

Commuter Choice Program: FY 2020 Annual Report and I- 395/95 Update

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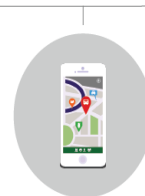
About Commuter Choice

A competitive grant program that invests toll revenues from I-66 Inside the Beltway and I-395/95 into transportation projects that...

Maximize Person Throughput & Implement Multimodal Improvements



Improve
mobility



Support new,
diverse travel
choices

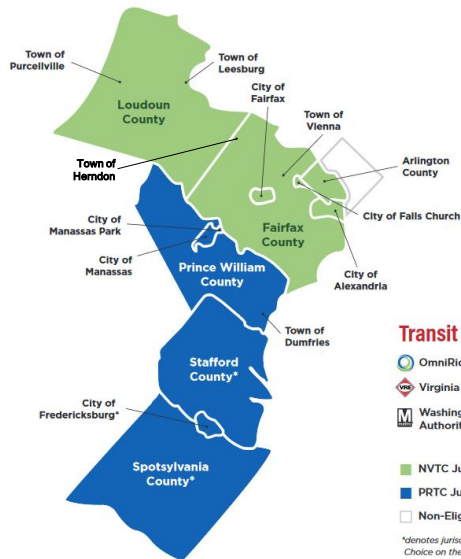


Enhance
transportation
safety and
travel reliability

Each corridor has a multi-decade payout schedule and typically about \$30 million in available funds per two-year program.

Eligible Applicants

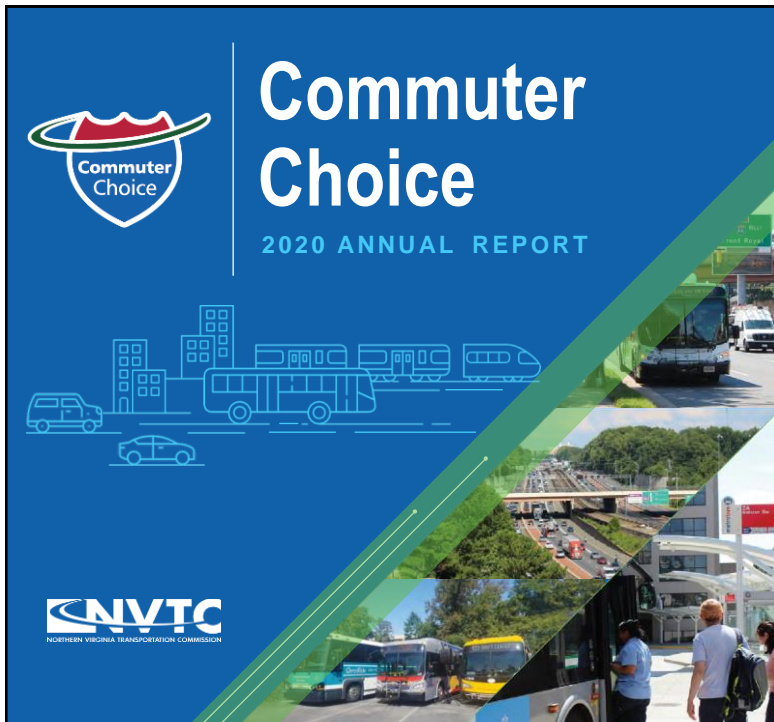
On the I-395/95 corridor, all NVTC and PRTC jurisdictions as well as transit agencies that service the area are eligible.



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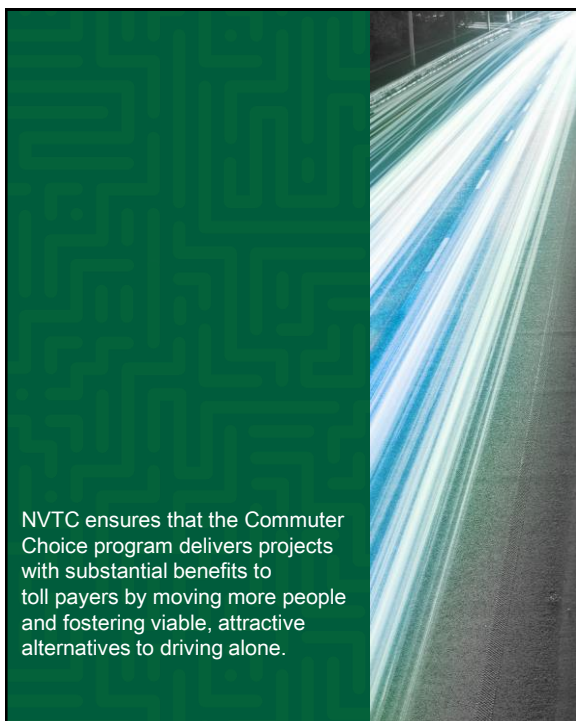
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FY 2020 Annual Report is first to include:

- a 5-year look back at the program
- lessons learned from administering the program
- analysis from both the I-66 Inside the Beltway and I-395/95 corridors

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NVTC ensures that the Commuter Choice program delivers projects with substantial benefits to toll payers by moving more people and fostering viable, attractive alternatives to driving alone.



