

# I-395/95 COMMUTER CHOICE PROGRAM



## *Proposed Projects for FY2022-23 Funding*

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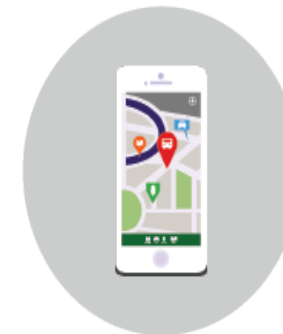
# About Commuter Choice

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



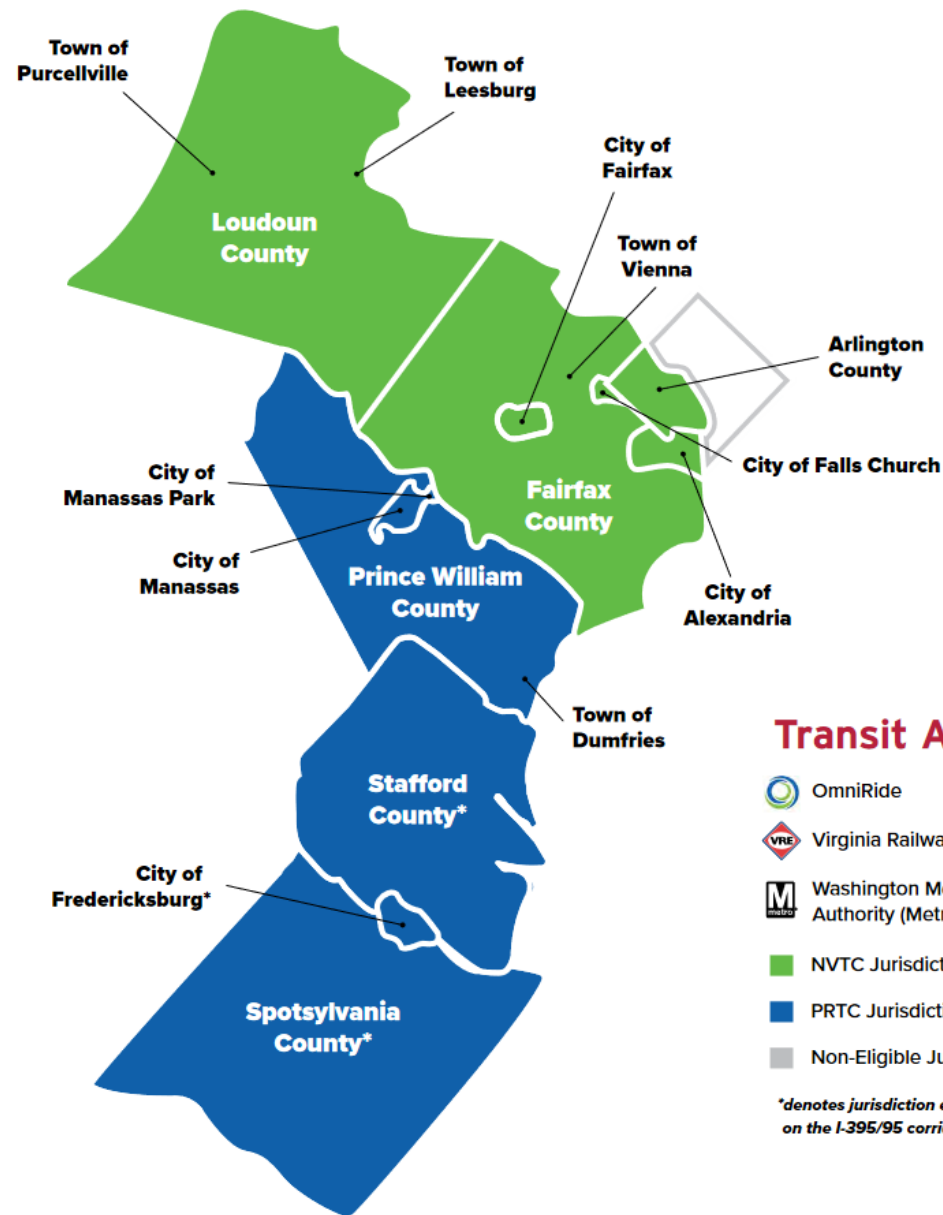
Enhance transportation safety and travel reliability

