NVTC Commission Meeting
October 7, 2021

The meeting will start momentarily.

Meeting materials available at www.novatransit.org
NVTC October 7, 2021 Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Remarks

2. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve the September 2, 2021 NVTC Meeting Minutes

3. **ACTION ITEM:** Consent Agenda

4. Report from the Chair of the Program Advisory Committee

   **ACTION ITEMS:**
   - Contract Award for Envision Route 7 Phase IV
   - Submit FY 2021 Commuter Choice Annual Report to CTB
   - Approve I-66 Round 4 Supplemental Program of Projects (FY 2022)

5. Report from the Chair of the Legislative and Policy Committee

6. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

7. Virginia Railway Express

   **ACTION ITEMS:**
   - Refer the Preliminary FY 2023 VRE Operating and Capital Budget to the Jurisdictions
   - Amend a Site License Agreement for Real Property at Leeland Road Stations

8. Department of Rail and Public Transportation

9. Executive Director Report

10. Closed Session
1. Opening Remarks

2. Approve Minutes

**ACTION ITEM:** Approve the Meeting Minutes from the September 2, 2021 Commission Meeting

3. Consent Agenda

A. **Authorize the Notice of Direct Contributions** to the Jurisdictions

B. **Resolution #2460: Authorize the Executive Director to Apply** for DRPT Transit Recovery Marketing Initiative

C. **Authorize the Chair to Sign a Letter of Endorsement** for Fairfax County Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) Application
4. Report from the Chair of the Program Advisory Committee

A. Envision Route 7
   • **ACTION ITEM**: Approve the Contract Award for Envision Route 7 Phase IV

B. Commuter Choice Program at Large
   • **ACTION ITEM**: Authorize the Executive Director to Submit the NVTC Commuter Choice Program FY 2021 Annual Report to the Commonwealth Transportation Board

C. Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor
   • **ACTION ITEM**: Approve Resolution #2461: Approve the Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Round Four Supplemental Program of Projects for Submission to the Commonwealth Transportation Board and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute Standard Project Agreements
   • I-66 Round Five Call for Projects Update
A. Envision Route 7 Bus Rapid Transit

**ACTION ITEM:**
Approve the Contract Award for Envision Route 7 Phase IV
B. Commuter Choice Program
New DASH Network Launch Event
B. Commuter Choice Program
FY 2021 Annual Report

PROJECT PERFORMANCE

In this disruptive and hopefully atypical year, we focus on the performance of our projects relative to broader travel trends in the region. We continue to provide flexibility to grant recipients as they respond to changes in travel demand and will help them be ready when commuters return in greater volumes. Going forward, we’ll continue to work with applicants to foster innovative proposals that respond to changing travel needs — and that are measurable and provide tangible benefits to the region’s toll road users.

18
Transit & Access To Transit Projects in Service in Spring 2021

750
PEOPLE moved each weekday

300
PEOPLE
10 Projects

450
PEOPLE
8 Projects

Quarterly Toll Revenues Relative to October-December 2019

B. Commuter Choice Program
FY 2021 Annual Report

In a Challenging Year

The Rise of Telecommuting

Many workers in the metropolitan D.C. area began to telecommute full-time during the COVID-19 public health emergency — which initially led to much less driving and transit use across the region, including in the I-66 inside the Beltway and I-395/95 corridors. Although many employers are now considering formal return-to-office plans, telecommuting will likely remain at higher levels indefinitely. Commuter Choice grant recipients will need to respond to more varied, dynamic commute patterns — and NVTC will support them in doing so.

Of surveyed regional workers

60% would like to continue telecommuting at least some of the time.

91% telecommuted during the peak of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Bright Spots in FY 2021

Commuter Choice-supported point-to-point express bus services to the Pentagon achieved 37% of their ridership targets in FY 2021, compared to 15% on downtown D.C. express routes.

The relative success of Pentagon routes was a function of early return-to-work orders at the Department of Defense and growing traffic congestion, particularly in the I-395/95 corridor.

