



OmniRide Introduces Three Express Routes in Stafford, Falmouth and Spotsylvania Areas



OmniRide, in partnership with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), has begun offering three new OmniRide Express commuter bus routes from Stafford, Falmouth and Spotsylvania. The new routes provide a cost-effective, stress-free commute option for residents south of the newly extended I-95 Express Lanes.

The **Stafford – Washington/State Department Express (541)** route originates at the Route 630 Commuter Lot to destinations in downtown Washington. The **Falmouth – Pentagon/Rosslyn/Ballston/Crystal City Express (932)** route begins at the Route 17 Commuter Lot with options to transfer to Washington-bound buses at the Pentagon. Riders on that route can also transfer to buses to Crystal City at the Pentagon. The **Spotsylvania – Pentagon/L'Enfant Plaza/Navy Yard Express (923)** route begins at the new Commonwealth Commuter Lot with options to transfer to a downtown Washington-bound bus at the Pentagon.

View the schedules and plan your OmniRide trip at **OmniRide.com**. A knowledgeable OmniRide Transportation Associate can answer questions at **703-730-6664** or **Omni@OmniRide.com**.



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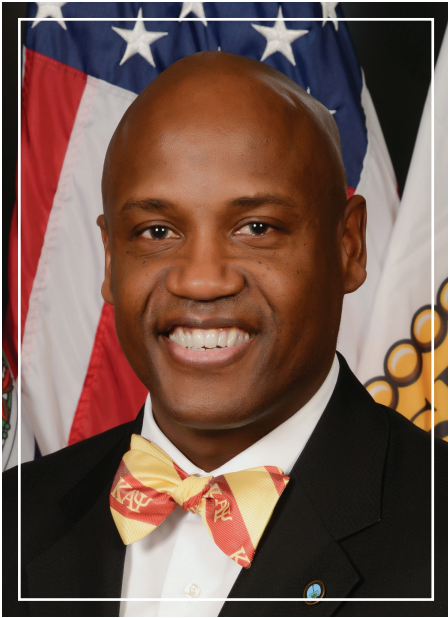
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PRTC Board Elects 2024 Officers

Angry to Lead Board in 2024

Prince William County Supervisor Victor Angry has been re-elected Chair of the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) Board for 2024 and will lead the Executive Committee.

Joining Angry on the 2024 Executive Committee are:

- Vice Chair Pamela Sebesky, Vice Mayor of the City of Manassas
- Secretary Jeanette Rishell, Mayor of the City of Manassas Park
- Treasurer Deborah Frazier, a member of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors
- Immediate Past Chair Margaret Franklin, Prince William County Supervisor
- At-Large Member Tinesha Allen, Stafford County Supervisor

The PRTC Board of Commissioners is responsible for overseeing OmniRide's mobility services as well as Virginia Railway Express operations in the region. OmniRide operates commuter and local bus services, promotes ridesharing, and works with local employers to encourage alternatives to driving alone. In the calendar year 2022 OmniRide transported 1,521,168 passengers on Express and Local buses. In 2023, there was a slight decrease in commuter ridership related to a month-long strike by operators, with OmniRide transporting 1,478,499 passengers.

The PRTC Board typically meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the OmniRide Transit Center in Woodbridge. The public is welcome to view the meetings in real time or later at **[YouTube.com/PRTCtransit](https://www.youtube.com/PRTCtransit)**.



OmniRide Will Restructure Local Service in Eastern PWC in 2024

Starting with the June 2024 service change, OmniRide is implementing a total overhaul of local routes in the eastern Prince William County area. This includes the addition of service to new destinations. The purpose is to expand the service area and provide a more streamlined, efficient, and direct service.

New destinations and routes include areas that have been highly requested from passengers. Routing in Dumfries will include routing along Route 234/ Dumfries Road, down to Waterway Drive. Dumfries residents will have access to medical offices along Fettle Park and access to the Target in Fortuna Plaza. Lake Ridge residents will have direct access to Potomac Mills and the NOVA campus with new routing along Minnieville Road between Tackett's Mill and Caton Hill Road. Prince William Parkway between Route 1 and the Chinn Center will have dedicated routing. OmniRide Local routes will continue to serve all current service areas, but we are extending our footprint in eastern Prince William County.

Flex routing that permits off-route trips will be discontinued and replaced with fixed-route service, which is a more direct and reliable point-to-point service. OmniRide will supplement fixed routes with OmniRide Access paratransit service for people with disabilities that would operate within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of the OmniRide Local bus routes.

More information will be released in the Spring.





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OmniRide Connect Microtransit Now in Dumfries/Triangle and Quantico

OmniRide Connect Microtransit service began operating in Manassas Park in December 2022 and in the Dumfries/Triangle and Quantico areas in May 2023. Instead of OmniRide's traditional bus service, riders are transported in vans that are dispatched upon demand. Upon request, a van picks up passengers at designated pick-up points and delivers them to their destination. Rides can be scheduled for same-day travel but cannot be scheduled days in advance.

Dumfries was selected to initiate microtransit in the eastern service area as a way to fill unmet travel demands. It offers more efficient and flexible service, and can operate more frequently across an expanded coverage area. In FY2023, OmniRide Connect provided a total of 2,172 microtransit rides.

