



# **Joint Meeting of the NVTC-PRTC Joint Commission Working Group and NVTC Program Advisory Committee**

**April 22, 2021**

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# Today's Agenda

- **Joint Commission Working Group**

- Commuter Choice Program on the I-395/95 Corridor: Round Two (FY 2022-FY 2023) Program of Projects

- **Program Advisory Committee**

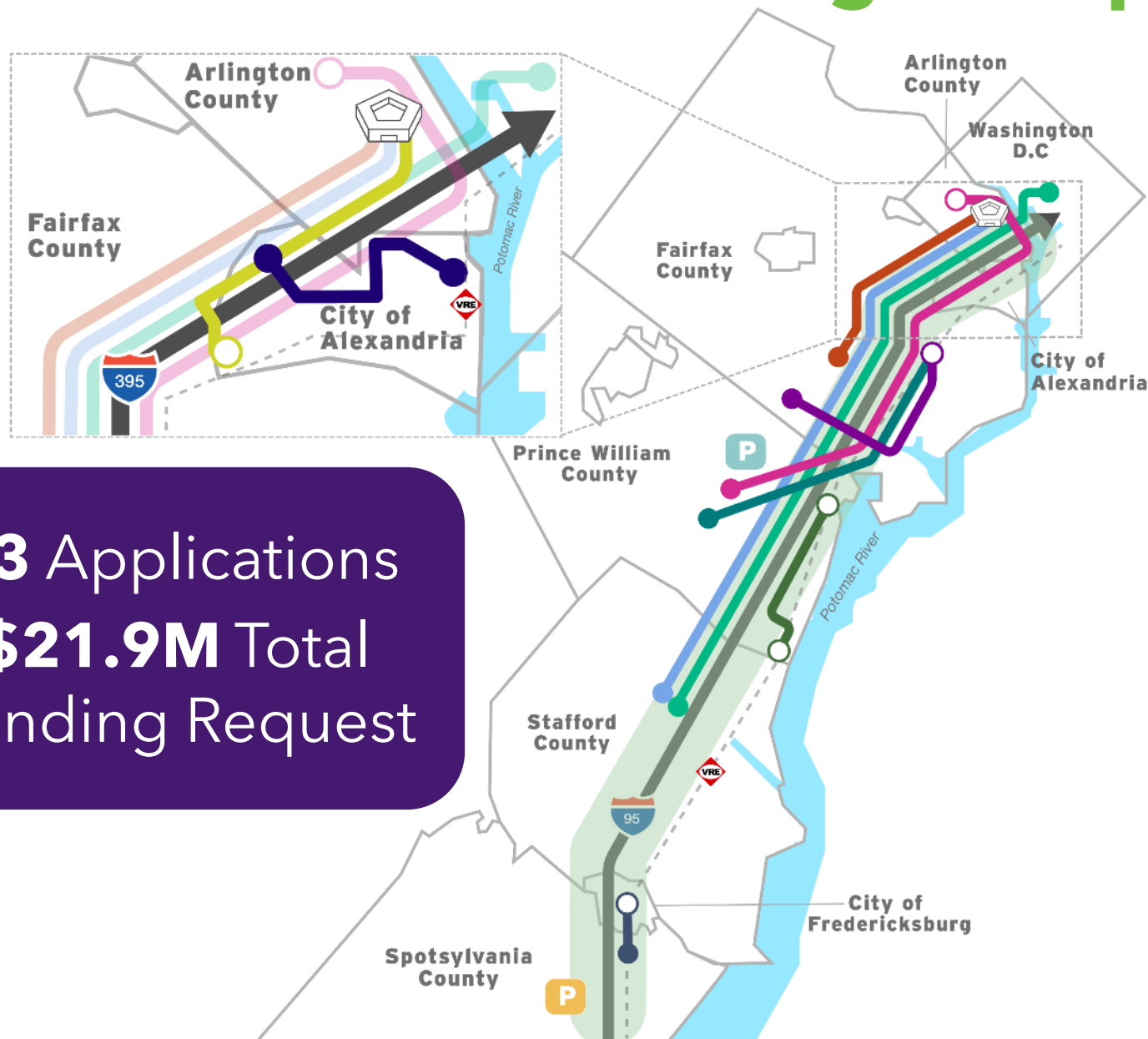
- Commuter Choice Program on the I-66 Corridor: Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022) Program of Projects Status
- Envision Route 7 Update
- Low Fare / Fare Free White Paper

