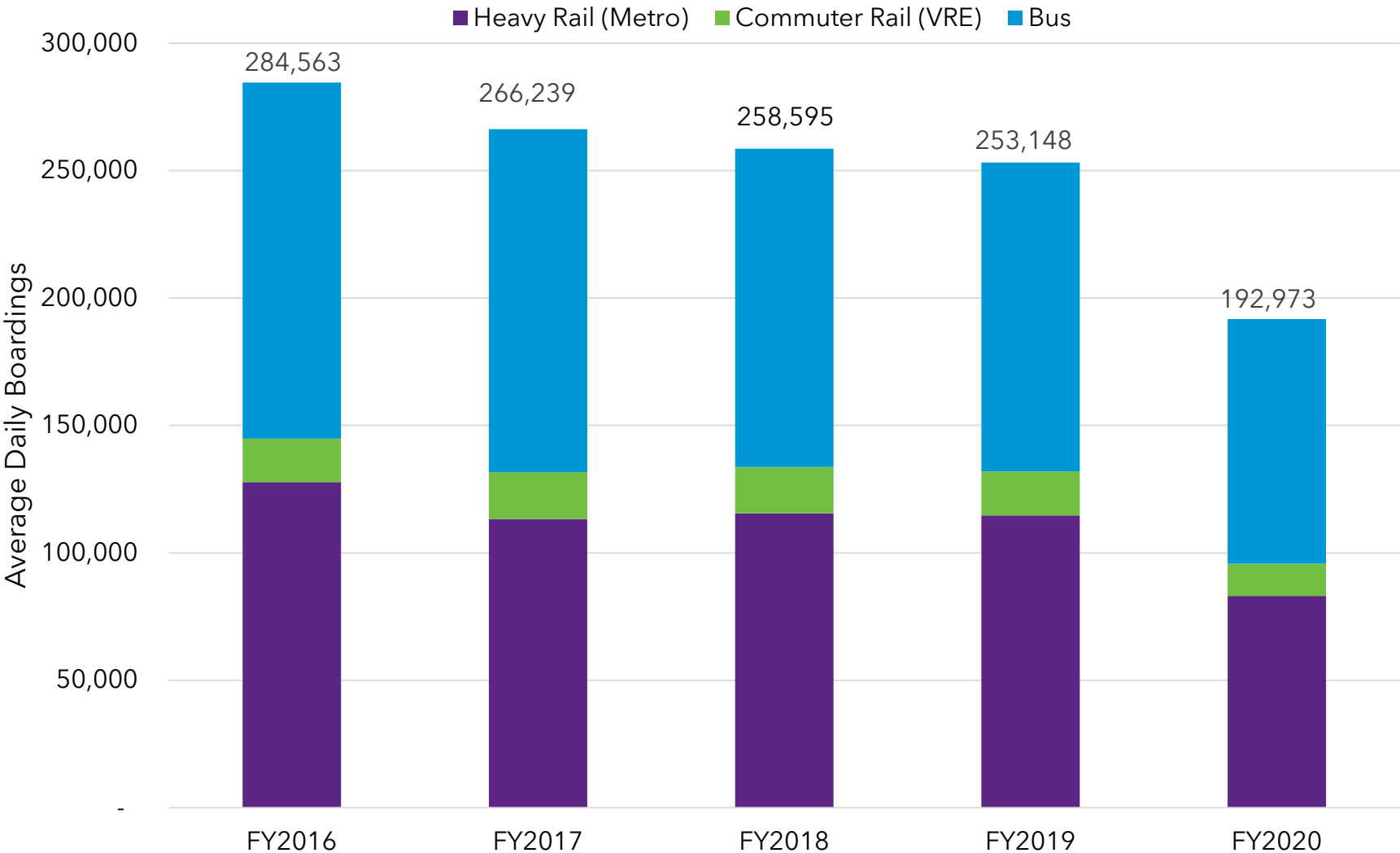
# Northern Virginia Annual Transit Boardings, FY 2020 Snapshot

Transit ridership in FY 2020 was following a similar monthly variation as observed in previous years, until the COVID-19 public health emergency. Starting in March, transit ridership dropped dramatically. By the summer, ridership started to increase slightly.



# Northern Virginia Average Daily Transit Boardings (All Modes), FY 2016 - FY 2020

Typically transit moves over a quarter million people on an average day in Northern Virginia.



Source: DRPT OLGA System and WMATA





# Summary Points

- COVID-19 has seriously impacted transit ridership and commuting patterns in the last quarter of FY 2020.
- Before COVID-19, transit ridership was experiencing a 5% increase, when comparing FY 2020 to FY 2019.
- Despite telework, as things reopen, transit is starting to show increased ridership.
- Continued investment in transit and TOD is vital to post-COVID-19 recovery and long-term sustainable economic growth.
- NVTC will continue to track ridership during COVID-19 and in subsequent recovery.

## 8. Virginia Railway Express



**RICH DALTON**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS

- A. VRE COVID-19 Response
- B. VRE CEO Report and Minutes
- C. ACTION ITEM: Approve Resolution #2421: Authorize the Referral of the Preliminary FY 2022 VRE Operating and Capital Budget to the Jurisdictions
- D. VRE CEO Delegated Spending Authority Increased



## 9. Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Report is included in meeting materials.



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation



**KATE MATTICE**  
NVTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## 10. Executive Director's Report

- A. Executive Director Newsletter
- B. NVTC Financial Reports (August 2020)

Save the date for  
**NVTC-PRTC Joint *Virtual* Legislative Briefing**  
Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am





**KATIE CRISTOL**  
NVTC CHAIR  
ARLINGTON COUNTY

## Commissioner Comments

Chair Cristol will open the floor for any final questions and comments from Commissioners

Next Commission Meeting is November 5, 2020

# NVTC Commission Meeting October 1, 2020

Meeting is adjourned. Thank you for attending.



**KATIE CRISTOL**  
NVTC CHAIR  
ARLINGTON COUNTY



**CANEK AGUIRRE**  
NVTC VICE CHAIR  
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA



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