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



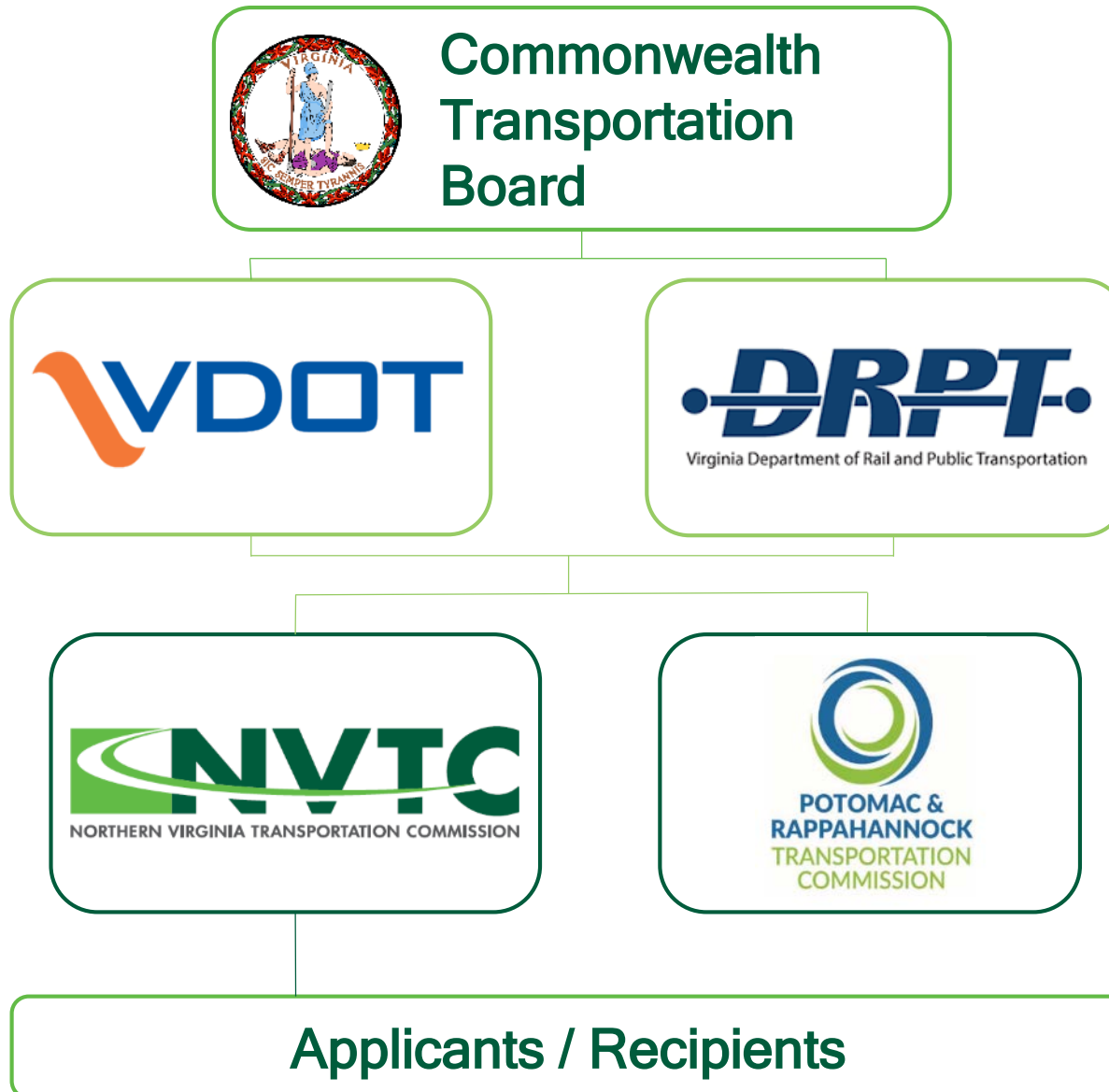
## Eligible Applicants

On the I-395/95 corridor, all NVTC and PRTC jurisdictions and public transportation providers are eligible.



