

NVTC Commission Meeting

September 2, 2021

The meeting will start momentarily.



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NVTC September 2, 2021 Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Remarks
2. 2021 Commission Look Ahead
3. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve the July 1, 2021 NVTC Meeting Minutes
4. **ACTION ITEM:** Consent Agenda
5. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
6. Legislative Update
7. Commuter Choice Program
8. Transit Technology Program
 - Zero-Fare and Reduced-Fare Options White Paper

8. Virginia Railway Express

ACTION ITEMS:

- Norfolk Southern Operating Access and Amtrak Access and Storage Agreements
- Amend Agreements with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority and with CSXT to Include the Potomac Shores Station
- Execute Purchase Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of the Navy
- Amended VRE Financial and Debt Management Principles

10. Department of Rail and Public Transportation

11. Executive Director Report



KATIE CRISTOL
NVTC CHAIR
ARLINGTON COUNTY



KATE MATTICE
NVTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. Opening Remarks

- Public Comments Received

2. 2021 Commission Look Ahead

- I-66 Commuter Choice Supplemental Program
- FY 2023-24 I-66 Commuter Choice Call for Projects
- Envision Route 7 BRT Mobility Study/Public Engagement
- 2022 NVTC Legislative Agenda + December Legislative Briefing
- NVTC Annual Report on WMATA, including NVTC policy recommendations
- Zero Emissions Bus Symposium
- FY 2023 General and Administrative Budget

3. Approve Minutes

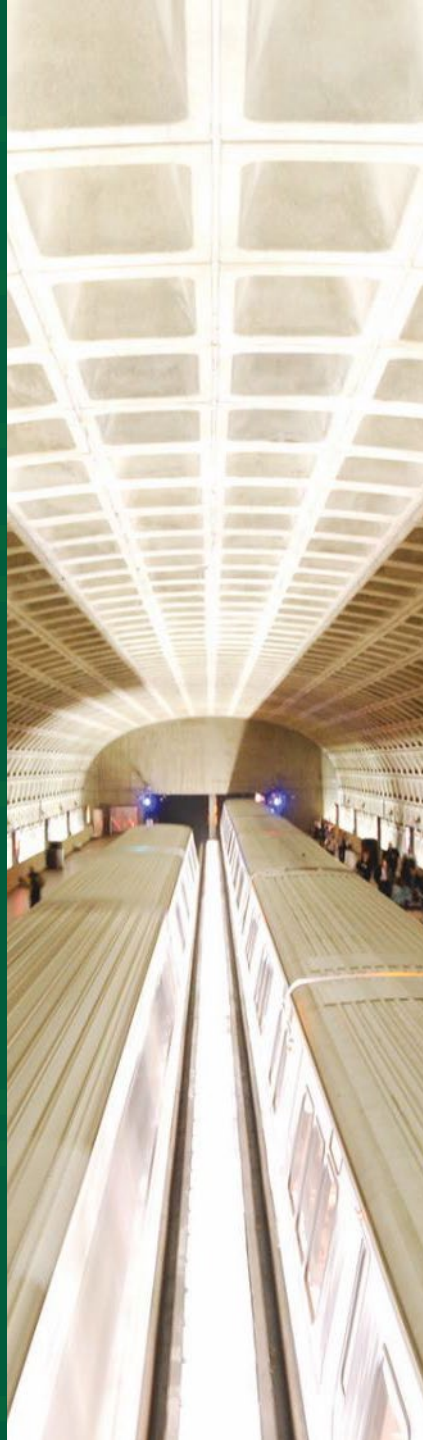
ACTION ITEM: Approve the Meeting Minutes from the July 1, 2021 Commission Meeting

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Resolution #2454:** Authorize the NVTC Executive Director to Sign Non-Disclosure Agreements on Behalf of NVTC
- B. Approve Resolution #2455:** Approve a Memorandum of Agreement Pertaining to NVTC General Counsel Services
- C. Authorize the Chair to Sign a Letter of Endorsement** for the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP)



