

# Transform 66 Outside the Beltway

OmniRide Employer Council December 15, 2021









#### I-66 Outside the Beltway Project

#### Two express lanes in each direction from Route 29 Gainesville to I-495

- HOV-3+ and buses travel free
- Non-HOV tolled EZ Pass or EZ Pass Flex required
- Congestion-based tolls

#### Three regular lanes in each direction

- Open to all traffic
- No tolls
- Ramp-to-ramp connections between interchanges (auxiliary lanes)
- Safety, interchange and operational improvements

#### New transit service and other multimodal improvements

- High-frequency, fast and reliable bus service during extended peak periods
- Park and ride facilities
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies
- Bicycle and pedestrian trail and improvements











#### **Public-Private Partnership**

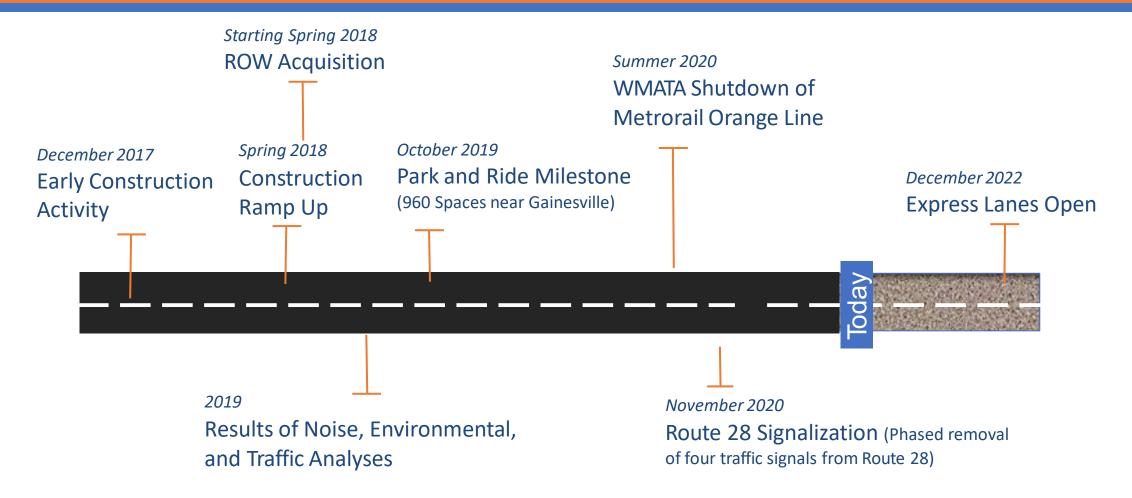
- I-66 Express Mobility Partners (EMP) is VDOT's partner
- Best value for Virginia: I-66 EMP providing \$3.5 billion for project:
  - \$2.3 billion for highway construction
  - \$850 million to expand transit and \$350 million for other projects over life of the contract
  - Additional \$579 million for transportation needs that benefit the I-66 corridor
  - Current projects in Prince William County funded by concession payment: Balls Ford Road Widening, OmniRide Western Maintenance Facility, expansion of VRE in Manassas
- EMP will operate roadway for 50 years; VDOT retains ownership
- EMP customer service, operations and maintenance facility at Balls Ford Road park-and-ride location (Spring 2022)







#### **Project Roadmap**









## **University Blvd Park and Ride Lot**Construction Update

#### What is Being Built

- 2,046 commuter parking spaces by 2022 with future build out space for additional 400 spaces (960 spaces opened in 2019)
- Four bus bays with covered waiting areas, covered waiting areas for carpool/slugging/kiss-and-ride, covered bicycle racks, lighting
- Direct access to and from the Express Lanes to and from the east, off University Blvd bridge over I-66 in late 2022
- Current access to park and ride lot is at University Blvd (Route 29 entrance will open after Route 29 widening work and traffic signal installation)
- Revegetation at park and ride lot to occur in spring
   2022









# Balls Ford Park and Ride Lot Construction Update

#### What is Being Built

- 1,300 commuter parking spaces in 2022
- Direct access to the new Express Lanes to and from the east in late 2022
- Three bus bays with covered waiting areas
- Designated locations with covered waiting areas for carpool and vanpool, as well as a kiss-and-ride area
- Amenities such as lighting and covered bicycle racks
- Accessed from Century Park Drive off Balls Ford Road