# Key Roles and Responsibilities

## Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 Corridor



- Approves projects identified by NVTC and PRTC via DRPT
- Receives annual Commuter Choice report

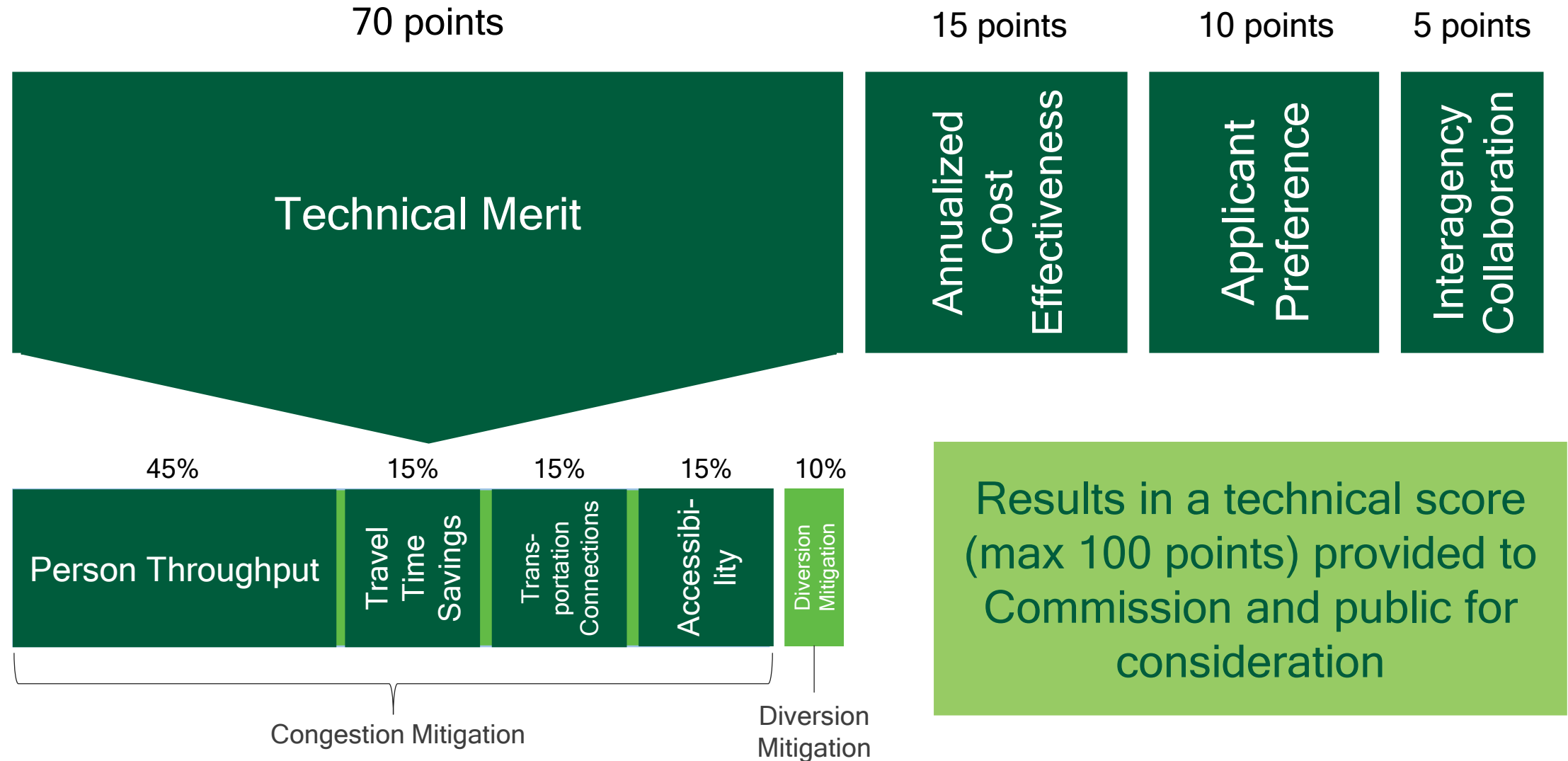
- VDOT receives annual transit investment payments from Transurban and transfers them to DRPT
- DRPT transfers concessionaire payments to NVTC, reviews projects for eligibility in coordination with OAG and makes final recommendations to CTB

