



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

# Virginia Intercity Bus Program

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## Why Intercity Bus?

Creates a connection between rural areas and the larger regional or national system of intercity bus service

Bus schedules are developed to make practical connections to current intercity carriers making travel accessible, reliable, and convenient

Supplemental network will fill gaps in statewide transit system by bringing new routes to rural communities that are currently underserved



# What is Intercity Service?

- Available to the general public
- Regularly scheduled fixed-route service
- Operates with limited stops between two or more urban areas not in close proximity
- Capable of carrying baggage
- Schedules coordinate with longer-route service, not commuter service
- Meaningful connections to national intercity bus network



# Consultation Process/ Planning

Identify gaps  
in service

Develop  
potential  
alternatives  
to address  
gaps and  
unmet needs

Estimate  
demand,  
revenue, and  
operating  
costs

Identify and  
prioritize  
routes

Solicit to  
provide  
service on  
selected  
route(s)

Pilot:  
Blacksburg  
to D.C.

Planned routes along both I-81 and I-66

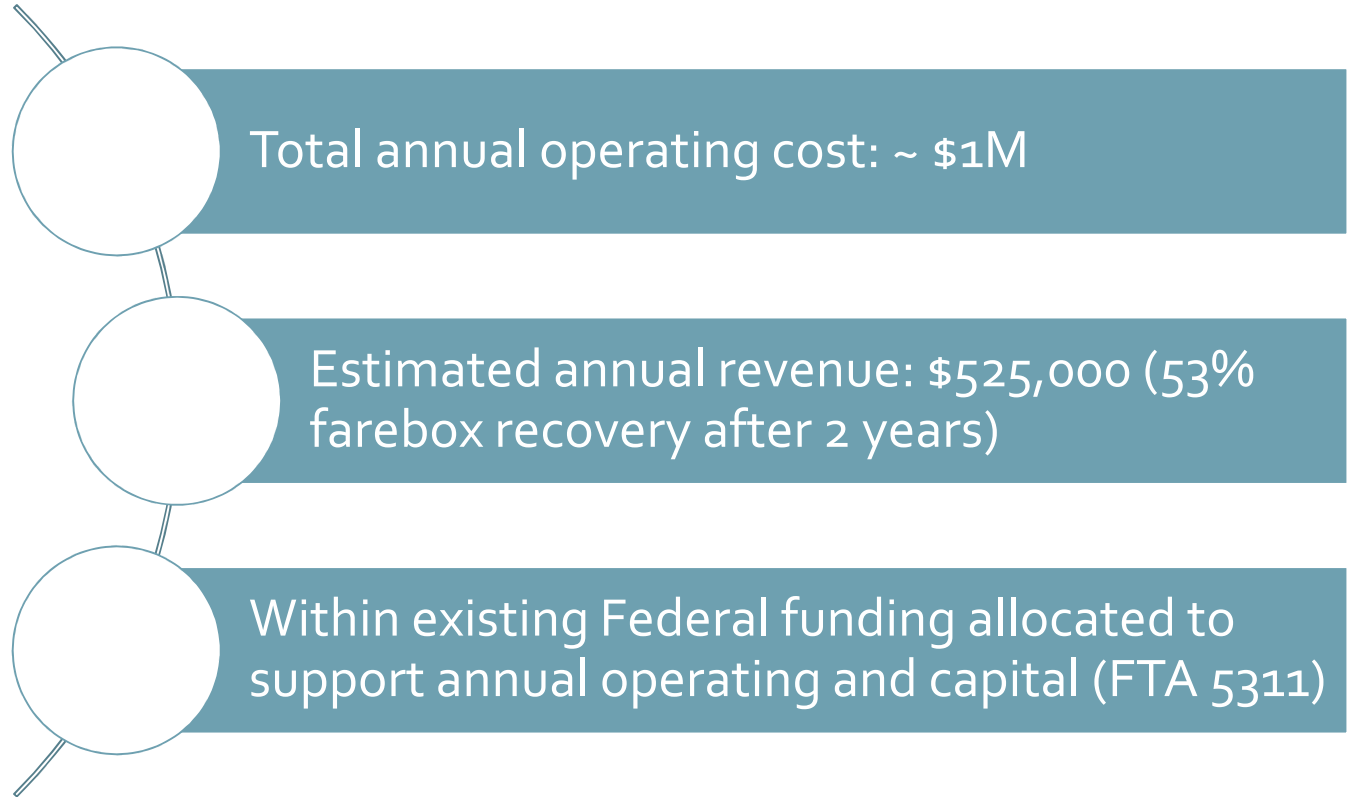
Strong local interest and support

Accessible to a number of college and universities

Connectivity with local transit



# Estimated Costs and Funding



## Next Steps

February 22, 2017 – Request for Proposals Issued

Summer 2017 – Complete procurement/contracting process

Fall 2017 – Initiate service and ongoing evaluation

Future – Ongoing evaluation and implementation of additional routes



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