

Reinvesting Toll Revenues into Alternative Transportation Choices

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Funds and stewards NoVa's investments in WMATA (Metrorail, Metrobus, MetroAccess) and Virginia Railway Express



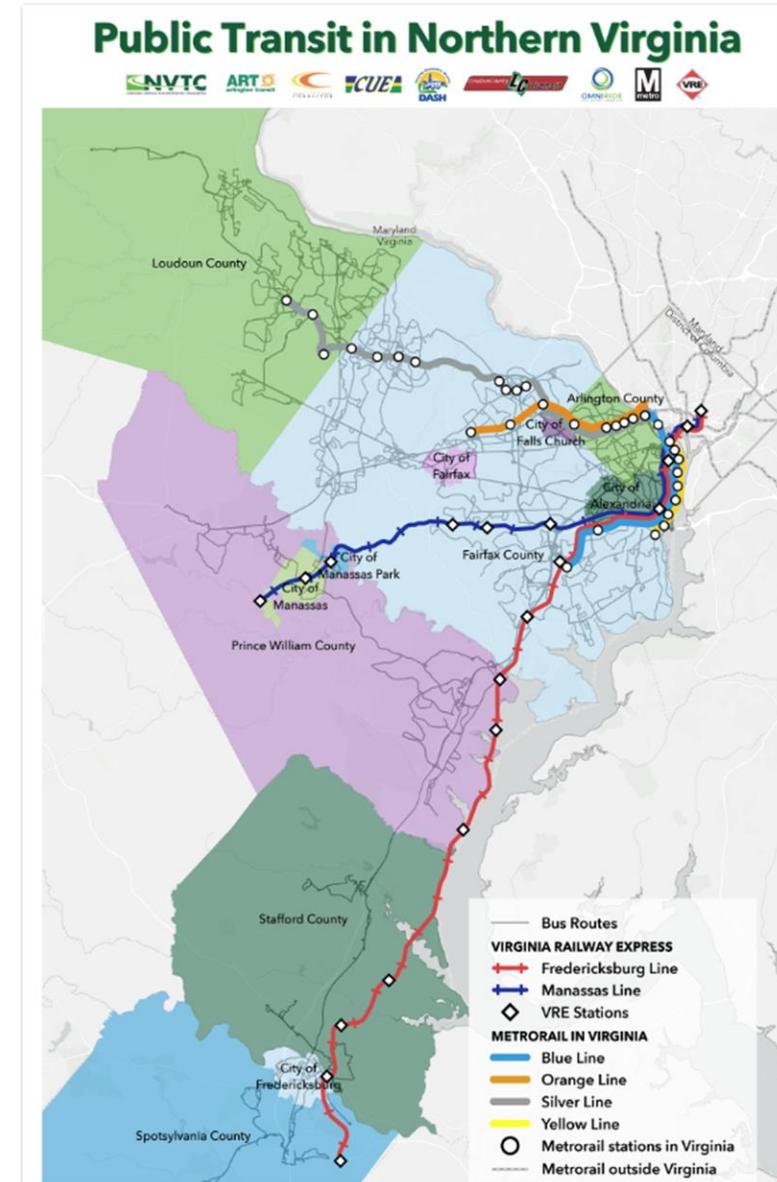
Manages state and regional funding for five jurisdictional bus systems