- Selects multimodal improvements
- Monitors effectiveness of projects
- Develops annual program report for CTB
- Markets transportation options in the corridor  
*(NVTC staff handles day-to-day program management per agreement with PRTC)*

- Apply for and carry out projects

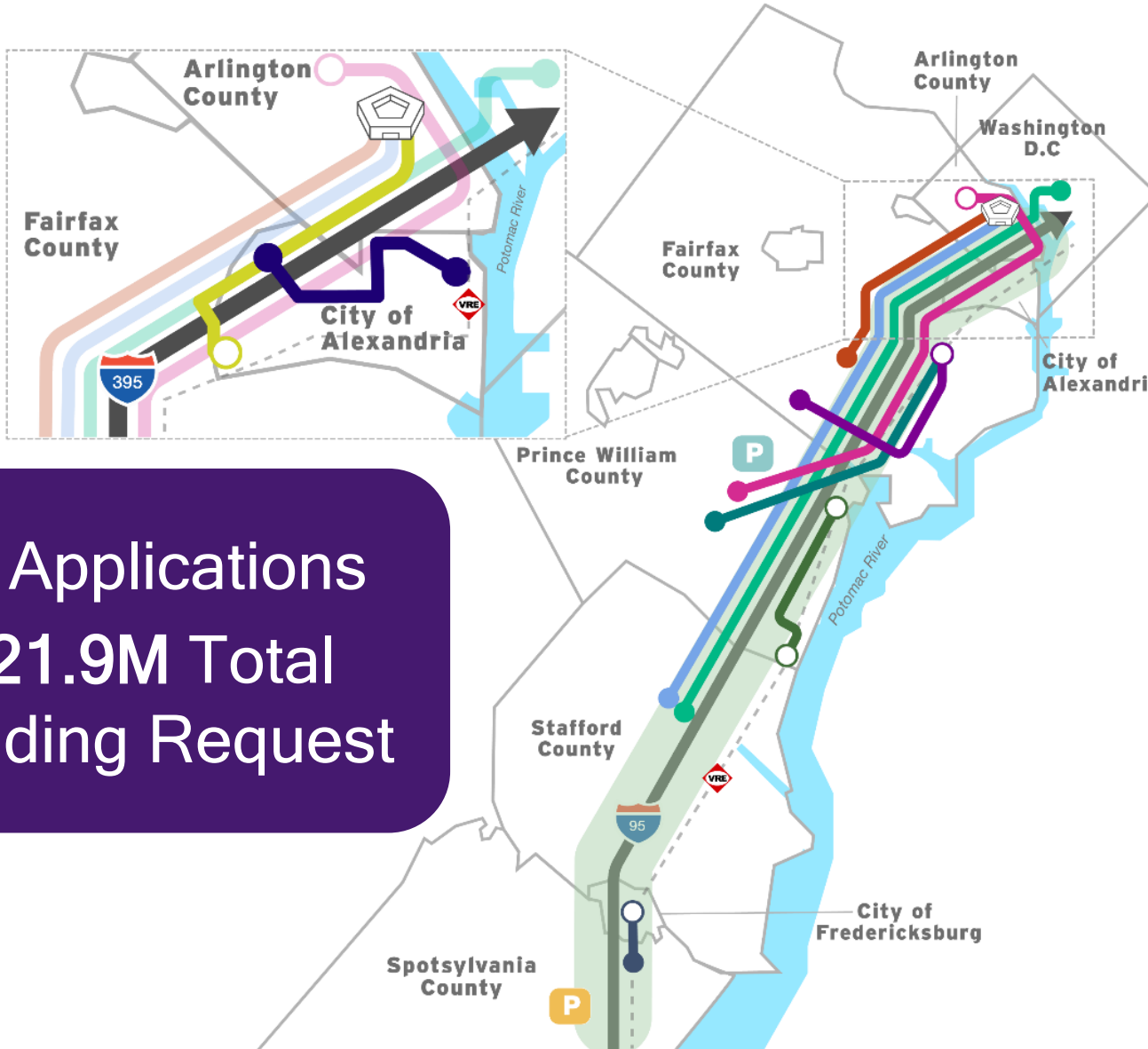
# Technical Evaluation Process

Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 Corridor Round Two (FY 2022-FY 2023)