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5. WMATA

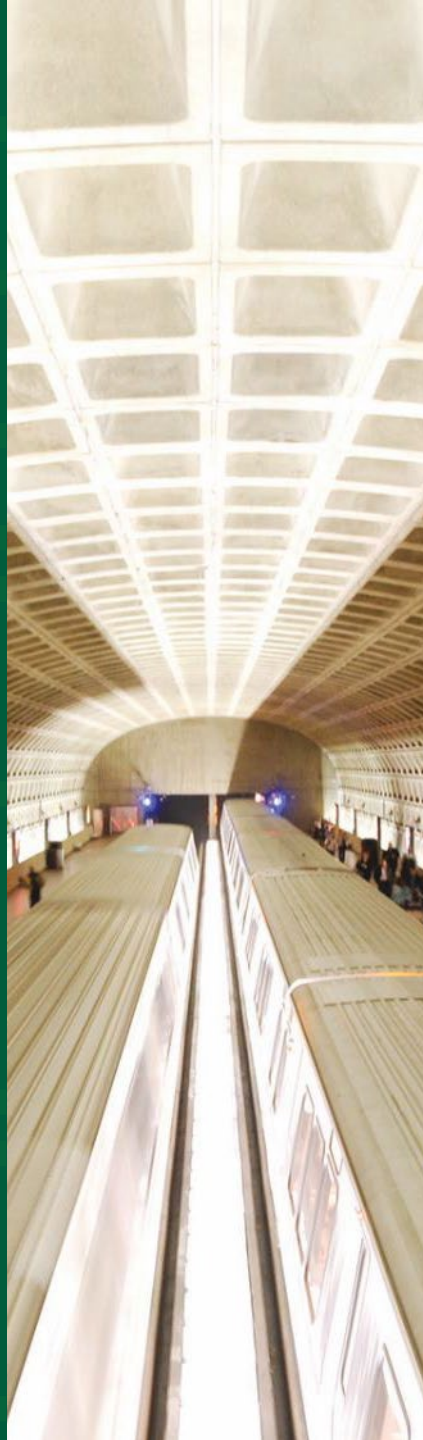
- A. WMATA COVID-19 Response
- B. Report from the Virginia WMATA Board Members
- C. Other WMATA News





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NVTC VICE CHAIR
NVTC WMATA COMMITTEE CHAIR
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5. WMATA (continued)

D. Report from the Chair of the NVTC WMATA Committee

- Next NVTC WMATA Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 16 at 6PM

6. Legislative Update

Virginia General Assembly Special Session

U.S. Congress

- U.S. Senate Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
 - \$89.9 billion for public transit, an increase of \$41.1 billion (63%) from current levels.
 - The reauthorization of dedicated federal funding for WMATA at \$150 million annually through FY 2030.
 - \$66 billion for passenger and freight rail
- Budget Reconciliation
- Next Steps



KATE MATTICE

NVTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

7. Commuter Choice Program

- A. Staff Recommendation for I-66 Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022) Program
- B. Notice of I-66 Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022) Public Comment Period

Groundbreaking for Spotsylvania Park and Ride Lot, August 24, 2021



BEN OWEN

NVTC COMMUTER CHOICE
SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER

Staff-Recommended Supplemental Program

The Commission resolved to select a Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022) Program of Projects upon approval of the Initial Round Four (FY 2021) program in October 2020. This draft program will be reviewed with the Program Advisory Committee on September 13.