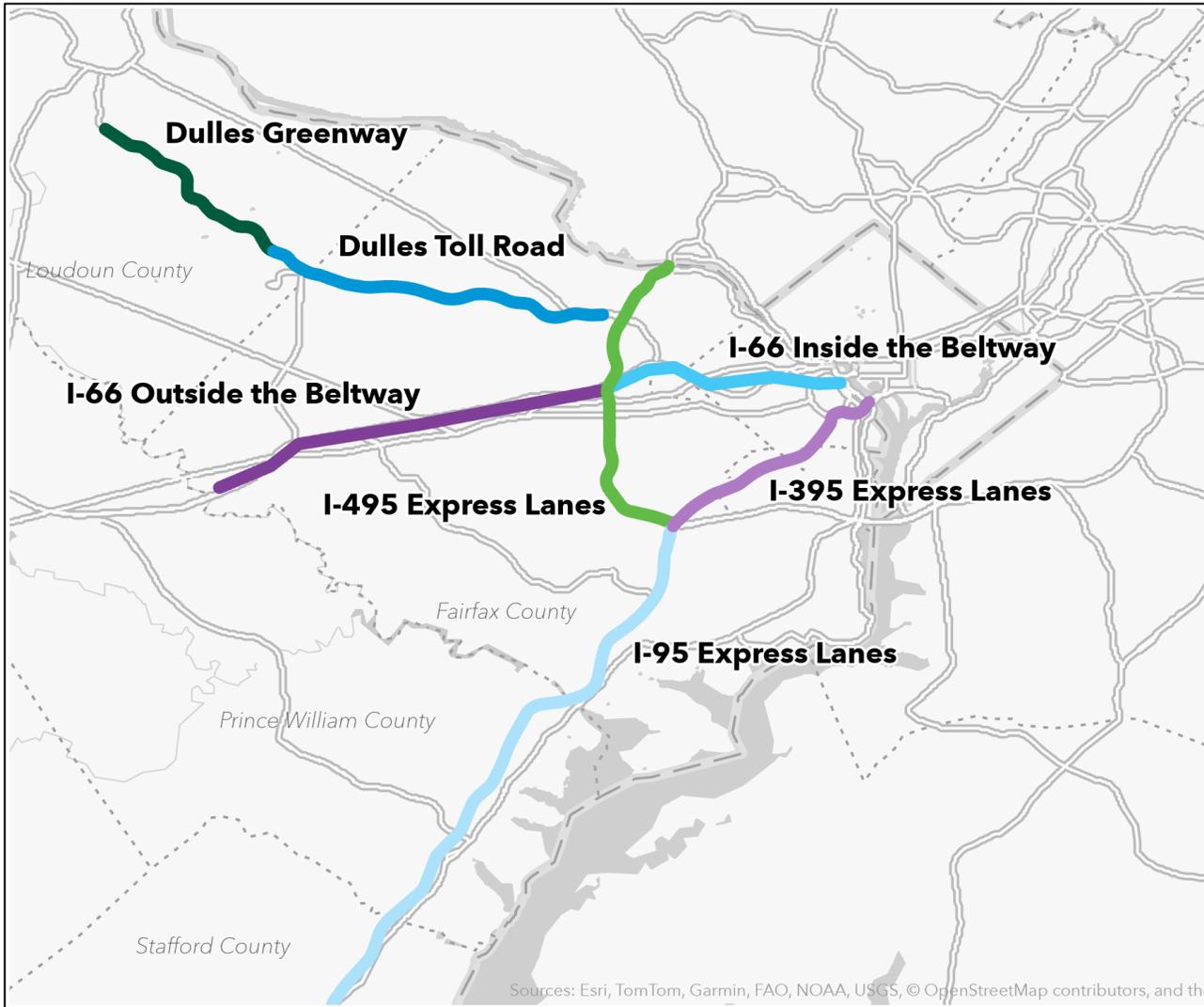
Works across jurisdictional boundaries to develop regional public transit strategies and policies