All-day, every-day service improvements funded by Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 Corridor on DASH’s AT-1 and AT-0 local routes in Alexandria helped the routes retain most of their riders relative to pre-improvement service. The routes significantly outperformed the overall DASH system.

AT-1: 90%
AT-0: 98%

DASH SYSTEM: 40%

% of Annual FY 2019 Ridership Achieved During FY 2021
B. Commuter Choice Program

**ACTION:** FY 2021 Annual Report

**ACTION ITEM:**
Authorize the Executive Director to Submit the NVTC Commuter Choice Program FY 2021 Annual Report to the CTB
### C. Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor

**Recommended Round Four (FY 2022) Supplemental Program**

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*Program Administration and Oversight for FY 2022*

**NVTC** $400,000

**TOTAL** $5,750,300

- 500 more people moving through the I-66 corridor each day
- 5 regional activity centers better connected
- 2 strategies to rebuild transit and vanpool ridership
C. Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor
Regional Transition to Zero-Emission Buses

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<td>Plans to conduct study.</td>
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<td>CUE</td>
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<td>Transition would be consistent with city goals.</td>
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<td>✓ ✓</td>
<td>Comparing electric buses (six total) from two manufacturers.</td>
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<td>Connector</td>
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<td>✓</td>
<td>I-66 corridor pilot soon begins with four electric buses.</td>
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<td>Recently received funding to buy two electric buses.</td>
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Round Five (FY 2023-FY 2024) Call for Projects

- **Fall**
  - Commission approves Call for Projects *(Nov.)*
  - Application period opens *(Nov.)*

- **Winter**
  - Application period closes *(Jan.)*
  - Project evaluation
  - Development of draft program

- **Spring**
  - Public meeting and comment period

- **June**
  - Commission selects program
  - CTB approves program for inclusion in SYIP

**$12M**
conservatively expected to be available
C. Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor

**ACTION:** Round Four (FY 2022) Supplemental Program

**ACTION ITEM:**

**Resolution #2461:** Approve the Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Round Four Supplemental Program of Projects for Submission to the Commonwealth Transportation Board and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute Standard Project Agreements

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5. Report from the Chair of the Legislative & Policy Committee

A. NVTC 2022 Legislative and Policy Agenda

B. Federal Update

C. Annual Joint NVTC-PRTC Legislative Briefing
6. WMATA

A. WMATA COVID-19 Response
B. Report from the Virginia WMATA Board Members
C. Other WMATA News
D. Report from the Chair of the NVTC WMATA Committee
   • Next NVTC WMATA Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21 at 6PM
7. Virginia Railway Express

A. VRE COVID-19 Response

B. VRE CEO Report and Minutes

C. **ACTION ITEM**: Approve Resolution #2462: Authorize the VRE CEO to Refer the Preliminary FY 2023 Operating and Capital Budget to the Jurisdictions

D. **ACTION ITEM**: Approve Resolution #2463: Authorize the VRE CEO to Amend a Site License Agreement for Real Property at Leeland Road Station
8. Department of Rail and Public Transportation

A. DRPT Monthly Report
9. Executive Director’s Report: September Highlights
Upcoming Events

NVTC’s WMATA Committee  October 21 at 6:00 pm

Zero Emission Bus Symposium

Online Webinar
Friday, October 22
9 a.m. - noon

Email tenleyohara@novatransit.org to RSVP

NVTC AND PRTC PRESENT
ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

Join transit leaders and special guests for an in-person overview of federal and state issues affecting transit in Northern Virginia

SAVE THE DATE
8:30 a.m.-11 a.m.
Monday, December 6, 2021
Embassy Suites by Hilton
8100 Loisdale Rd, Springfield, VA
10. Closed Session

Chair Cristol will request a motion to move into Closed Session.
NVTC Commission is in Closed Session.

For the listening public, if there is an interruption in the live feed, please go to NVTC’s YouTube channel to connect to a new live feed.
NVTC Commission is back in Open Session.

Chair Cristol will request a motion to certify the Closed Session.
Commissioner Comments

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

Next Commission Meeting is **November 4, 2021**
NVTC Commission Meeting
October 7, 2021

Meeting is adjourned. Thank you for attending.

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