**Round Two (FY 2022-FY 2023)**  
**Program of Projects**  
**Commuter Choice Program on the**  
**I-395/95 Corridor**

# I-395/95 Round Two Eligible Applications



**13 Applications**  
**\$21.9M Total**  
**Funding Request**



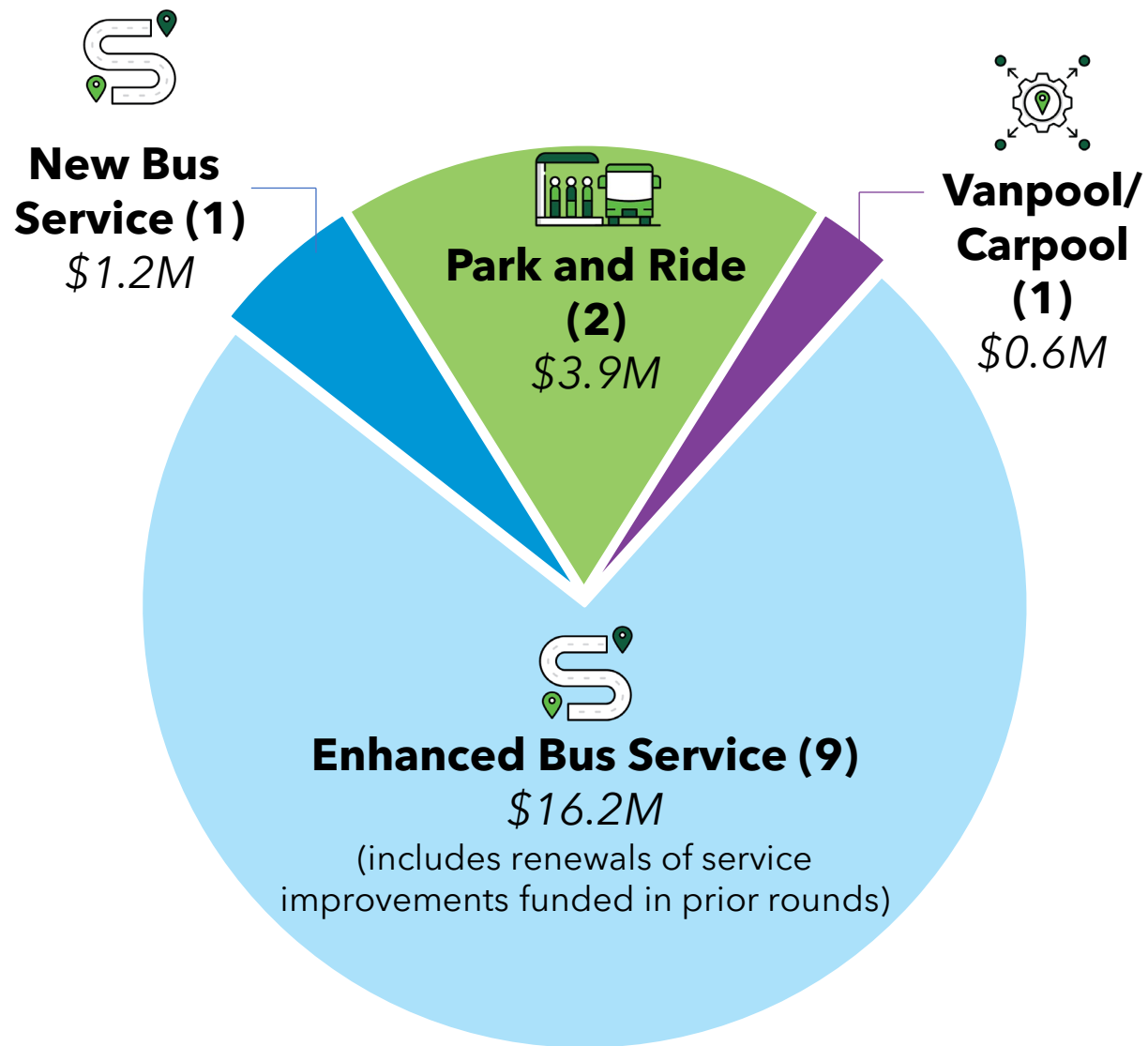
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- DASH Enhanced Bus Service Van Dorn Metro to Pentagon
  - DASH Enhanced Bus Service Mark Center to Potomac Yard
  - Fairfax Connector Backlick North to Pentagon\*
  - Fairfax Connector Enhanced Bus Service Lorton to Franconia
  - OmniRide Staffordboro to Pentagon\*
  - OmniRide Staffordboro to Downtown D.C.\*
  - P Prince William County Horner Road Park + Ride Lot Expansion
  - OmniRide Dale City to Ballston Expanded Service\*
  - OmniRide Route 1 Local Expanded Service\*
  - OmniRide Prince William Metro Express Expanded Service\*
  - OmniRide TDM Strategy – I-395/95 Corridor Vanpool Incentives
  - FRED Transit New Bus Service Route 208 Park and Ride to Fredericksburg VRE
  - P Spotsylvania County New Park + Ride Lot in Massaponax
- Pentagon Transit Center
  - Bus to Rail Transit Connection
  - I-95/I-395
  - VRE - Virginia Railway Express