# Applications Under Consideration for Funding

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**13 Applications**  
**\$21.9M Total**  
**Funding Request**

**Legend** \* = Renewal of New or Expanded Bus service

- DASH Enhanced Bus Service Van Dorn Metro to Pentagon
- DASH Enhanced Bus Service Mark Center to Potomac Yard
- Fairfax Connector Backlick North to Pentagon\*
- Fairfax Connector Enhanced Bus Service Lorton to Franconia
- OmniRide Staffordboro to Pentagon\*
- OmniRide Staffordboro to Downtown D.C.\*
- Prince William County Horner Road Park + Ride Lot Expansion
- OmniRide Dale City to Ballston Expanded Service\*
- OmniRide Route 1 Local Expanded Service\*
- OmniRide Prince William Metro Express Expanded Service\*
- OmniRide TDM Strategy – I-395/95 Corridor Vanpool Incentives
- FRED Transit New Bus Service Route 208 Park and Ride to Fredericksburg VRE
- Spotsylvania County New Park + Ride Lot in Massaponax

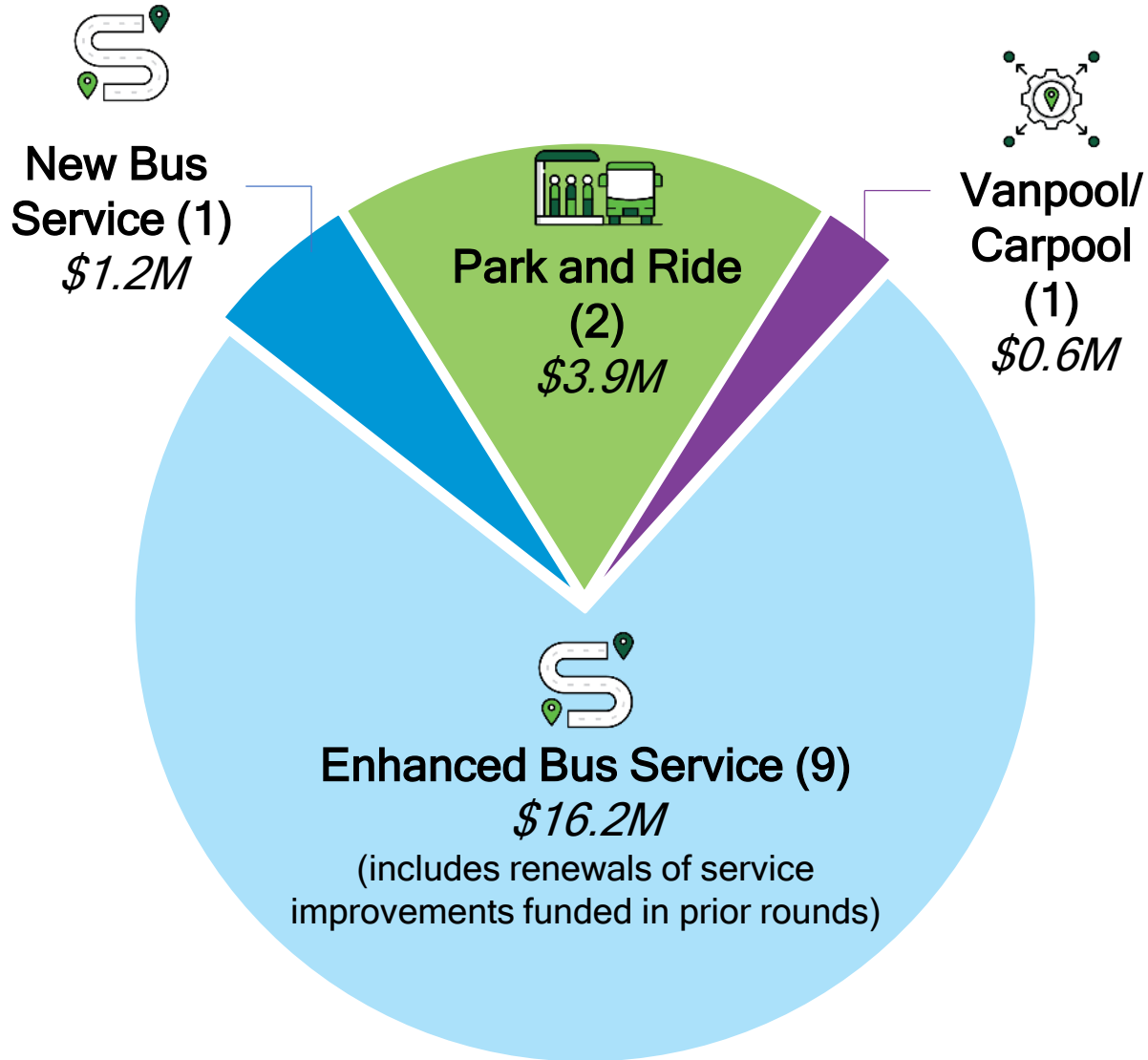
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- Pentagon Transit Center
- Bus to Rail Transit Connection
- I-95/I-395
- Virginia Railway Express