Five-Year Look Back: Lessons Learned



Advocating for a more diverse set of projects that advance Commuter Choice goals



Ensuring project benefits are readily measurable, particularly Transportation Demand Management (TDM) efforts



Encouraging applicants to coordinate projects with other stakeholders in the region to ensure success

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**Operational & Completed
Transit & Access To
Transit Projects**

Commuter Choice's **24 operational and completed transit and access to transit projects** move about **2,200 more people** through the I-66 Inside the Beltway and I-395/95 corridors each morning.

The number of trips provided by these projects is **86% of the total target** that was the basis for the projects' selection.



Five-Year Look Back: At-a-Glance

1500

PEOPLE

In the **I-66 corridor**, 16 projects move almost **1,500 people each morning**, within a reasonable range (77%) of their target.

69% 
**meet or exceed
the target**

Eleven of the 16 projects in the **I-66 corridor** meet (within 30%) or exceed their ridership targets.

700

PEOPLE

In the **I-395/95 corridor**, eight projects move about **700 people each morning**, substantially outperforming their target (117%).

75% 
**meet or exceed
the target**

Six of the eight projects in the **I-395/95 corridor** meet (within 30%) or exceed their ridership targets.

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Since Commuter Choice funding began in 2017 on the I-66 corridor Inside the Beltway, more people have moved in fewer vehicles.






Each morning in 2019, **700 more people** and **750 fewer vehicles** moved through the corridor than in 2015.



Program Highlights

More people used transit, carpools and vanpools to travel along the I-66 corridor during the morning peak period in 2019 than in 2015.

| |  TRANSIT |  CARPOOL/VANPOOL |  DRIVING ALONE |
|------|---|---|---|
| 2015 | 41.1% | 22.5% | 36.4% |
| 2019 | 41.5% | 23.7% | 34.7% |

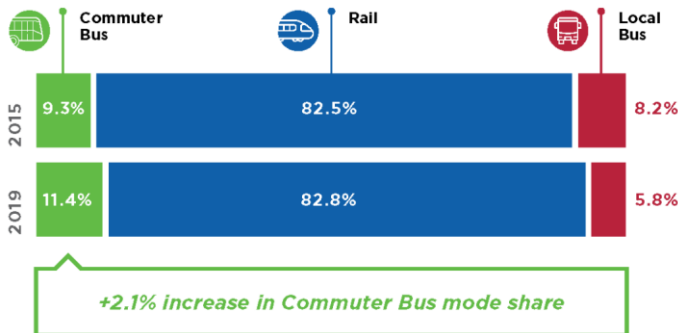
-1.7% decrease in the mode share of people who drive alone in 2019

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When using transit to commute, most people use Metro and VRE. More people, however, are adopting the long-haul Commuter Bus as their preferred travel mode.



Program Highlights (continued)



56 additional commuter buses move through the I-66 corridor each day with Commuter Choice funding

+26% Growth
in commuter bus ridership since 2015

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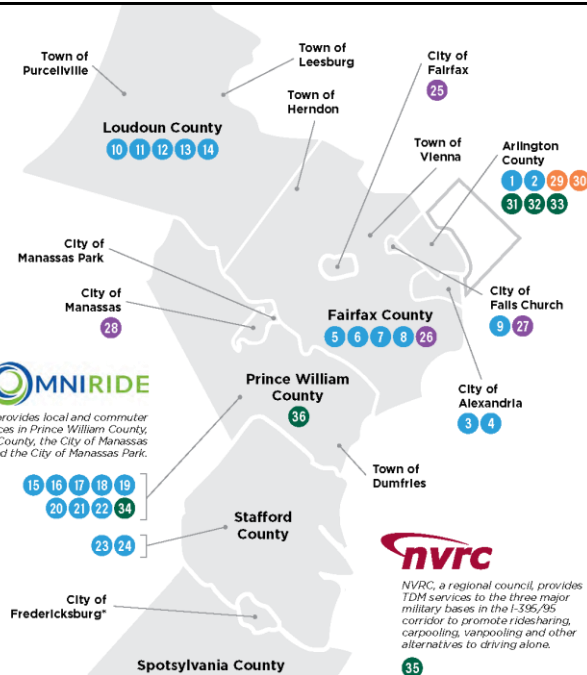
Current Projects

Project Type

- Bus Service
- Access to Transit
- Roadway Operations
- TDM



Omniride provides local and commuter transit services in Prince William County, Stafford County, the City of Manassas and the City of Manassas Park.