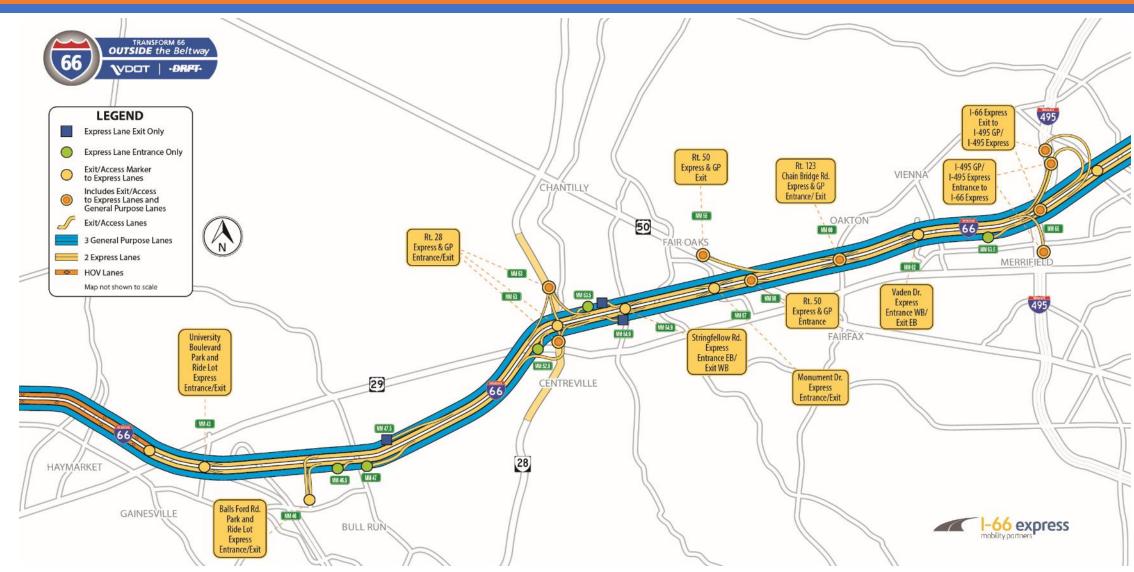








## **Express Lanes Access Points** *Opening December 2022*





### Route 29 Centreville Construction Update

#### What is Being Built

- I-66 bridges over Route 29 (Lee Highway) Centreville being widened, raised, and lengthened to accommodate Express Lanes, future mass transit, and future Route 29 improvements
- New I-66 bridges being constructed in two phases

#### **Construction Update**

- I-66 East and West traffic shifted to new outer lanes and bridges over Route 29
- Ongoing bridge work on new inner I-66 East and West bridges over Route 29
- Constructing future Express Lanes in inner portion of roadway









### Route 28 Interchange Construction Update

#### **What is Being Built**

- Reconstructing interchange to accommodate new connections for Express Lanes access
- Adding fourth lane, removing traffic signals between Route 29 and Westfields Boulevard

#### **Construction Progress**

- Shifted traffic to new, outer lanes west of Route 28 on I-66 East (October 2021) and I-66 West (late November 2021)
- Construction of ramps from Route 28 to the future I-66 Express Lanes
   West, and from I-66 Express Lanes East to Route 28 ongoing

#### **Upcoming Activities**

- Shifting traffic to new, outer lanes east of Route 28 on I-66 East on/about December 17 and 18
- Construction of new Route 28 South bridge over I-66 and Express ramps – ongoing











### Vaden Drive Bridge Construction Update

#### **What is Being Built**

- Reconstructing and widening Vaden Drive Bridge over I-66
- Express Lanes access ramps to/from the west

#### **Completed Construction Activities**

- New Vaden Drive Bridge opened to traffic November 24, 2020
- Shared-use path on east side opened to cyclists and pedestrians – December 2020
- Bridge beams for new Express Lanes access ramps installed July 2021

#### **Construction Updates**

- Constructing express ramps to/from the west along center median of I-66 – complete winter 2022
- Sidewalk on west side of bridge, from Saintsbury Drive to Country Creek Road – opening winter 2022









### Nutley Street Interchange Construction Update

#### What is Being Built

- Reconstructing interchange to accommodate the widening of I-66, improve safety, and improve pedestrian access
- Double roundabout configuration

#### **Upcoming Construction**

- Temporary traffic pattern change on Nutley Street over I-66 began weekend of October 1
  - Two-way thru-traffic maintained in southbound lanes
  - Pedestrian access maintained on west side of bridge
  - This pattern to remain through approximately January 2022
- Construction of pedestrian box culverts on north end *ongoing*
- Bridge abutment and bearing rehab January 2022
- Nutley Interchange will be fully complete in 2022









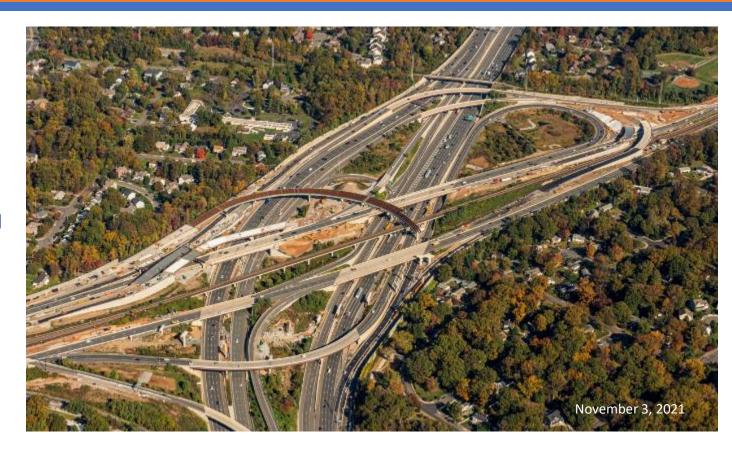
### **I-495 Interchange** *Construction Update*

