



RESOLUTION #2420

- SUBJECT:** Approve the Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Initial Round Four (FY 2021) Program of Projects for Submission to the Commonwealth Transportation Board and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute the Standard Project Agreements
- WHEREAS:** Under the *Second Amended and Restated Memorandum of Agreement Transform66: Inside the Beltway Project* (MOA), NVTC is responsible for selecting and administering multimodal projects under Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor that allow more people to travel faster and more reliably through the I-66 Inside the Beltway corridor;
- WHEREAS:** The principal objective of the Commuter Choice program is to select projects that meet goals identified in the MOA, which are to (1) maximize person throughput and (2) implement multimodal improvements to (i) improve mobility along the corridor, (ii) support new, diverse travel choices and (iii) enhance transportation safety and travel reliability;
- WHEREAS:** NVTC is responsible for Commuter Choice project selection; financing and financial management; compliance, including evaluation, reporting, and quality assurance; and providing information to the public;
- WHEREAS:** From November 2019 to January 2020, NVTC conducted a Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Round Four call for projects for a two-year program, for which 11 project applications with a total funding request of \$17.2 million are under consideration for funding;
- WHEREAS:** The MOA projected that, under typical traffic conditions, NVTC would receive \$10 million in FY 2021 and \$15 million in FY 2022 for its Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor program, for a total of \$25 million for a two-year program;
- WHEREAS:** Traffic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency reduced the projected amount of I-66 inside the Beltway toll revenue available for FY 2021 Commuter Choice projects to approximately \$3.6 million;
- WHEREAS:** Based upon the current uncertainty of future travel behaviors, any estimate of available FY 2022 funding would be speculative at best;
- WHEREAS:** NVTC seeks a conservative approach to fund only a single year of the Round Four program at this time using program carryover, interest, and less than 50% of the projected FY 2021 I-66 Inside the Beltway toll revenues;
- WHEREAS:** NVTC is confident that traffic on the I-66 inside the Beltway corridor and resulting toll revenues will be higher in FY 2022 than in FY 2021 and that there will be greater confidence in forecasting FY 2022 Commuter Choice funding by spring 2021;

WHEREAS: NVTC seeks to provide immediate funding for a one-year program that funds low-risk, high impact projects, namely continuations of previously funded transit services and small capital projects;

WHEREAS: Based upon the evaluation by NVTC staff and the Program Advisory Committee, staff recommends approval of the Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Initial Round Four (FY 2021) Program of Projects that includes six projects and NVTC's administrative costs, totaling \$3,777,230 (Table 1); and

WHEREAS: The Program Advisory Committee recommends that the Commission seek to approve a supplemental program of Round Four projects in spring 2021 sourced from the remaining Commuter Choice in the I-66 Corridor Round Four project applications with strong consideration each project's application score, based upon the availability of funding and public comment (Table 2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby approves the Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Initial Round Four (FY 2021) Program and authorizes staff to submit the Program of Projects to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for briefing and action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NVTC will select a Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022) Program in the spring of 2021 based upon each project's application score, subject to availability of funding and public comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, to execute the Standard Project Agreements for the Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Initial Round Four (FY 2021) Program following approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Approved this 1st day of October 2020.



Katie Cristol
Chair



Jeffrey C. McKay
Secretary-Treasurer

**Table 1: Recommended Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor
Initial Round Four (FY 2021) Program**

	Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Round Four Project Name	Applicant	Funding Request
1	McLean Metro Station North Entrance	Fairfax County	\$1,000,000
2	Renewal of Bus Service from Gainesville to Pentagon/Navy Yard	OmniRide	\$461,100
3	Renewal of Bus Service from Haymarket to Rosslyn	OmniRide	\$137,100
4	City of Fairfax Bike Share Implementation	City of Fairfax	\$460,000
5	Lee Highway HOV and Bus-Only Lane in Rosslyn	Arlington County	\$710,000
6	Renewal of Purcellville Metro Connection Bus Service	Loudoun County	\$709,030
	<i>Program Administration and Oversight for FY 2021</i>	NVTC	\$300,000
		TOTAL	\$3,777,230

**Table 1: Projects to Be Considered for the Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor
Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022) Program**

	Application Title	Applicant	Application Score (100 Points)	Funding Request
7	Restoration of Peak-Period Metrobus Route 28X, Tysons Corner to Mark Center	City of Falls Church	73	\$3,305,967
8	TDM Strategy – I-66 Corridor Vanpool Parking Benefit	OmniRide	62	\$85,000
9	New Bus Service from Reston South to Crystal City	Fairfax County	59	\$5,110,800
10	New Park and Ride at Patrick Henry Library	Town of Vienna	56	\$5,050,000
11	TDM Strategy – Fare Buy Down on Bus Service from Reston North to Crystal City	Fairfax County	44	\$154,500
	<i>Program Administration and Oversight for FY 2022</i>	NVTC		TBD
			TOTAL	\$13,706,267