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NEW OR ENHANCED BUS SERVICE PROJECTS

- 1 Arlington County - Bus Stop Consolidation and Accessibility Improvements, Lee Highway and Washington Boulevard **I-48**
Funding: \$462,000
- 2 Arlington County - Enhanced Bus Service on Metrobus 3Y: Lee Highway-Farragut Square **I-48**
Funding: \$1,040,000
- 3 City of Alexandria/DASH - Enhanced Bus Service on AT-1 Plus: West End to Van Dorn Metro **I-385**
Funding: \$3,040,000
- 4 City of Alexandria/DASH - Enhanced Bus Service on AT-9: Mark Center to Potomac Yard **I-395**
Funding: \$1,949,000
- 5 Fairfax County - New Bus Service from Stringfellow to L'Enfant Plaza **I-48**
Funding: \$4,326,000
- 6 Fairfax County - New Bus Service to the Pentagon with Gambrell and Backlick North Park and Ride Improvements **I-385**
Funding: \$3,540,903
- 7 Fairfax County - Fairfax Connector Express Bus Service between Vienna/Fairfax-GMU and Pentagon/Metrorail Stations **I-48**
Funding: \$3,452,618
- 8 Fairfax County - Fairfax Connector Government Center -Downtown DC, Route 699 **I-48**
Funding: \$5,276,336*
- 9 City of Falls Church - Metrobus Route 3T Extension and Service Expansion **I-48**
Funding: \$845,754
- 10 Loudoun County - Loudoun County Transit Metro Connection from New Purcellville Park and Ride **I-48**
Funding: \$1,065,960
- 11 Loudoun County - Loudoun County Transit Metro Connection Route 88X Extension to Dulles South **I-48**
Funding: \$1,706,040
- 12 Loudoun County - Stone Ridge Enhanced Transit **I-48**
Funding: \$2,472,970*
- 13 Loudoun County - New Bus Service from Purcellville to DC **I-48**
Funding: \$949,482
- 14 Loudoun County - New Bus Service from Stone Ridge to Pentagon **I-48**
Funding: \$1,257,226
- 15 OmniRide - Gainesville to Pentagon Commuter Service **I-48**
Funding: \$5,559,600*
- 16 OmniRide - OmniRide Linton Hall Metro Direct Bus Service Enhancement **I-48**
Funding: \$134,200
- 17 OmniRide - On-Demand Commuter Lot Shuttles in Prince William County **I-48**
Funding: \$1,087,796
- 18 OmniRide - Enhanced Bus Service from Gainesville to DC **I-48**
Funding: \$1,519,100
- 19 OmniRide - New Bus Service from Haymarket to Rosslyn **I-48**
Funding: \$776,700
- 20 OmniRide - Enhanced Bus Service from Dale City to Ballston **I-385**
Funding: \$251,600
- 21 OmniRide - Enhanced Bus Service on Prince William Metro Express **I-395**
Funding: \$562,400
- 22 OmniRide - Enhanced Bus Service on Route 1 Local **I-395**
Funding: \$1,133,500
- 23 OmniRide - New Bus Service from Staffordboro to Downtown D.C. **I-385**
Funding: \$3,569,200
- 24 OmniRide - New Bus Service from Staffordboro to the Pentagon **I-385**
Funding: \$3,495,300

ACCESS TO TRANSIT PROJECTS

- 25 City of Fairfax - CUE Access and Technology Improvements **I-48**
Funding: \$965,000
- 26 Fairfax County - I-66 Corridor Vienna/Merrifield Bike Share Expansion **I-48**
Funding: \$497,100
- 27 City of Falls Church - Expanded Transit Access, Bike Share **I-48**
Funding: \$500,000
- 28 City of Manassas - Bicycle Parking Improvements at Manassas VRE Station **I-48**
Funding: \$55,000

ROADWAY OPERATIONS PROJECTS

- 29 Arlington County - I-66 Corridor Intelligent Transportation System Enhancements **I-23**
Funding: \$400,000
- 30 Arlington County - Traffic Management Center **I-48**
Funding: \$400,000

TDM PROJECTS

- 31 Arlington County - Commuter Store at the Pentagon Transit Center **I-385**
Funding: \$211,962
- 32 Arlington County - Expanded TDM Outreach to the I-66 Corridor **I-48**
Funding: \$2,050,000*
- 33 Arlington County - Multimodal Real-Time Transportation Information Screens **I-48**
Funding: \$250,000
- 34 OmniRide - Flexible Vanpool Program **I-48**
Funding: \$317,600
- 35 NVRC - New TDM Outreach Campaign for Military Facilities **I-385**
Funding: \$396,184
- 36 Prince William County - New TDM Outreach to the I-66 Corridor **I-48**
Funding: \$200,000