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# Applications Under Consideration for Funding

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**NVTC Jurisdictions and Transit Providers:**  
4 Applications  
\$13.3M Total Funding Request

**PRTC Jurisdictions and Transit Providers:**  
9 Applications  
\$8.6M Total Funding Request

**13 APPLICATIONS, \$21.9M TOTAL REQUEST**

# Technical Evaluation Results

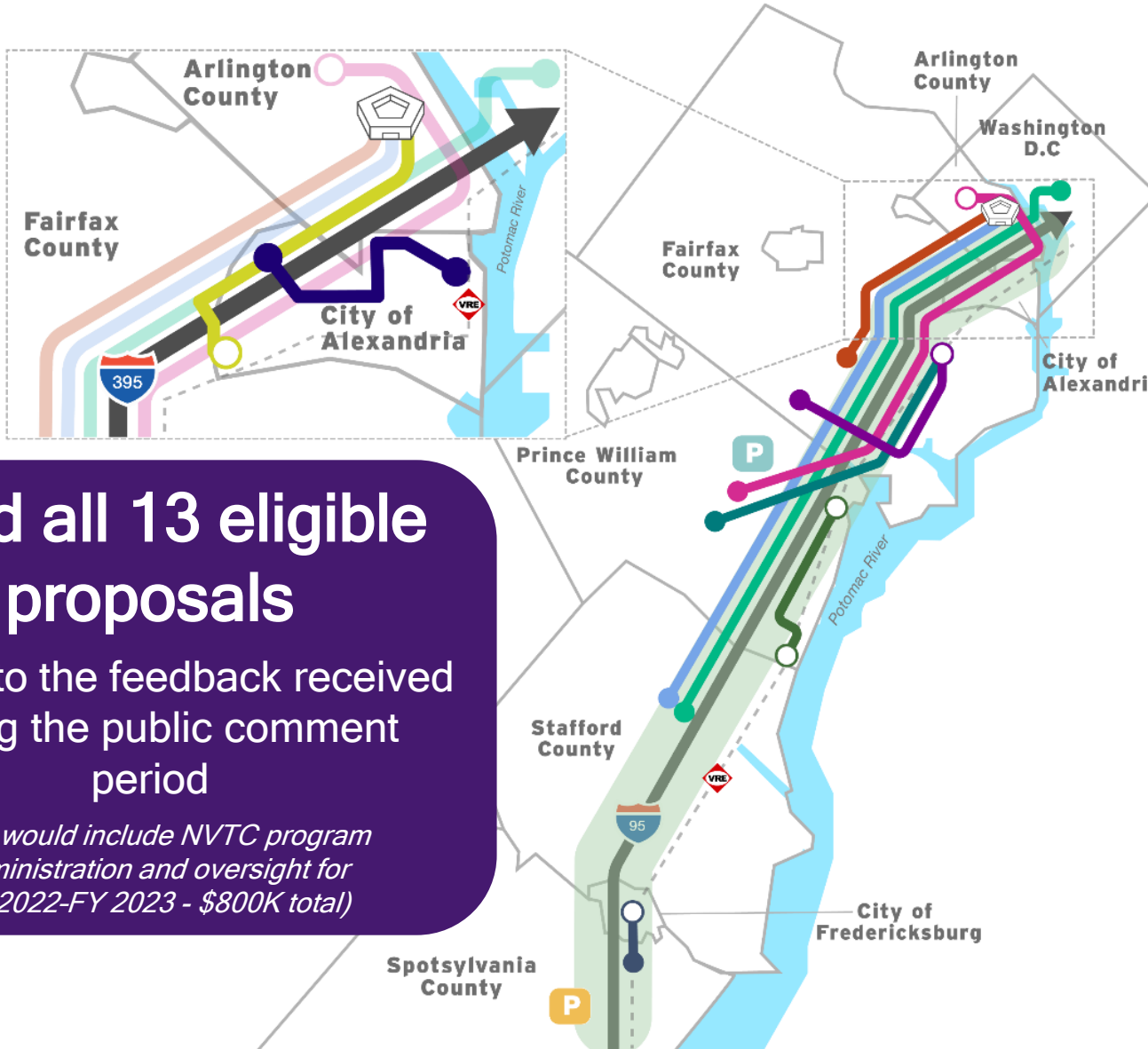


REF. #	Applicant	Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 Corridor Round Two (FY 2022-FY 2023) Application Title	Application Score (100 Points)	Funding Request
1	OmniRide	Renewal of Enhanced Bus Service from Dale City to Ballston	86	\$291,831
2	Spotsylvania County	New Park and Ride Lot in Massaponax	77	\$1,100,000
3	Fairfax County	Renewal of Route 396 Express Bus Service: Backlick North Park and Ride to Pentagon	71	\$1,386,000
4	OmniRide	Renewal of Bus Service from Staffordboro to the Pentagon	71	\$704,773
5	OmniRide	Renewal of Bus Service from Staffordboro to Downtown D.C.	71	\$968,308
6	DASH	Enhanced Bus Service from Van Dorn Metro to the Pentagon	66	\$5,734,000
