



# Commuter Choice Program: I-395/95 Round Two Update

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## I-395/95 Round Two Applications Received



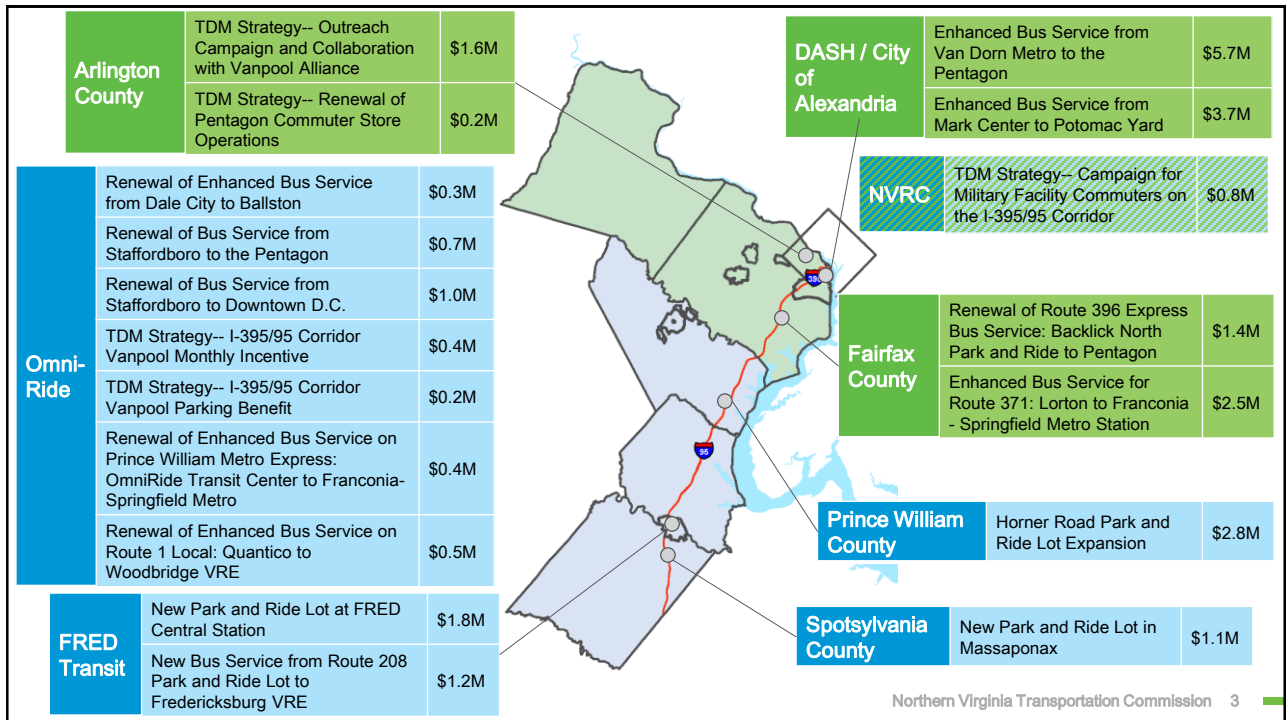
18 Applications  
\$26.2M Total  
Funding Request

Regional Entities (NVRC):  
1 Application  
\$0.8M Funding Request



NVTC Jurisdictions  
and Transit  
Providers:  
6 Applications  
\$15.0M Total  
Funding Request

PRTC Jurisdictions  
and Transit  
Providers:  
11 Applications  
\$10.4M Total  
Funding Request



## I-395/95 Round Two Next Steps



Feb.

- **Eligibility Review** of all submitted applications. Any applicants with ineligible applications will be notified by the end of the month.

Mar.

- **Update to the Commissions** (Mar. 4) on the set of eligible applications.
- **Technical Evaluation** (scoring) of all eligible applications per the process approved by the Commissions in Nov. 2020.

Apr.

- **Public Comment Opens** on Apr. 16.
- **Meeting of the NVTC-PRTC Joint Commission Working Group** to review the technical evaluation results and identify a project prioritization approach.

May

- **Public Comment Closes** on May 17.
- **Briefings to the Commissions (May 6) and Commonwealth Transportation Board (mid-month)** on the projects under consideration for funding.

Jun.

- **Program Adoption by the Commissions (June 3) and Commonwealth Transportation Board (mid-month).**
- **Distribution of Standard Project Agreements** for selected projects.

# Thank You.

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TO: Chair Franklin and PRTC Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Commuter Choice Program

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At the February meeting the Commission will be updated on the Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 Corridor.