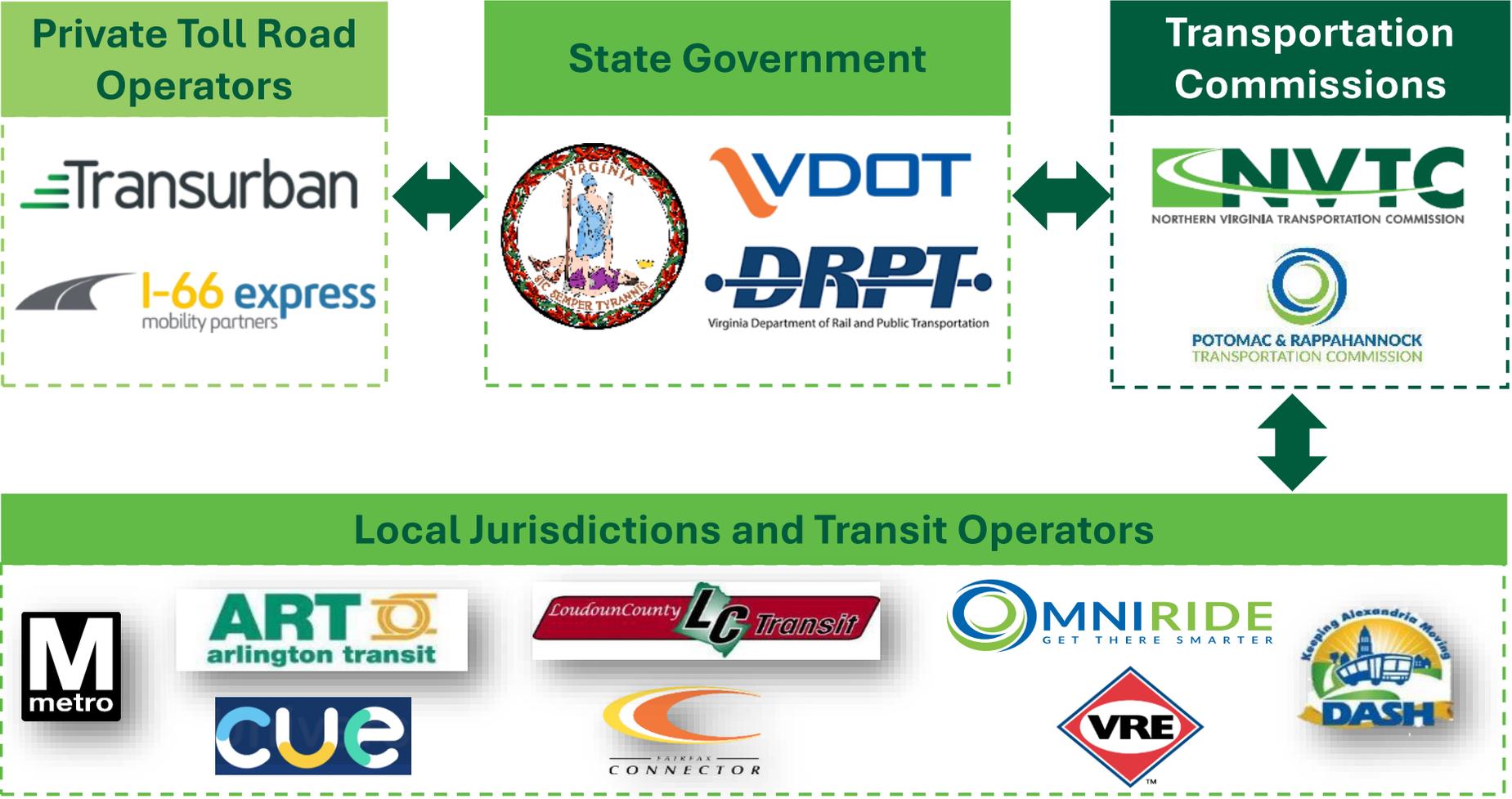
Administers Commuter Choice (I-66 and I-395/95)



Northern Virginia's Toll Road Network



Partnerships to Enhance Transportation Options



\$3.6B

*over the life of the program -
2 multi-decade agreements: 40 years (I-66) and 68 years (I-395/95)*