7	OmniRide	Renewal of Enhanced Bus Service on Route 1 Local: Quantico to Woodbridge VRE	66	\$541,169
8	OmniRide	Renewal of Enhanced Bus Service on Prince William Metro Express: OmniRide Transit Center to Franconia-Springfield Metro	66	\$434,776
9	FRED Transit	New Bus Service from Route 208 Park and Ride Lot to Fredericksburg VRE	64	\$1,218,800
10	DASH	Enhanced Bus Service from Mark Center to Potomac Yard	56	\$3,650,000
11	OmniRide	TDM Strategy-- I-395/95 Corridor Vanpool Monthly Incentive	55	\$604,800
12	Fairfax County	Enhanced Bus Service for Route 371: Lorton to Franconia - Springfield Metro Station	51	\$2,496,529
13	Prince William County	Horner Road Park and Ride Lot Expansion	49	\$2,800,000



# Staff-Recommended Programming Approach

Endorsed by the NVTC-PRTC Joint Commission Working Group



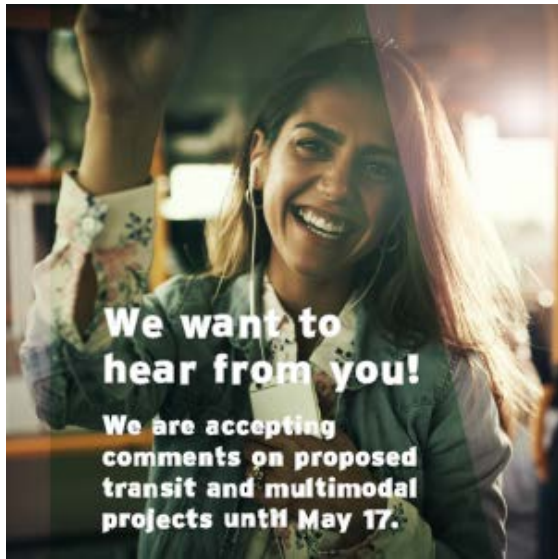
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**Fund all 13 eligible proposals**  
 subject to the feedback received during the public comment period  
*(also would include NVTC program administration and oversight for FY 2022-FY 2023 - \$800K total)*

