

**RESOLUTION #2534**

- SUBJECT:** Approve the I-66 Commuter Choice Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Program of Projects for Submission to the Commonwealth Transportation Board and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute the Standard Project Agreements
- WHEREAS:** Under the *Third 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 October 2023 to December 2023, NVTC conducted an I-66 Commuter Choice FY 2025-2026 call for projects, for which 15 eligible projects with a total funding request of \$30,382,658 are under consideration for funding;
- WHEREAS:** Three of the proposals are also under consideration for funding from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's (DRPT) I-66 Outside the Beltway funding program based on the location and nature of their anticipated benefits, and are included in DRPT's draft Six-Year Improvement Program;
- WHEREAS:** A total of \$40 to \$50 million in I-66 corridor revenue is available for programming to new projects; and
- WHEREAS:** Based upon technical evaluation results and review with the NVTC Program Advisory Committee and Commission, NVTC staff recommends approval of the I-66 Commuter Choice FY 2025-2026 Program of Projects (Table 1) totaling \$30,382,658, that includes all 15 eligible projects, NVTC's program administration costs (\$350,000), and funding to conduct a needs assessment study for the I-66 corridor in partnership with DRPT (\$250,000), that would subsequently be included in the FY 2025-2030 Six-Year Improvement Program upon the Commonwealth Transportation Board's action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby approves the I-66 Commuter Choice FY 2025-2026 Program of Projects (Table 1) and authorizes staff to submit the Program of Projects to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, should DRPT funding be approved for any or all of the three asterisked projects in Table 1, I-66 Commuter Choice funding of up to \$8,860,693 will not be obligated and that funding will be retained for future investment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC hereby authorizes the executive director, or her designee, to execute the Standard Project Agreements for the I-66 Commuter Choice FY 2025-2026 Program of Projects following approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.



Matt de Ferranti  
Chair



Sarah Bagley  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Table 1: Recommended I-66 Commuter Choice FY 2025-2026 Program of Projects**

|                                | <b>I-66 Commuter Choice Project Name</b>  | <b>Applicant</b>         | <b>FY 2025-2026 Award</b> |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1                              | ART 75 Service Enhancement: Shirlington to Virginia Square  | Arlington County         | \$397,160                 |
| 2                              | Fairfax Connector Route 697: Stringfellow Road Park-and-Ride to L'Enfant Plaza (Continuation)                                   | Fairfax County           | \$2,130,488               |
| 3                              | Fairfax Connector Route 698: Stringfellow Road Park-and-Ride to the Pentagon (Continuation)                                     | Fairfax County           | \$1,506,053               |
| 4                              | Fairfax Connector Route 699: Monument Drive Park-and-Ride to Downtown Washington, D.C. (Continuation)                           | Fairfax County           | \$2,592,444               |
| 5                              | Fairfax Centre Bikeshare Expansion  | Fairfax County           | \$510,000                 |
| 6                              | Fairfax Connector Route 610: Centreville to George Mason University *   | Fairfax County           | \$1,826,943               |
| 7                              | Loudoun County Transit Route 281/681 Service Enhancement: Stone Ridge Park-and-Ride to Downtown Washington, D.C. (Continuation) | Loudoun County           | \$553,000                 |
| 8                              | Loudoun County Transit Route 483/883: Harmony Park-and-Ride to Downtown Washington, D.C. (Continuation)                         | Loudoun County           | \$281,000                 |
| 9                              | OmniRide Route 612: Gainesville to the Pentagon (Continuation)  | OmniRide                 | \$2,393,125               |
| 10                             | OmniRide Route 622: Haymarket to Rosslyn (Continuation)   | OmniRide                 | \$1,621,275               |
| 11                             | OmniRide Route 653: Warrenton and Gainesville to L'Enfant Plaza *   | OmniRide                 | \$3,805,125               |
| 12                             | OmniRide Route 671: Front Royal, Linden, and Gainesville to Downtown Washington, D.C. *   | OmniRide                 | \$3,228,625               |
| 13                             | TDM Strategy: I-66 OmniRide Fare Buy-Down   | Prince William County    | \$1,000,000               |
| 14                             | TDM Strategy: Amtrak Step-Up Reinstatement on VRE Manassas Line   | Virginia Railway Express | \$537,420                 |
| 15                             | Crystal City Station Expansion **   | Virginia Railway Express | \$8,000,000               |
| <b>Program Administration</b>  |   |                          |                           |
|                                | <i>Program Administration and Oversight for FY 2025-2026</i>  | <i>NVTC</i>              | <i>\$350,000</i>          |
|                                | <i>I-66 Corridor Needs Assessment</i>   | <i>NVTC</i>              | <i>\$250,000</i>          |
| <b>Total Recommended Award</b> |   |                          | <b>\$30,982,658</b>       |

\* Project is included in DRPT's draft Six-Year Improvement Program with DRPT-administered I-66 Outside the Beltway funding. If DRPT funding is ultimately approved for the project, the I-66 Commuter Choice funding will not be obligated and will return in full to being available for future investment.

\*\* Award completes the Commuter Choice funding commitment to the project. An initial installment of \$10,786,281 was awarded under the I-395/95 Commuter Choice FY 2024-2025 Program of Projects. The remainder is being fulfilled under I-66 Commuter Choice because the project benefits toll payers in both corridors and funding is available.