REF. #	Applicant	I-66 Round Four (FY 2021-FY 2022) 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
	NVTC	<i>I-66 Corridor Program Administration and Oversight for FY 2022</i>	\$400,000
TOTAL PROPOSED FOR AWARD			\$5,750,300

Supplemental Program Comment Period

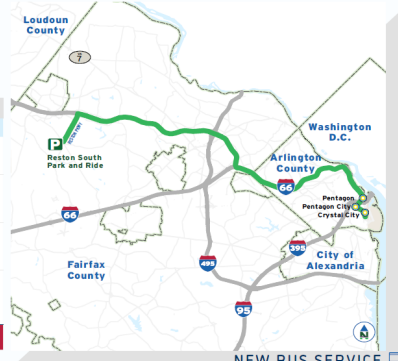
- **Open September 3-17**
- Targeted Social Media
- Interactive Virtual Town Hall Meeting: September 8 at noon over YouTube
- Online Comment Form

FAIRFAX COUNTY
New Bus Service from Reston South to Crystal City

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.


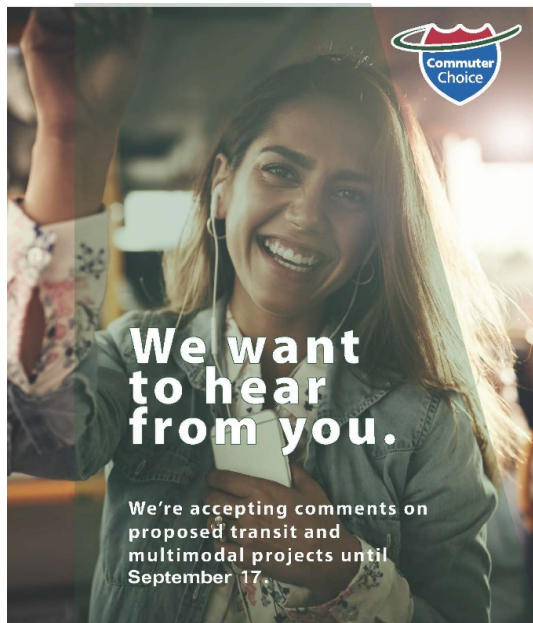
FUNDING REQUEST \$5,110,800

APPLICATION SCORES	
MEASURE	SCORE
Technical Merit (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



NEW BUS SERVICE

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• Eligible applicants, including local jurisdictions agencies, submit potential projects.

• Projects are evaluated, scored and shared with Commissioners, staff and the public.

• After the public comment period, Commissioners recommend a program of projects to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB).

• The CTB approves a program of projects and includes the projects in the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP).

• Recipients of approved grants implement the projects and request reimbursements through the Commuter Choice program.

Ben Owen - NVTC

How does the program work?

zoom

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Public Comment for Commuter Choice on the I-66 corridor
Round Four (FY 2021-2022)

* 5. Have you reviewed the [Project Profile Summary for Round Four \(FY 2021-2022\) of Commuter Choice on the I-66 corridor?](#) (Click link to review profiles)

☐ No

☒ Yes

☐ I reviewed some of the projects

* 6. Do you have comments on specific proposed projects listed in the [Project Profile Summary for Round Four \(FY 2021-2022\) of Commuter Choice on the I-66 corridor?](#) (Click link to review profiles)

☐ Yes, I only want to add comments about proposed projects.

☐ No, I only have general comments about the Commuter Choice program.

☐ Both, I want to add general comments about the Commuter Choice program and comments on specific projects.

I-66 Corridor Program: Next Steps

Sep.

- **Public Comment** Sep. 3-17; Virtual Town Hall meeting noon Sep. 8
- **Program Advisory Committee** meets to endorse a program for the full Commission's consideration – Sep. 13, 4 p.m. at NVTC office

Oct.

- **Commission Action** to approve the program – Oct. 7
- **CTB Action** on the Commission-approved program – Oct. 20
- **Standard Project Agreements** executed with recipients thereafter

Nov.