**denotes the total funded amount for projects funded in multiple rounds*

Current Projects

Project Type

- I-395/I-48
- I-66
- I-48

Legend: I-395, I-48, I-66

36 approved projects

To read the full 2020 annual report with detailed project information, visit

CommuterChoiceAR.org

COMING SOON

Commuter Choice on the I-66 corridor in FY 2020

Commuter Choice on the I-395/99 corridor in FY 2020

FAIRFAX COUNTY
New Bus Service to the Pentagon with Gambrell and Backlick North Park and Ride Improvements

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

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Proposed Program-Wide Policy Changes Would take effect with the I-395/95 Round Two call for projects



Framework for Larger Capital Projects

- Commuter Choice will only fund asset acquisition and construction
- Must document ability to begin construction in two years, expend funds in five
- Funding awards may extend across two consecutive two-year programs



Minimum Funding Award Amount

- \$200,000 for all projects



Transportation Demand Management Project Requirements

- Must exclusively benefit toll payers and have directly measurable outcomes



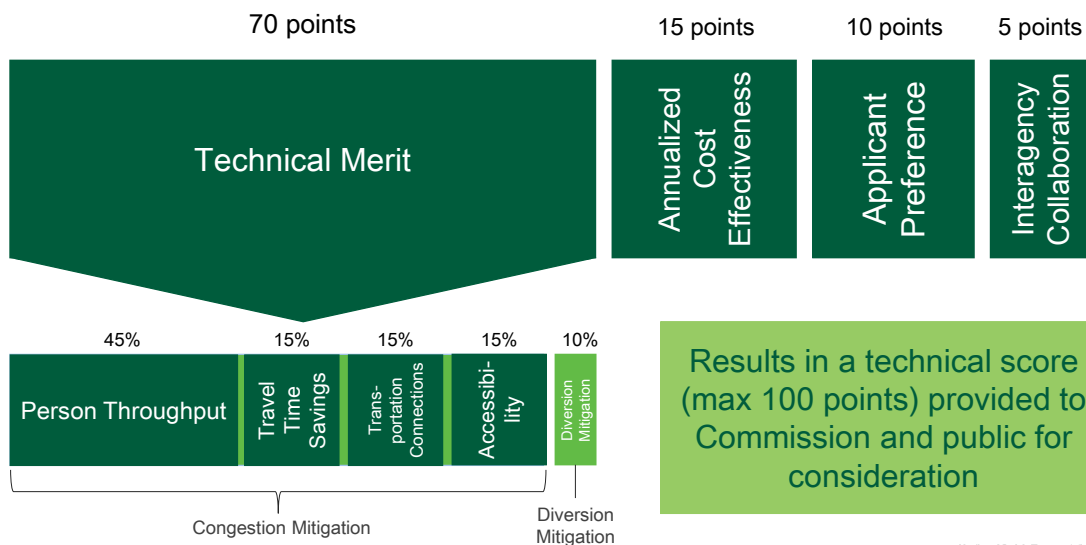
Partner Support Documentation Requirement

- Executive, Board or Council support documentation required with applications for projects that significantly involve a third party (VDOT, WMATA, etc.)

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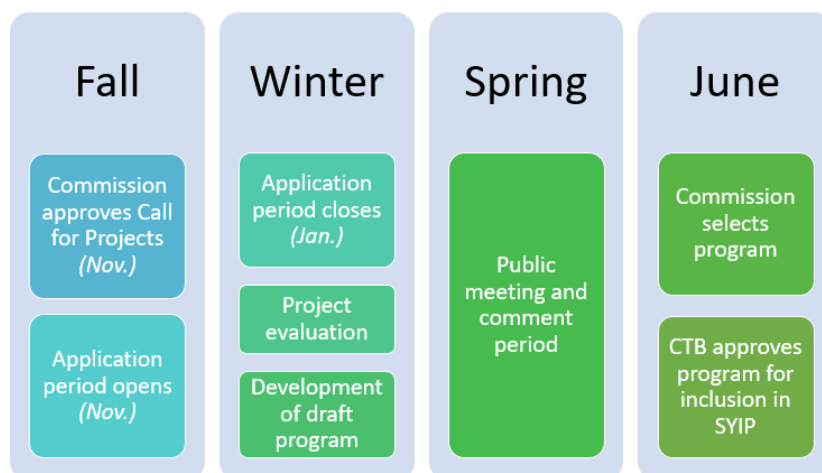
Proposed Technical Evaluation Process

From the Fall 2019 Commuter Choice on the I-66 Corridor Call for Projects



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I-395/95 Round Two (FY 2022-2023) Call for Projects Schedule



Staff are working with our Commonwealth partners to understand how COVID-19 may affect available revenue.

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Thank You.

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