Why a regional bus analysis?

• 6 bus providers in Virginia must develop Transit Strategic Plans (TSPs or TDPs) for the Commonwealth

• There is currently no regional strategic planning resource

• NVTC’s study will:
  • Be a macro level view
  • Cross jurisdictions and service areas
  • Find opportunities for regional collaborations and efficiencies
NVTC’s study looks at what currently exists

What is a TSP?
• A 2018 requirement from the Virginia General Assembly
• A strategic blueprint outlining desired changes to improve transit service

Current (or under development) TSPs or TDPs
ART LCT DASH CUE FCC Omni Ride

Meta-Analysis of TSPs
• Regional summary of
  • Existing bus service and performance
  • Planned bus changes and improvements
  • Asset/capital management and implementation

Financial Needs
• Regional summary of
  • Projected short-term and long-term capital needs, both operating and capital
Thinking about the future

• Considering current and planned service, where are there service gaps?
  • Time of day
  • Day of week

• Considering the gaps, where are there opportunities for...
  • Shorter-term, new transit corridors
  • Longer-term, new high-capacity corridors
  • Opportunities for bus to cross jurisdictions

• Considering space and money constraints, are there opportunities to share infrastructure?
  • Maintenance, storage, fueling, offices
  • How do ZEB changes affect things?
Lots of regional transit work taking place with some key differences:
- Geography
- Transit operator
- Level of analysis

Regional coordination is key
- Staff are involved in neighboring procurement processes
- Staff are included in technical advisory committees for neighboring studies and projects
What are the next steps?

- We are seeking approval to execute a contract with our chosen consultant team in 2 weeks
- Work should take about 12 months
- Thank you to DRPT and NVTC member jurisdictions for their financial support!

**Project Tasks**

1. Project Management
2. Technical Stakeholder Engagement
3. Meta-Analysis of Northern Virginia TSPs
4. Service Gap Analysis
5. Northern Virginia Priority Transit Corridors
6. Bus Infrastructure Analysis
7. Short- and Long-Term Financial Needs
8. Draft and Final Report

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**Timeline**

- **RFP (October 2022)**
- **Project team selected** (February 2023)
- **Study begins** (March/April 2023)
- **Study concludes** (April 2024)

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