

MOTION:

SECOND:

**RE: RESOLUTION TO RATIFY ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PROVIDE LETTERS
 OF SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) received requests from Arlington County and the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) to provide letters of support for their respective grant applications for regional transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects are consistent with PRTC's goal of increasing transportation options in the region; and

WHEREAS, the next Commission meeting on February 11, 2021 to seek approval to provide the letters of support would occur after the grant application submission deadline of February 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby ratify the action taken by the Executive Director to provide letters of support for Arlington County and the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for their respective grant applications for proposed regional transportation projects.

Votes:

Ayes:

Abstain:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:


Alternate Present Not Voting:

Absent from Meeting:



February 4, 2021

TO: Chair Franklin and PRTC Commissioners

FROM: Robert A. Schneider, PhD 
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Ratify Action of the Executive Director to Provide Letters of Support for Proposed Regional Transportation Projects

Recommendation:

Ratify action of the Executive Director to provide letters of support for proposed regional transportation projects.

Background:

The Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) was asked by Arlington County and the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) to provide a letter of support which would be included in their respective grant applications for their proposed regional transportation projects. The proposed projects are consistent with PRTC's goal of increasing transportation options. Due to a February 1, 2021 grant application deadline, it was not possible to seek Commission approval in advance.

Arlington County's proposed enhanced Transportation Demand Management project includes public outreach and marketing various transportation options, including PRTC's vanpool program.

The FAMPO proposed project is an intraregional multimodal east-west mobility study. With a focus on east-west movements, the goal of the study is to identify additional transportation choices, improve transportation network efficiencies, and connect different modes of transportation where possible across the region.

Fiscal Impact:

NA



January 29, 2021

Ms. Kate Mattice, Executive Director
Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)
2300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 230
Arlington, VA 22201

Re: Affirming Executive-Level Support from Potomac Rappahannock Transportation Commission for Arlington County and their I-95/I-395 Commuter Choice Project Proposal Enhanced Transportation Demand Management in the I-95/I-395 corridor with Regional Vanpool Incentive

Dear Ms. Mattice,

Please accept this letter in support of the Commuter Choice 395 proposal from Arlington County for Fiscal Year 2022. Consistent with the Commuter Choice Recipient Handbook (November 2020) sections 2.2.2.6 and 3.2.1, we are writing with our support as a third party that would be involved in the implementation of Arlington County's program. We consulted with Arlington County staff in the formulation of two separate but highly complementary grant activities: PRTC will allocate direct subsidies to vanpool riders when they register with them, and Arlington's business to business outreach and marketing team would conduct a corridor-level marketing program, raise awareness, recruit riders and direct them to PRTC's subsidy program, as well as provide PRTC with the necessary information about vanpool parking pricing at Arlington destinations in order for them to implement an effective parking subsidy as well.

These mutually supportive grants take best advantage of the strengths of each organization in order to maximize the uptake of vanpooling in the corridor, bringing the benefits of faster moving travel, more person throughput, and safer vehicles to the toll payers on the I-395 corridor. We strongly encourage you to support the Arlington County project and the success of this vanpooling initiative.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Schneider, PhD
Executive Director OmniRide

cc: Ben Owen, Commuter Choice Senior Program Manager, NVTC



January 29, 2021

DRPT Application Review Team
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
600 East Main Street, Suite 2102
Richmond, VA 23219

RE: Support for Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study

Dear Sir/Madam:

We are writing to confirm Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)/OmniRide's interest in, and support for, the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study. PRTC/OmniRide supports the goals of the study and recognizes the need to increase transportation choices, improve network efficiencies, and connect different modes of transportation where possible across the region. This study will particularly focus on less researched East-West movements.

We will cooperate with the development of the study and share information where appropriate. We look forward to continued participation with FAMPO in development of transportation in the region and in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Schneider", is positioned above the printed name.

Robert A. Schneider, PhD
Executive Director