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# I-395/95 Round Two Eligible Applications



## NVTC Jurisdictions and Transit Providers:

4 Applications

**\$13.3M** Total Funding Request

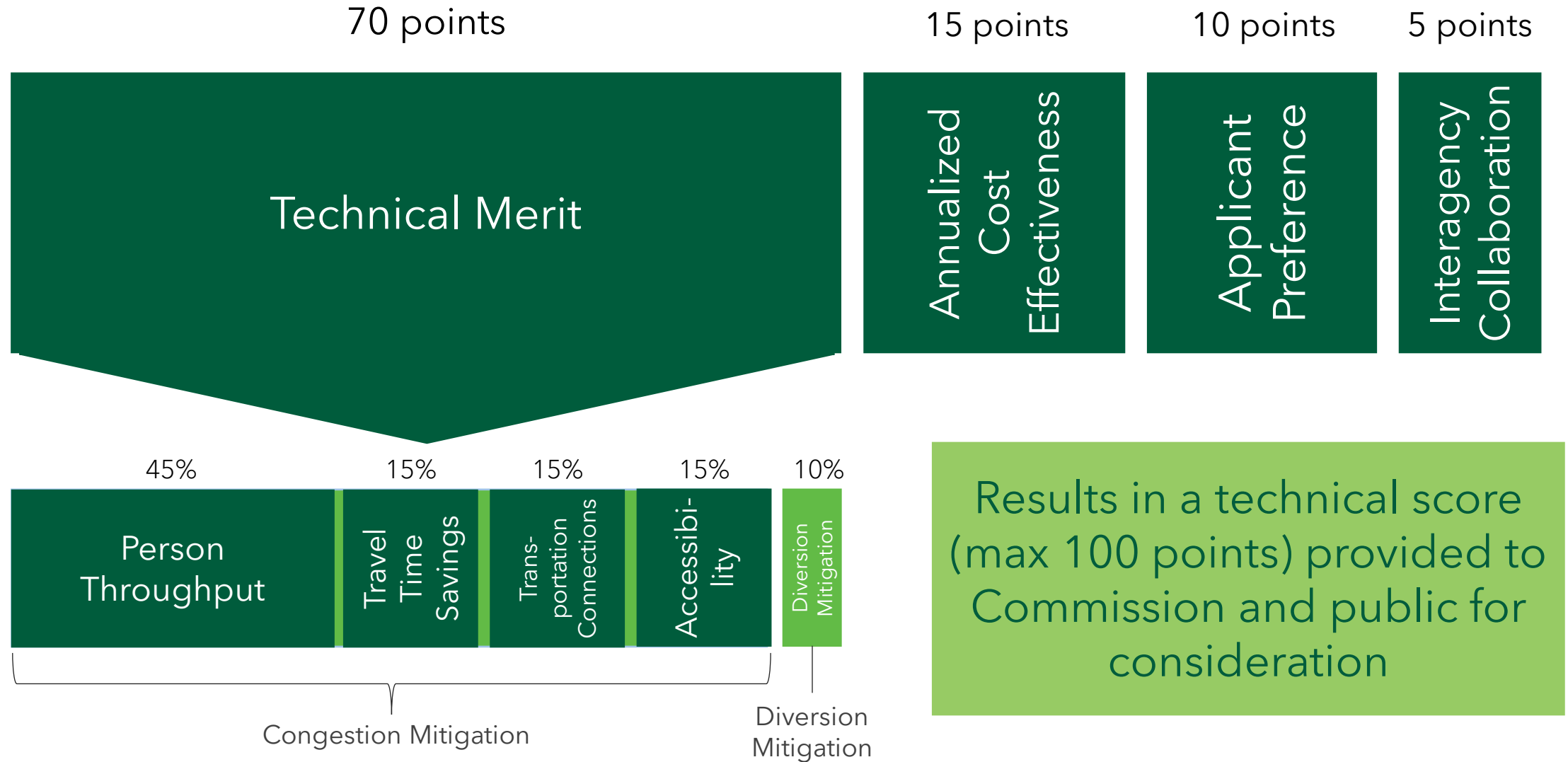
## PRTC Jurisdictions and Transit Providers:

9 Applications

**\$8.6M** Total Funding Request

**13 APPLICATIONS, \$21.9M TOTAL REQUEST**

# Technical Evaluation Process



# Technical Evaluation Results



REF. #	Applicant	I-395/95 Round Two (FY 2022-FY 2023) Application Title	Application Score (100 Points)	Funding Request
1	OmniRide	Renewal of Enhanced Bus Service from Dale City to Ballston	86	\$291,831
2	Spotsylvania County	New Park and Ride Lot in Massaponax	77	\$1,100,000
3	Fairfax County	Renewal of Route 396 Express Bus Service: Backlick North Park and Ride to Pentagon	71	\$1,386,000
4	OmniRide	Renewal of Bus Service from Staffordboro to the Pentagon	71	\$704,773
5	OmniRide	Renewal of Bus Service from Staffordboro to Downtown D.C.	71	\$968,308
6	DASH	Enhanced Bus Service from Van Dorn Metro to the Pentagon	66	\$5,734,000
7	OmniRide	Renewal of Enhanced Bus Service on Route 1 Local: Quantico to Woodbridge VRE	66	\$541,169
8	OmniRide	Renewal of Enhanced Bus Service on Prince William Metro Express: OmniRide Transit Center to Franconia-Springfield Metro	66	\$434,776
9	FRED Transit	New Bus Service from Route 208 Park and Ride Lot to Fredericksburg VRE	64	\$1,218,800
10	DASH	Enhanced Bus Service from Mark Center to Potomac Yard	56	\$3,650,000
11	OmniRide	TDM Strategy-- I-395/95 Corridor Vanpool Monthly Incentive	55	\$604,800
12	Fairfax County	Enhanced Bus Service for Route 371: Lorton to Franconia - Springfield Metro Station	51	\$2,496,529
13	Prince William County	Horner Road Park and Ride Lot Expansion	49	\$2,800,000

# Staff-Recommended Programming Approach



**Fund all 13 eligible proposals**  
subject to the feedback received during the public comment period  
*(also would include NVTC program administration and oversight for FY 2022-FY 2023 - \$800K total)*

**Legend**  
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# I-395/95 Round Two Next Steps



**Feb.**

- **Eligibility Review** of all submitted applications. Any applicants with ineligible applications will be notified by the end of the month. – *COMPLETE*

**Mar.**

- **Update to the Commissions** on the set of eligible applications. – *COMPLETE*
- **Technical Evaluation** (scoring) of all eligible applications per the process approved by the Commissions in Nov. 2020. – *COMPLETE*

**Apr.**

- **Today's Meeting of the Joint Commission Working Group** to review the technical evaluation results and identify a project prioritization approach.
- **Virtual Town Hall meeting** on Apr. 28, 6:30 p.m., as part of the public comment period (opened on the 16<sup>th</sup>).

