

**MOTION:**

**SECOND:**

**RE:            AUTHORIZE THE INITIATION OF THE I-395/95 COMMUTER CHOICE FY2020 INAUGURAL  
PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS**

**ACTION:**

**WHEREAS**, the agreement between the Commonwealth and 95 Express Lanes, LLC secured an annual payment for transit services of \$15 million per year, escalating by 2.5 percent per year, to fund multimodal projects along the I-395/95 corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) adopted by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) in November 2017, and adopted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) in December 2017, between the CTB, NVTC, PRTC, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requires:

1. A request for projects from all jurisdictions that are members of either NVTC or PRTC and other public transportation providers providing service in those jurisdictions.
2. The selection and technical evaluation of projects by NVTC/PRTC, the development of a funding strategy for each proposed project, and the submission of each proposed project by NVTC/PRTC to the CTB.
3. NVTC/PRTC to hold a public hearing prior to NVTC/PRTC's selection of projects for submission to the CTB; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Agreement between NVTC and PRTC for Distribution and Allocation of I-395 Annual Transit Investment Funds, adopted by both Commissions in January 2019, establishes that NVTC will administer the Commuter Choice program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission hereby authorizes the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission Executive Director to initiate a Call for Projects for the I-395/95 Commuter Choice FY2020 Inaugural Program.

**ITEM 11B**  
**April 7, 2019**  
**PRTC Regular Meeting**  
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**Votes:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**


**Absent from Vote: Alternate**

**Present Not Voting: Absent**  
**from Meeting:**



April 4, 2019

TO: Madam Chair Anderson and PRTC Commissioners

FROM: Robert A. Schneider, PhD   
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Authorize the Initiation of the I-395/95 Commuter Choice FY2020 Inaugural Program Call for Projects

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Recommendation:

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Background:

The I-395/95 Commuter Choice program goals are to maximize person throughput and implement multimodal improvements that improve mobility, support new and diverse travel choices, and enhance transportation safety and travel reliability. This call for projects is issued to solicit projects from eligible jurisdictions and transit service providers that can achieve the improvement goals and will benefit toll users, with a focus on projects ready on Toll Day 1 (October 2019).

Following approval by the Commissions, applications will be accepted for submission beginning April 5, 2019. All applications for funding must be submitted no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 15, 2019. Applications received after that time will not be considered and partially completed applications may be deemed ineligible.

NVTC staff have provided two applicant briefings with staff members from eligible NVTC and PRTC jurisdictions and eligible transit agencies to explain the program in detail, to answer questions, and to discuss plans for applications. Additionally, NVTC will be holding two applicant workshops in April to provide a thorough tutorial on the application process, requirements, and materials to ensure the program will fund projects providing strong benefits to the toll payers.

The call for projects details the purpose, funding source, application and project selection process, and technical evaluation criteria of the I-395/95 Commuter Choice program, as established by the Memorandum of Understanding. The selected I-395/95 Commuter Choice program projects will be submitted to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for approval/inclusion in the commonwealth's FY2020 Six-Year Improvement Plan.

Fiscal Impact:

NA



## I-395/95 Commuter Choice FY2020 Inaugural Program Call for Projects

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Pursuant to the [I-395/95 Memorandum of Agreement \(MOA\)](#) between the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC), the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), NVTC is issuing this call for projects to be funded under the I-395/95 Commuter Choice program. The selected projects will be funded using toll revenues from I-395 Express Lanes and will be included in the Commonwealth's FY2020 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP).

This call for projects details the purpose, funding source, application and project selection process, and technical evaluation criteria of the I-395/95 Commuter Choice program, as established by the MOA.

**Purpose:** The I-395/95 Commuter Choice program goals are to maximize person throughput and implement multimodal improvements that improve mobility, support new and diverse travel choices, and enhance transportation safety and travel reliability. This call for projects is issued to solicit projects from eligible jurisdictions and transit service providers that can achieve the improvement goals and will benefit toll users, with a focus on projects ready on Toll Day 1.

**Funding Source:** As a part of the agreement between [VDOT and 95 Express Lanes, LLC](#), the Commonwealth secured an annual payment for transit services of \$15 million per year, escalating by 2.5 percent per year, beginning on the commencement of tolling through the life of the 70-year agreement. Approved by NVTC and PRTC at their November 2017 meetings, and by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) at its December 2017 meeting, the [I-395/95 Memorandum of Agreement with NVTC and PRTC](#) allocates \$15 million/year plus escalation to NVTC and PRTC to fund multimodal projects along the I-395/95 Express Lanes Corridor.

**Project Application:** Applications will be accepted for submission on April 5, 2019. All applications for funding must be submitted no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 15, 2019. Applications received after that time will not be considered. Partially completed applications may be deemed ineligible.

Applicants submitting multiple projects are required to prepare separate applications for each project. All applications must be submitted online through the application link at the following website: <http://www.novatransit.org/programs/commuterchoice/i395-95commuterchoice/>

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