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- Eligible applicants, including local jurisdictions agencies, submit potential projects.
- Projects are evaluated, scored and shared with Commissioners, staff and the public.
- After the public comment period, Commissioners recommend a program of projects to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB).
- The CTB approves a program of projects and includes the projects in the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP).
- Recipients of approved grants implement the projects and request reimbursements through the Commuter Choice program.

## How does the program work?

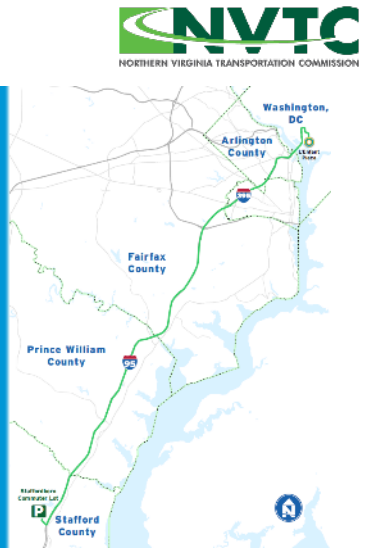
### RENEWAL OF BUS SERVICE FROM STAFFORDBORO TO DOWNTOWN D.C.

OMNIRIDE

Initially funded in Round One (FY 2020-FY 2021) of the Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 corridor, this project would continue support for peak-period, peak-direction express bus service between the Route 600 commuter lot in Staffordboro and major employment areas in downtown Washington, D.C., including Metro Center, the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center and L'Enfant Plaza. Launched as one of Omniride's first services to originate in Stafford County, the project would continue to expand the transit options in this car-dependent part of the region.

FUNDING REQUEST \$968,308

APPLICATION SCORES	
MEASURE	SCORE
Technical Merit <small>(out of 60 points)</small> Expected ability of the project to address some or all of the Corridor Improvement Goals	56
Annualized Cost Effectiveness <small>(out of 10 points)</small> The amount requested per million dollars of bid revenue investment, taking into account the project's overall life	10
Applicant Preference <small>(out of 10 points)</small> How the project ranks in priority or preference among the other projects submitted by each specific applicant	0
Interagency Collaboration <small>(out of 5 points)</small> Whether the project proposal was coordinated with other jurisdictions or agencies in the region	5
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION SCORE</b> <small>(out of 100 possible)</small>	<b>71</b>



# Public Comment

- Open April 16-May 17
- Targeted Social Media
- Interactive Virtual Town Hall Meeting
- Online Comment Form

## Public Comment for Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 corridor Round Two (FY 2022-2023) [Spring 2021]

7. Please add your comments about the proposed projects listed in the [Project Profile Summary for Round Two \(FY 2022-2023\) of Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 corridor](#). (Click link to review profiles/max. 3000 characters for each text box)

DASH / City of Alexandria - Enhanced Bus Service from Mark Center to Potomac Yard

DASH / City of Alexandria - Enhanced Bus

# Next Steps

## Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 Corridor Round Two (FY 2022-FY 2023)



- Eligibility Review
- Technical Evaluation
- Public Outreach and Comment



- **NVTC and PRTC** adopt program of projects and refer it to the CTB
- **CTB** adopts the program of projects into the FY 2022-FY 2027 Six-Year Improvement Program



- **NVTC and recipients** begin to execute Standard Project Agreements for selected projects



- **Recipients** carry out selected projects and report on project status and performance to NVTC
- **NVTC** administers funds, monitors project implementation and develops annual reports on funded projects

# Thank You.

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