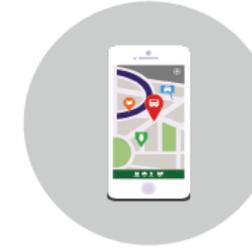


Eligible Projects

Maximize Person Throughput & Implement Multimodal Improvements



Improve mobility



Support new, diverse travel choices



Enhance transportation safety and travel reliability

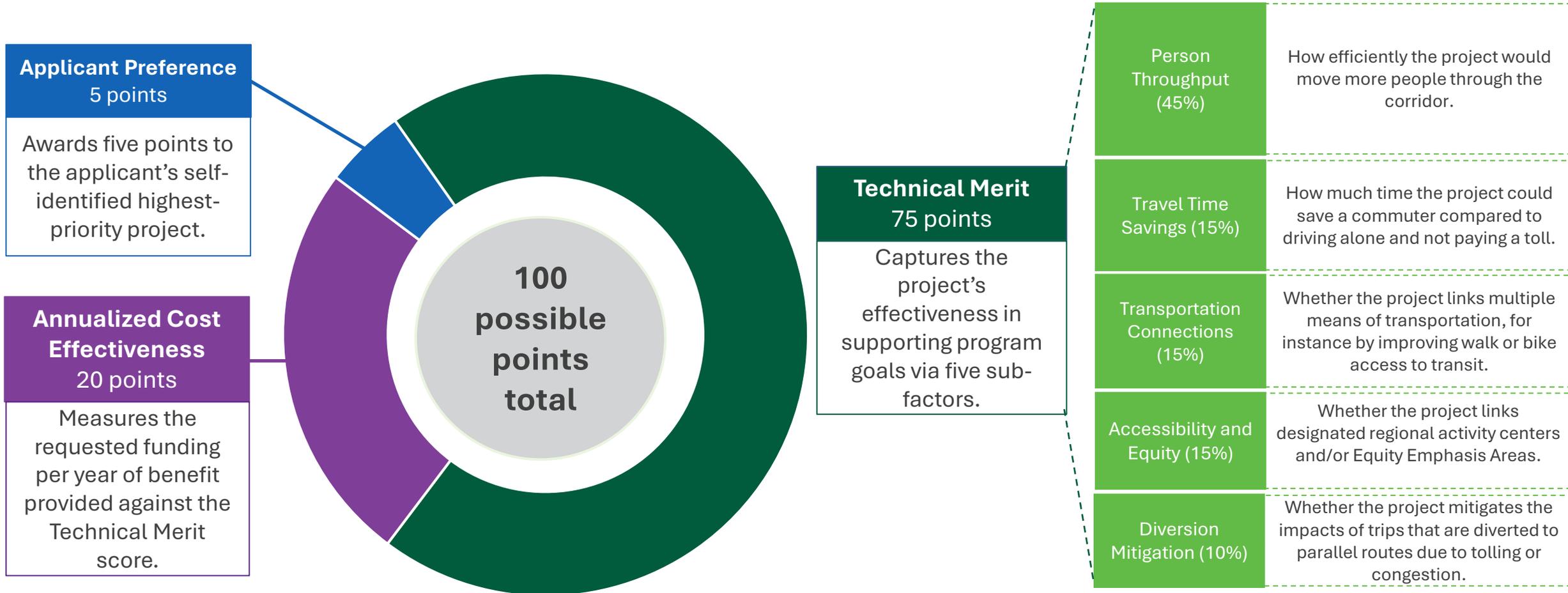
Eligible types of project include:

- New bus service
- Enhanced bus service
- New or enhanced rail service
- Transit capital projects (bus or train purchases, bus stop improvements, rail stations, park and ride lots, etc.)
- Access to transit (bike/ped)
- Transportation demand management (TDM) efforts
- Roadways operations and intersection safety improvements