**May**

- **Public Comment Closes** on May 17.
- **Briefings to the Commissions (May 6) and Commonwealth Transportation Board (mid-month)** on the projects under consideration for funding.

**Jun.**

- **Program Adoption by the Commissions (June 3) and Commonwealth Transportation Board (mid-month).**
- **Distribution of Standard Project Agreements** for selected projects.

# **Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022)**

## **Program of Projects Status**

### **Commuter Choice Program on the I-66 Corridor**

# I-66 Round Four (FY 2021-FY 2022) Adopted Programming Approach

## Initial (FY 2021) Program Fall 2020

- Prioritized renewals of existing services and small capital projects - \$3.8M total
- Approved by Commission in Oct. 2020, CTB in Dec. 2020

## Supplemental (FY 2022) Program *Originally Proposed for June 2021*

- Support new services, new incentives, larger capital - as funding allows
- Supplemental programming action by Commission and CTB

Note: NVTC's program administration/oversight activities for each of the two years would also be part of the respective programming actions.

# Projects To Be Considered for Supplemental (FY 2022) Program

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>

# Staff Recommendation: Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Next Steps

- **Defer Supplemental (FY 2022) Program adoption until Fall 2021**
  - Initial \$5M from Outside the Beltway concessionaire payment expected during FY 2022, after Commonwealth receives the payment this summer
  - March was the best month for VDOT's Inside the Beltway collections since the COVID-19 public health emergency began, but not possible to determine a trend yet
    - \$652K in March, about 35-40% of typical pre-COVID revenues, after being below \$400K in Jan and Feb 2021
    - If revenue continues to grow over the coming months, we may resume receiving payments from VDOT in FY 2022 that could be applied to new projects
- Program approval would occur before we open the Round Five (FY 2023-FY 2024) call for projects this November

# Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor MOA Technical Edits

- **Action to adopt technical edits to the I-66 memorandum of agreement on May Commission agenda**

- Error in current text would unintentionally constrain annual debt servicing payments for Long Bridge and/or Rosslyn Metrorail improvements
- Proposed wording will not affect Inside the Beltway toll revenue payments due to NVTC for Commuter Choice
- No other substantive changes

**4. Use of Toll Revenues.** VDOT shall include in the annual budget presented to the CTB for approval in June of each year, an estimate of the toll revenues anticipated to be collected in the upcoming year and the proposed allocation of all such toll revenues, including to pay the NVTC Payment (as defined below) and any NVTC or Rail Component Debt Service (as defined below) in the upcoming year. Allocation of these toll revenues shall be provided in the following order with the intent that, after the allocations provided for in (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g), all remaining toll revenues, including those carried forward in accordance with II.A.4(c), shall be made available for additional Components selected by NVTC in accordance with (c):

(a) reasonable costs and expenses of tolling operation and tolling maintenance, including reasonable reserves for major maintenance of tolling operations of the Facility;

(b) Debt Service on Rail Component Debt (as defined below) for one or both of the Rail Components. At the time of debt issuance, it shall be demonstrated that the anticipated revenues are sufficient to allow for the required debt service and the annual NVTC Payment (as defined below); not to exceed the NVTC Payment (as defined below);

