



# OmniRide IOEP-Funded Service Extension Recommendation

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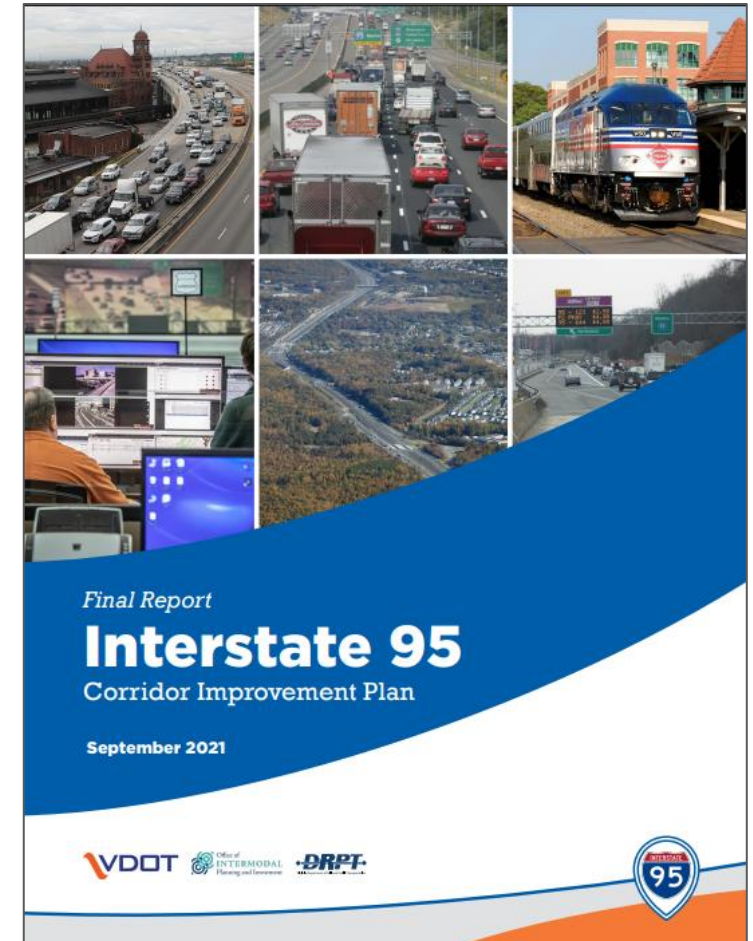


# OmniRide Background

- **OmniRide** is the operating name for the transportation services run by the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
- Six member jurisdictions:
  - Prince William, Stafford, and Spotsylvania Counties
  - Cities of Manassas, Manassas Park, and Fredericksburg
- Operates nine local bus routes, 17 express/commuter bus routes, transportation demand management programs, microtransit, paratransit serving over two million passengers in FY25
  - PRTC is also a co-owner of VRE
- OmniRide commuter bus service area spans from Spotsylvania to Front Royal to Washington DC
- Local bus service focused on Woodbridge, Lake Ridge, Dumfries, Dale City, and Manassas areas

# IOEP and OmniRide Timeline

- **June 2021:** CTB adopted policy to outline the Interstate Operations and Enhancement Program (IOEP)
- **September 2021:** I-95 Corridor Improvement Plan completed, identifying the demand for new commuter bus routes
  - Launch of service was delayed until commuter bus demand returned post-pandemic
- **December 2023:** OmniRide started service on three routes
  - Route 943: Stafford - Washington
  - Route 932: Falmouth - Pentagon/Rosslyn/Ballston
  - Route 923: Spotsylvania - Pentagon/Washington



# Successes on IOEP Routes and at OmniRide

## IOEP service has exceeded expectations

- Ridership on the three routes has far exceeded the forecasted 150 passengers per day
- The three routes now carry an average of over 800 passengers per day
- Original IOEP budget assumed higher capital cost for new buses
- PRTC found efficiencies in existing fleet, reducing the need to three buses
- Remaining funds can extend these high-performing routes with no new funding

## IOEP routes are part of OmniRide's strong transit system

- OmniRide ridership has increased every year since 2021
- Nearly 20% growth in ridership from FY24 to FY25
- In FY25, OmniRide surpassed two million riders for the first time since 2019
- Ridership has increased in both commuter and local services

# Recommendation

- CTB policy provides operating funding for three years
- Three-year period will be reached in December 2026
- CTB has discretion to continue operating assistance for three additional years on high performing routes
- No additional funding is being sought as there are funds available in current awards
- **DRPT recommends extending the three routes for an additional three years through December 31, 2029**