#### What is Being Built

 Reconstructing interchange with eight new ramps to accommodate new connections to Express Lanes

#### **Construction Updates**

- Bridge beam lifts at I-495 Interchange for new bridges and ramps; traffic impacts on I-66 and I-495 during overnight hours – through 2021 and early 2022
- Traffic shifts on existing ramps at interchange for continued pier construction
- Additional partial demolition will occur in 2022









### I-66 OTB Corridor-Wide Construction Lane shifts to new general purpose lanes

- Shifting I-66 East and West to new general purpose/outside lanes in various sections beginning mid-May 2021 through Fall 2021
  - Construction Segment 1 (Prince William County):
    - All lanes shifted to Phase 2 MOT between Route 29 Gainesville and just west of Route 29 Centreville – completed June 2021
  - Construction Segment 2 (Route 29 to Jermantown Road):
    - All lanes shifted to Phase 2 MOT on I-66 East from west of Stringfellow Road to east of Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road), and on I-66 West from Jermantown Road to west of Stringfellow Road – completed September 2021
  - Construction Segment 3 (I-495 to Jermantown Road):
    - Lanes shifted in various locations
    - Remaining areas to be shifted, planned to be completed by end of 2021
    - o Divided lanes may be required between Nutley Street and Vaden Drive
- Constructing future Express Lanes on inside where traffic has been shifted







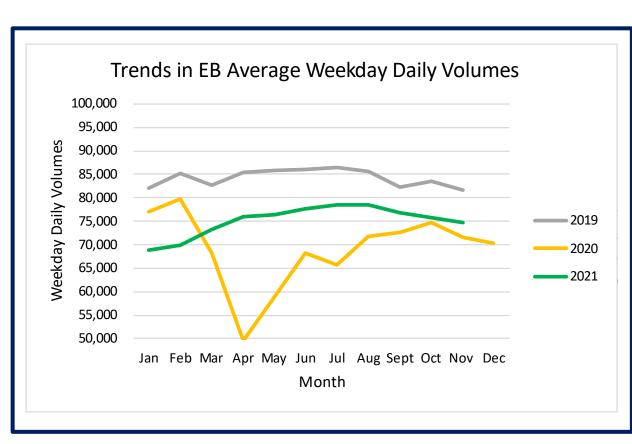


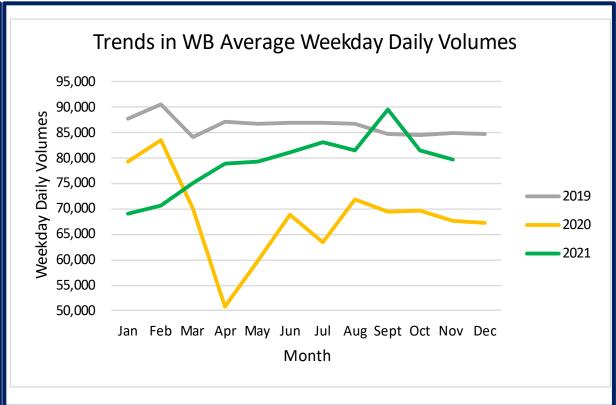
### Trends in Average Weekday Daily Traffic By Month

Between Route 28 and Fairfax County Pkwy (Segment 2)

#### **Eastbound**

#### Westbound





Average Weekday Daily Volumes for Full Month of Nov 2021: 5 to 9 percent lower compared to Full Month of Nov 2019



### **VDOT Transportation Management Plans During Construction**

- Programs to keep commuters moving, reduce number of single-occupant vehicles, and promote use of transit and alternative travel strategies during construction
- Additional safety service patrols throughout corridor
- I-66 Outside the Beltway TMP:
  - \$1 fares on Fairfax Connector buses to Vienna Metro
  - \$100 incentives for new HOV-3+ carpoolers
  - \$150-per-month cost for new vanpool riders for first 12 months
  - Half price fares on OmniRide Commuter Buses using I-66





Commuter Bus, Carpool, Vanpool, Telework. **You've got options.** 









### **Project Updates** *Transform66.org*

#### Project website featuring easy-to-access information:

- Construction activities
- Lane closures and traffic changes
- Weekly lane closure look-ahead report
- Direct link to Virginia 511 for real-time traffic conditions and work zones
- Alternative commute information and new commute options
- Project interactive map showing ultimate improvements
- Project videos, including project overview video (outside.transform66.org/videos)
- Opportunity to sign up for regular project updates and news
- Questions? Concerns? <u>transform66@vdot.Virginia.gov</u> or outreach@fam66.us
- Construction Hotline (703) 662-3892









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