

RESOLUTION #2461

- **SUBJECT:** Approve the Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022) 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 that yielded 14 eligible applications with a total funding request of \$36.8 million;
- **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 sharply reduced I-66 inside the Beltway toll revenue collections, such that NVTC conservatively advanced a limited \$3.8 million Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Initial Round Four (FY 2021) program of six low-cost, low-risk projects last year;
- **WHEREAS:** The Commission resolved with the approval of the Initial Round Four program to select a Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022) Program sourced from remaining Round Four proposals, based upon each project's application score and subject to public comment, with the expectation that more funding would become available;
- **WHEREAS:** A total of \$7 million in new and de-obligated I-66 corridor revenue is now available for programming to new projects;

- **WHEREAS:** Four proposals with a total funding request of \$10.4 million remain under consideration for funding, following applicants' deferrals and withdrawals of further proposals since the call for projects closed; and
- WHEREAS: NVTC staff recommends approval of the Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022) Program of Projects that includes three projects and NVTC's administrative costs, totaling \$5,750,300 (Table 1).
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby approves the Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022) Program and authorizes staff to submit the Program of Projects to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for action.
- **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 Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022) Program following approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Approved this 7th day of October 2021.

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Table 1: Recommended Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Supplemental Round Four (FY 2022) Program

	Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Round Four Project Name	Applicant	Funding Request
1	TDM Strategy – I-66 Corridor Vanpool Parking Benefit	OmniRide	\$85,000
2	New Bus Service from Reston South to Crystal City	Fairfax County	\$5,110,800
3	TDM Strategy – Fare Buy Down on Bus Service from Reston North to Crystal City	Fairfax County	\$154,500
	Program Administration and Oversight for FY 2022	Νντς	\$400,000
		TOTAL	\$5,750,300