**A. Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 Corridor Round Two Update**

The application period for the Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 Corridor Round Two (FY 2022-FY 2023) call for projects closed at the end of the day on Friday, January 29. The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) received 18 complete applications with a total funding request of \$26.2 million. Table 1 summarizes the applications.

NVTC anticipates full funding of approximately \$30 million for the two-year program. NVTC staff received the second (full) annual transit payment for the I-395/95 corridor from the Commonwealth on January 11. Because of the full-time tolling and long distance of the 95 and 395 Express Lanes, the COVID-19 public health emergency has not impacted overall traffic volumes and revenues in the 95 and 395 Express Lanes as much as other toll facilities in the region.

The schedule for the Round Two (FY 2022-FY 2023) program of projects anticipates approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) this June. Key steps in the process are shown in Table 2.

**Table 1: Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 Corridor  
Round Two (FY 2022-FY 2023) Applications Received**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Application Title</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>
<b>Arlington County</b>	TDM Strategy-- Outreach Campaign and Collaboration with Vanpool Alliance	\$1,556,375
	TDM Strategy-- Renewal of Pentagon Commuter Store Operations	\$216,625
<b>DASH</b>	Enhanced Bus Service from Van Dorn Metro to the Pentagon	\$5,734,000
	Enhanced Bus Service from Mark Center to Potomac Yard	\$3,650,000
<b>Fairfax County</b>	Enhanced Bus Service for Route 371: Lorton to Franconia - Springfield Metro Station	\$2,496,529
	Renewal of Route 396 Express Bus Service: Backlick North Park and Ride to Pentagon	\$1,386,000
<b>FRED Transit</b>	New Bus Service from Route 208 Park and Ride Lot to Fredericksburg VRE	\$1,218,800
	New Park and Ride Lot at FRED Central Station	\$1,760,000
<b>NVRC</b>	TDM Strategy-- Campaign for Military Facility Commuters on the I-395/95 Corridor	\$781,509
<b>OmniRide</b>	Renewal of Enhanced Bus Service from Dale City to Ballston	\$291,831
	Renewal of Enhanced Bus Service on Prince William Metro Express: OmniRide Transit Center to Franconia-Springfield Metro	\$434,776
	Renewal of Enhanced Bus Service on Route 1 Local: Quantico to Woodbridge VRE	\$541,169
	Renewal of Bus Service from Staffordboro to Downtown D.C.	\$968,308
	Renewal of Bus Service from Staffordboro to the Pentagon	\$704,773
	TDM Strategy-- I-395/95 Corridor Vanpool Parking Benefit	\$201,600
	TDM Strategy-- I-395/95 Corridor Vanpool Monthly Incentive	\$403,200
<b>Prince William County</b>	Horner Road Park and Ride Lot Expansion	\$2,800,000
<b>Spotsylvania County</b>	New Park and Ride Lot in Massaponax	\$1,100,000
<b>TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST</b>		<b>\$26,245,495</b>

**Table 2: Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 Corridor  
Round Two (FY 2022-FY 2023) Program Development Steps**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
<b>February 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NVTC staff review all applications for eligibility and, by the end of the month, notify applicants of any ineligible applications.</li> </ul>
<b>March 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 4: NVTC staff present the set of eligible applications to the Commissions.</li> <li>NVTC staff score all eligible applications using the technical evaluation process approved by the Commissions in November.</li> </ul>
<b>April 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 16: NVTC staff open a one-month, fully online public comment period that will include a Virtual Town Hall meeting to share details with the public about proposed projects. (ends May 17)</li> <li>Mid-April: NVTC-PRTC Joint Commission Working Group (JCWG) meets to review the technical evaluation results and identify an approach to programming projects, pending public input on the projects under consideration for funding.</li> </ul>
<b>May 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 6: NVTC staff present the technical evaluation results and JCWG-endorsed programming approach to the Commissions.</li> <li>May 17: Public comment period concludes at 5:00 p.m. and comments are shared with the JCWG and both Commissions.</li> <li>Mid-May: NVTC staff brief the CTB on the proposed projects under consideration for funding and their scores.</li> <li>NVTC staff form the program of projects for June consideration by the Commissions based on the Commissions' endorsed prioritization approach.</li> </ul>
<b>June 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 3: Commissions adopt the program of projects and refer it to the CTB.</li> <li>Mid-June: CTB approves the final program of projects into the FY 2022-FY 2027 Six-Year Improvement Program.</li> <li>NVTC staff distribute Standard Project Agreements for selected projects.</li> </ul>