- **Commission Action** to open the Round Five (FY 2023-FY 2024) call for projects – Nov. 4

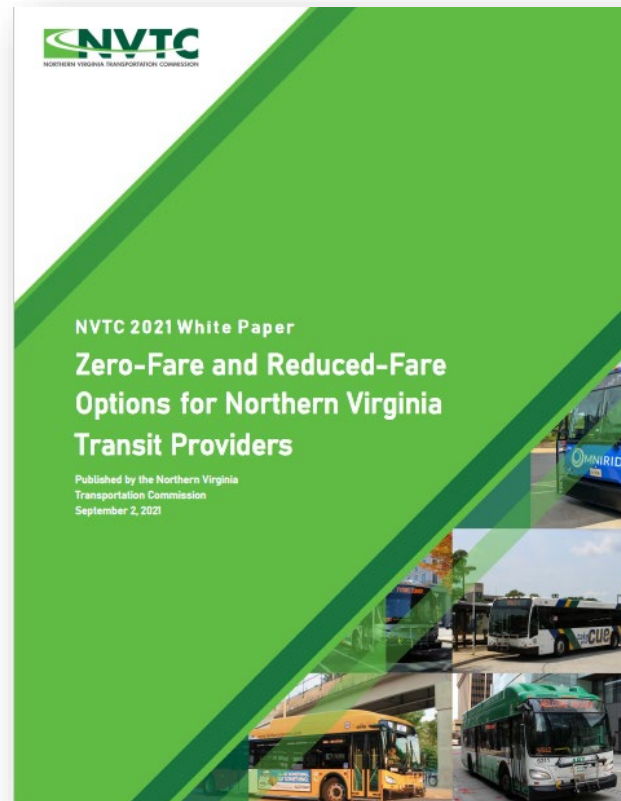
8. Transit Technology Program

Zero-Fare and Reduced Fare Options for Northern Virginia Transit Operators



ALLAN FYE

DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND POLICY



- ✓ Northern Virginia has a **unique transit environment** that provides both opportunities and challenges for new fare programs.
- ✓ There are **benefits for ridership growth** after eliminating fares.
- ✓ Reduced-fare programs can result in a **net cost increase**.
- ✓ Full systemwide zero-fare options can **reduce fare collection** costs, but other capital and operating costs may increase.
- ✓ Funding is available to help establish these types of fare programs, but **long-term sustainable revenue replacement sources are needed**.
- ✓ Zero- and reduced-fare programs underway in Virginia are **opportunities to watch and learn**.



9. Virginia Railway Express

- A. VRE COVID-19 Response
- B. VRE CEO Report and Minutes
- C. ACTION ITEM:** Approve Resolution #2456: Authorize the VRE CEO to Amend the Norfolk Southern Operating Access and Amtrak Access and Storage Agreements
- D. ACTION ITEM:** Approve Resolution #2457: Authorize the VRE CEO to Amend Agreements with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority and with CSXT to Include the Potomac Shores Station
- E. ACTION ITEM:** Approve Resolution #2458: Authorization to Execute Purchase Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of the Navy
- F. ACTION ITEM:** Approve Resolution #2459: Approve the Amended VRE Financial and Debt Management Principles
- G. VRE FY 2023 Key Budget Issues



ELIZABETH BENNETT-PARKER
CHAIR
VRE OPERATIONS BOARD



RICH DALTON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS

10. Department of Rail and Public Transportation



JENNIFER MITCHELL
DIRECTOR, VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT
OF RAIL AND PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION

- A. DRPT Monthly Report
- B. Quarterly Updates on WMATA Reform



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

11. Executive Director's Report

A. Executive Director Newsletter

- Summer Fellows
- Staffing Changes
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Program Advisory Committee | September 13 at 4:00 pm
 - NVTC's WMATA Committee | September 16 at 6:00 pm
 - Legislative and Policy Committee | October 7, prior to the Commission meeting.

B. NVTC Financial Reports (June/July 2021)



KATE MATTICE
NVTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



SCOTT KALKWARF
NVTC DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION



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 **October 7, 2021**

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Meeting is adjourned. Thank you for attending.



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