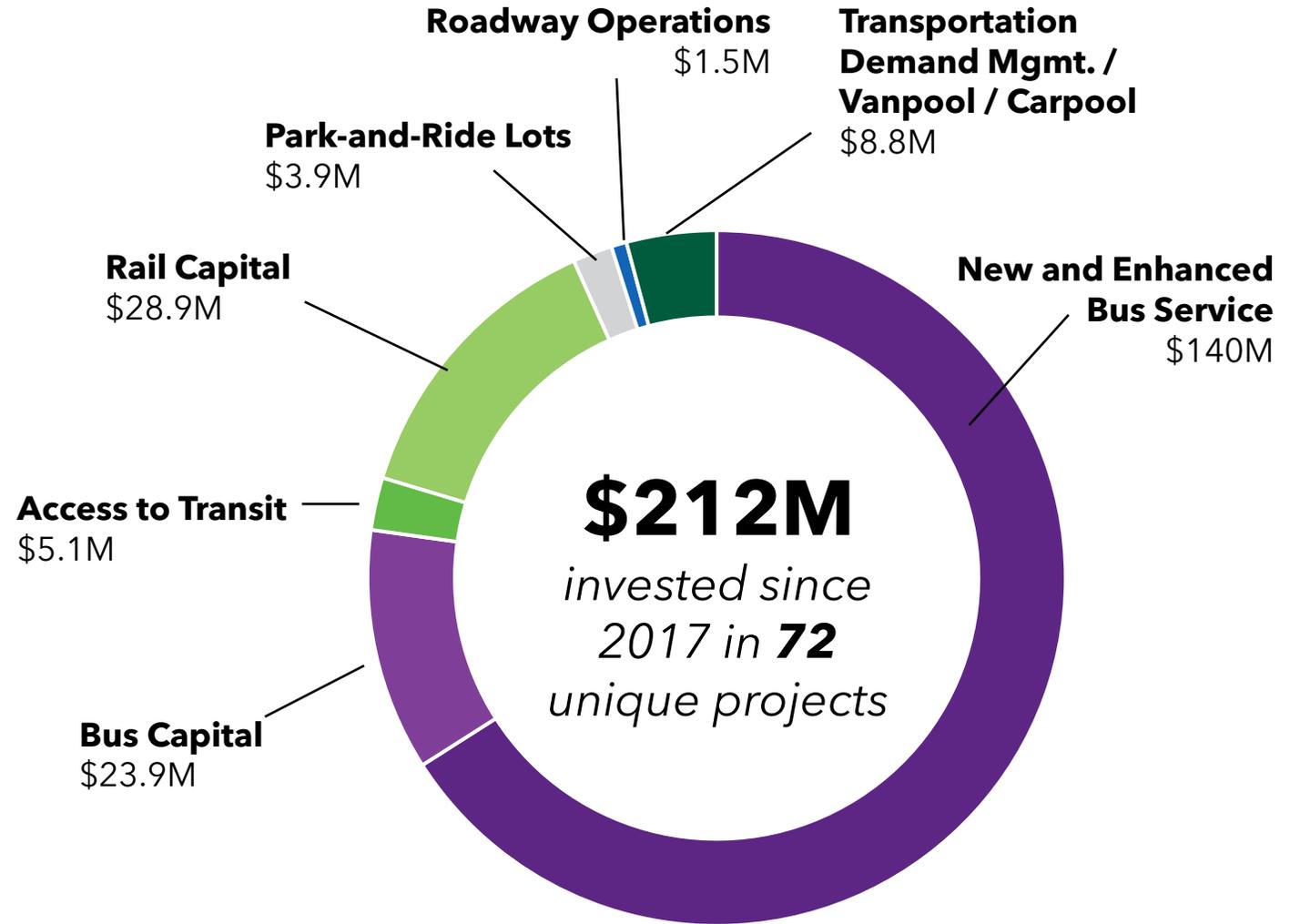
The program emphasizes projects that can be delivered quickly: funds must be expended within five years of allocation.

Data-Driven Technical Evaluation

All eligible Commuter Choice proposals are scored on a process that prioritizes how well they support program goals.



What We've Funded



What We've Funded (In Photos)



Maximizing Benefits with Limited Funding



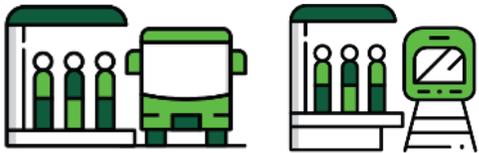
- **Limiting transit service enhancements to 24 months at a time**

- Services must successfully re-compete for continued funding support



- **Ensuring quantifiable project benefits that benefit toll payers**

- Data-focused and transparent scoring methodology and project life-cycle reporting requirements



- **Encouraging capital projects with long-lasting benefits**

- Rail capital improvements, park & ride lots, new buses, bikeshare stations, and more

Data-Driven Reporting Requirements

2024 Annual Report Benefits Estimation

Since 2017, Commuter Choice's \$156 million investment in transit and other transportation projects has improved travel and overall quality of life for Northern Virginians.

135M
fewer vehicle
miles traveled


71%
greenhouse gas
emission reduction
relative to
single-occupancy
vehicle trips



200
automobile
crashes avoided

1.3M
hours of travel
time savings


7M
Commuter Choice-
supported trips
on the I-66 and
I-395/95 corridors


\$46M
in regional economic
benefit from reduced
travel delay


\$19M
in fuel cost savings
for commuters

FY 26-27 Program of Projects Stats

3,800
weekday project trips

22 million
fewer annual vehicle
miles traveled

\$2.4 million
annual reduced fuel
costs

6,200
metric tons of GHG
reduced annually

53,000
hours of travel time
savings annually

Thank you!



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