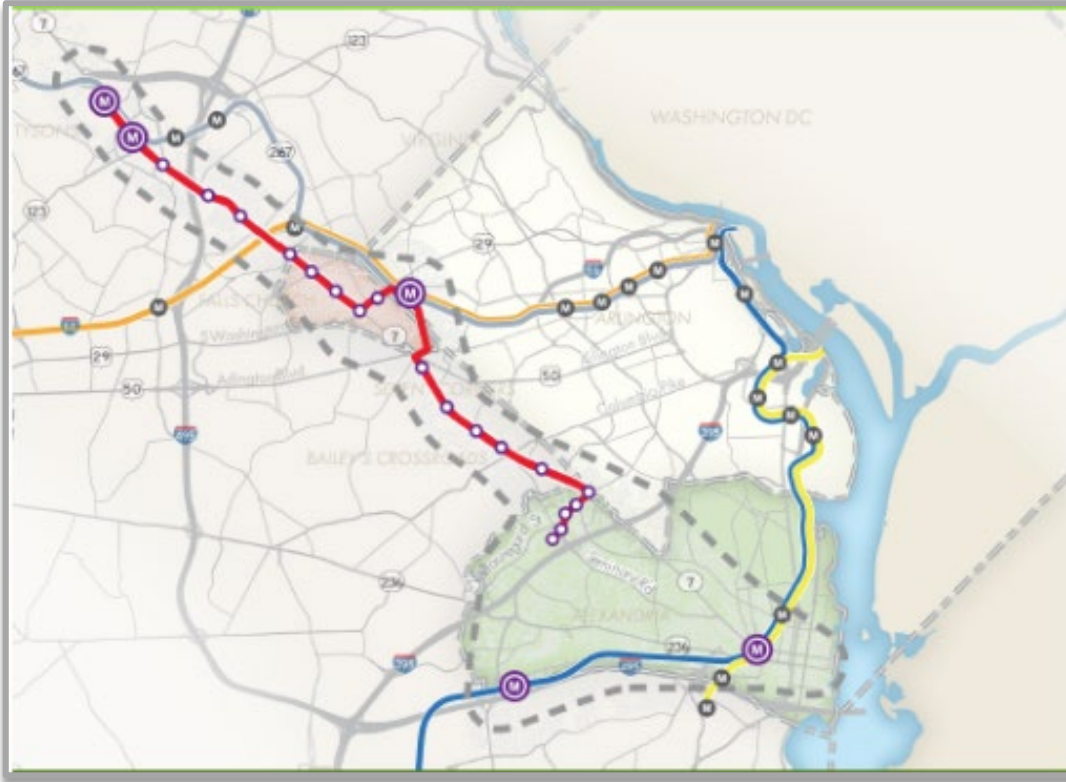
(c) the NVTC Payment (as defined below) for Components selected by NVTC and approved by the CTB under the terms of this MOA, and any implementation costs related to Components, as well as operating costs related to Components;

(d) Pay go for Rail Components between the estimated start of the Long Bridge construction in 2022 and 2034;

# Other NVTC Program Updates

- **Envision Route 7 BRT**
- **Low-Fare/No-Fare Transit White Paper**

# Envision Route 7



## Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

- Connects the Mark Center in Alexandria to Tysons via Bailey's Crossroad, Seven Corners, and Falls Church.
- Connects to Metrorail and West End Transitway (Alexandria)
- Reduces corridor transit travel time by 50%
- Approximately 7,000 new daily transit, 66% of which are for shopping and recreation
- 20% increase in pedestrian access to transit





# Envision Route 7

## Project Phases

- Phase I - Mode Feasibility
- Phase II - Termini, Alignment and Mode
- Phase III - Conceptual Design
- **Phase IV - Mobility Study**
- Phase V - Environmental Assessment
- Phase VI - Design
- Phase VII - Construction



*Phases I through III Completed; Phase IV begins Fall 2021*

# NVTC White Paper: Options for Low-Fare/No Fare Transit

- **Purpose and Need**

- Provide the Commission with an overview of low-fare / no-fare transit options and relevant policy, operational, and cost trade-offs

- **July 1 Commission Meeting: Low-Fare/No Fare Transit Roundtable**

- Briefing on the White Paper
- Overview of DRPT's TRIP Program
- Local Transit Provider Case Study

# Thank You.



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