



OmniRide Celebrates 35 Years of Service

OmniRide recently marked 35 years of providing mobility services for the National Capital region. In honor of our anniversary, we hosted a 35-day celebration and looked back at our achievements and milestones to see how far we've traveled on our 35-year journey. The organization held both public and internal events and activities.

To kick-off 35th anniversary celebrations, OmniRide, in partnership with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), hosted a ribbon cutting for our Western Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility. The new facility allows OmniRide to improve and expand transit services for western Prince William County residents and the business community and will help to reduce congestion along the I-66 corridor. It houses everything required to mirror the Transit Center operations in Woodbridge, but for the western side.

Additional public activities included several fun contests to share interesting facts and visuals related to our Family of Mobility Services – in hopes that participants would learn some OmniRide tidbits along the way. This included a scavenger hunt to find the anniversary logo hidden on ten pages within our website. The organization also held public trivia and photo contests. Information about OmniRide's history is still live on the website at <https://omniride.com/about/35th-anniversary-celebration>.

OmniRide would be remiss if we didn't also thank our hard-working employees - bus operators, dispatchers, mechanics, security and frontline operations staff. As part of the celebration, staff were treated to lunch and desserts.

We are grateful to our passengers for choosing OmniRide for your travel needs and we thank our staff for their commitment to providing safe and reliable transit services to our community for 35 years. Here's to 35 more!

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OmniRide Receives VTA Exceptional Safety Award

The Virginia Transit Association (VTA) honored OmniRide with the Exceptional Safety Award at a ceremony on Wednesday, September 29 at the VTA's annual meeting in Tysons Corner. Executive Director Bob Schneider and OmniRide Director of Safety and Security Byren Lloyd accepted the award on behalf of the organization. Several staff members from OmniRide and Keolis were in attendance. Keolis has a contract with OmniRide to operate and maintain OmniRide's bus service.

The award recognizes innovation and success in the development, implementation, and measurement of a safety culture. OmniRide received the award based on the organization's response to COVID-19, the unique role the organization plays in transit in the Nation's Capital, and for being recognized by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for our security measures.

"We are honored to accept this award on behalf of OmniRide, but especially on behalf of the employees who deliver exceptional service and follow stringent security protocols every single day," said Schneider. "It takes an entire organization to earn this type of recognition and we are humbled that the Virginia Transit Association sees our impact as leaders in safety and security."

This is the third award OmniRide has received in the last year. In September 2020 the TSA honored OmniRide with the prestigious BASE Gold Standard Award. This is the top recognition the TSA gives to a transit agency for demonstrating outstanding performance in enhancing their security programs. OmniRide is the first and only bus-only transit system in the National Capital Region to earn this recognition. In February 2021 the Prince William Chamber of Commerce awarded OmniRide with the Business in Excellence Award. The recognition goes to businesses for their innovation, their business sense, and their commitment to the community.

"The safety and security of our passengers and employees is our #1 priority for us at OmniRide. The fact that the VTA recognizes our commitment and the hard work we put in every day, in the midst of a pandemic, makes this award especially meaningful," said Lloyd. "This accomplishment was a team effort, and on behalf of my coworkers and myself, I would like to thank the VTA for this recognition. We are truly humbled to be receiving this honor."

Founded in 1977, the VTA provides public education and legislative advocacy to support public transportation systems throughout the Commonwealth.

The VTA has 57 total members which include 24 transit properties, and 33 business and associate members.

OmniRide would like to publicly thank Byren Lloyd for his commitment to the security of passengers and employees at OmniRide. It is through his leadership that OmniRide was able to receive this honor from the VTA.



OmniRide Provides Access to COVID-19 Vaccination Sites

OmniRide can help residents access local vaccination sites. Local routes serve many pharmacies and medical facilities. The Prince William Health District manages two Community Vaccination Centers (CVC) – one in Manassas and one in Woodbridge. Both centers are served by Local OmniRide buses, with bus stops close to each location.

To get a vaccine it is recommended that you make an appointment, visit vaccinate.virginia.gov.

Vaccination Site	OmniRide Local Route(s)	Stop Access
Gander Mountain Store 14011 Worth Avenue, Woodbridge, VA 22192 Potomac Mills Circle & Worth Ave	Woodbridge A Woodbridge B	Bus stop is on Worth Ave
Manassas Mall 8300 Sudley Rd, Manassas, VA 20109	65-Manassas North	Bus stop is on Rixlew Ln outside of Mall

For riders in eastern Prince William County who need a little extra assistance, with advance notice, buses can be re-routed to pick riders up from locations within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of a route and drop them off directly at the vaccination site.

Off-route service is not available in the Manassas area; however, riders may qualify for our paratransit service. The OmniRide Access paratransit service provides door-to-door transportation specifically for people who are unable to use public transit due to disability. Paratransit service is provided in vans that can accommodate wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

For assistance planning your ride call Customer Service at 703-730-6664. You can also view bus schedules or plan your trip on this website.

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WE'RE HIRING

Keolis Transit America, OmniRide's operation and maintenance contractor, is looking to hire full-time bus operators, full-time and part-time dispatchers, a maintenance technician, and a facility technician. Keolis offers paid training, competitive pay and benefits, 401k, and room for advancement. Please call Keolis Transit America for more information at (703) 576-5118.

Learn more about open positions and apply at www.keoliscs.com/careers/.

If you see something, say something

OmniRide would like to remind our riders if you "See Something, Say Something." It is our priority at OmniRide to keep all our passengers and staff safe. Please help us by reporting any suspicious activity to your bus operator or to security at the Transit Center, or call 911 or local police. Thanks for your cooperation.



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OmniRide/Keolis Give Back to the Community

OmniRide and Keolis staff enjoy giving back to the community we live and work in! During the Summer we collected supplies for local schools. We recently collected food and toys for the local animal shelters, and staff are donating toys for disadvantaged children and baskets for seniors this holiday season.

