



Major changes to be discussed at October public hearings

OmniRide will host a series of public hearings in October on proposals that will have a major impact on mobility, particularly in Haymarket, Manassas and Manassas Park. The hearings will focus on four topics:

New service between Haymarket and Rosslyn/Ballston

OmniRide proposes to start a new Express bus service with direct trips between Haymarket and Rosslyn/Ballston potentially as soon as December 2018, or when a new parking lot opens at I-66 and Route 15 in Haymarket. Thanks to a half-fare promotion funded by VDOT and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation during construction of the I-66 Express Lanes, the one-way bus fare would be \$3.45.

Restructuring OmniRide Local bus routes in Manassas Park and Manassas

OmniRide proposes to restructure the routing of the OmniRide Local routes serving Manassas and Manassas Park to increase the population within walking distance to a bus stop, reduce the duplication of services, and create a central hub that's more convenient for passengers.

Currently, OmniRide's main transfer point in the area is Manassas



Members of the public attended a Town Hall meeting at Manassas City Hall in September to learn about land use issues, including planned changes to the OmniRide Local bus services.

Mall. Under this proposal, the main transfer point for Manassas-area buses would be at West Courthouse Road and Mosby Street, near the Prince William County Courthouse. This location was selected because ridership figures show that the downtown area – particularly around the Courthouse – is the top destination/departure area for our customers.

Replacing OmniRide Local off-route trips with paratransit service in Manassas and Manassas Park

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OmniRide Spotlight

Executive Department

Behind the scenes, our staff members are dedicated to improving the lives of area citizens by providing and promoting safe and reliable mobility services. Here's a quick look at our Executive Department.

The Executive Department sets the tone for everything that happens at OmniRide whether on your bus or within our headquarters at the OmniRide Transit Center.

One of the most important functions of the department is working closely with the Board of Commissioners that oversees every aspect of OmniRide's operations. That work goes hand-in-hand with keeping track of federal, state, and local initia-

tives that could impact OmniRide's funding and operations.

Another vital function is daily engagement with the staff of First Transit, which is contracted to provide OmniRide's bus operators and mechanics. Our daily goal is to work together as a team to provide you with safe and reliable transit services.

All aspects of Safety and Security, whether on buses or at the OmniRide Transit Center, are handled by the department.

Human Resources is also part of the Executive Department. The Human Resources team handles pay, benefits and professional



training not only for OmniRide staff, but also for those employed by VRE.

Everyone at OmniRide wants to have a positive impact on the region's mobility; that attitude starts at the top with the Executive Department.

OmniRide is part of the community



OmniRide regularly participates in community events. In October, we attended events including the DATA @Live More Commuter Fair in Reston (left) and the VDOT Career Fair in Manassas (right).



Series of public hearings set for October

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If the PRTC Board of Commissioners approves the route restructuring for the local buses, OmniRide plans to introduce a pilot paratransit service in the Manassas and Manassas Park areas and discontinue off-route trips on OmniRide Local buses in those areas. (For now, off-route trips would continue to be available on routes serving eastern Prince William County.)

This new paratransit service, OmniRide Access, would serve people within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of the standard bus routes but because of the route restructuring, the area served by paratransit vehicles would be broader than that currently served by OmniRide Local off-route trips.

OmniRide Access customers will need to submit an application and be approved for paratransit service based on disability. The proposed cost for a one-way OmniRide Access trip would be \$3.10 (twice the current one-way bus fare).

Gathering feedback about what mobility should look like in 10 years

In the third and final phase of the OmniRide Strategic Plan, we want to hear from the public about what types of mobility services they want to see over the next 10 years, and how frequently those services should run.

OmniRide's future commuter services will largely be driven by plans related to the construction of I-66 Express Lanes and the extension of I-395 Express Lanes. As for future local bus services, OmniRide's goal is to achieve a better balance between rider demand and geographic coverage. That could mean more streamlined routes with minimal redundancy in the areas served.

Public hearings will be held:

Wednesday, October 17, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Manassas Park Community Center
99 Adams Street, Manassas Park. *(For the conven-*



The public will have multiple opportunities to comment on OmniRide's proposed bus service changes, including a plan to restructure local bus routes and start a paratransit service in the areas of Manassas and Manassas Park.

ience of those attending the hearing, all Manassas Park OmniRide Local buses will serve the Community Center between noon and 4 p.m. on October 17. This is usually an on-demand stop.)

Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Baldwin Elementary School
1978 Eagle Way, Manassas

Thursday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Haymarket Gainesville Community Library,
14870 Lightner Road, Haymarket.

Wednesday, October 24, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
OmniRide Transit Center
14700 Potomac Mills Road, Woodbridge

Information on the public hearing topics is available at OmniRide.com. Written comments may be submitted until 5 p.m., Wednesday, October 31, 2018 to publichearing@OmniRide.com.



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Outstanding Employees

First Transit has a contract to provide bus operators and mechanics for OmniRide's transportation services. First Transit recognizes one outstanding operator each month, and an Operator of the Year is named annually. If you have a compliment about First Transit personnel, please tell us!

Operator of the Month

Tim Henderson — June 2018

Mr. Henderson says that he enjoys being a bus operator because it gives him an opportunity to help the community. He has been with OmniRide for a little more than one year. Originally from Florida, Mr. Henderson now lives in Alexandria. He is currently assigned to trips on the Lake Ridge, Montclair and South Route 1 OmniRide Express routes. His hobbies include working on his own private bus, fishing, hiking, camping, swimming, playing video games, and working as a disc jockey and light-



ing engineer as well as working with audio/visual equipment.

Aaron Brady — July 2018

Originally from New York, Mr. Brady has been in this area for eight years and now lives in Triangle. He has operated buses for OmniRide for more than six years. He currently operates trips on the Dale City OmniRide Local route, and says the best part of his job is interacting with passengers. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, shooting and fishing. Mr. Brady requested that his photo not be included.

Jitendra Singh — August 2018

Mr. Singh has operated buses at OmniRide since March 2017 and is currently assigned to trips on the Dale City, Lake Ridge and Montclair OmniRide Express routes. Mr. Singh is married and has two daughters. In his free time, he enjoys running. Mr. Singh requested that his photo not be included.