

CTB Endorses I-66 Multimodal Components

I-66 Multimodal Projects Receive Commonwealth Transportation Board's Support
Bus, TDM, Tech & Bike Share to Help Unlock Gridlock in Northern Virginia

Arlington, VA -- In order to move more people and reduce roadway congestion on I-66 inside the Beltway, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) today unanimously affirmed the funding of 10 multimodal projects previously approved by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC). The projects – which include new and enhanced bus service, bus stop improvements, transportation demand management (TDM) and bike-share programs, and technology enhancements – are designed to benefit those who travel the Interstate between I-495 and the Potomac River.

“The CTB’s endorsement allows NVTC and its grantees to move full speed ahead so that projects will be operational by summer 2017, when tolling on I-66 inside the Beltway begins,” said Jay Fiset, the Commission’s chairman. “These projects will have a significant impact, ultimately moving an extra 5,000 people through the corridor each morning.”

The corridor will begin to operate more efficiently as projects are implemented. Transit screens – which provide real-time travel information, including transit arrivals, Capital Bikeshare and Zipcar availability, and I-66 travel times and toll rates – and TDM – which helps commuters take advantage of ridesharing, walking, biking and telework – account for nearly 13 percent of the \$9.8 million being awarded. Another 10 percent, or just under \$1 million, will improve access to Metrorail and bus services. The remaining 77 percent, about \$7.6 million, will fund new and enhanced bus service.

In March, NVTC received \$42.7 million in funding requests for 19 projects from Arlington County, the City of Alexandria, Fairfax County, the City of Falls Church, Loudoun County, and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC). Following two public hearings in May, the Commission voted last month to fund the staff-recommended projects.

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NVTC works to ensure that businesses and residents are served by a high capacity, high quality network of

transit systems that allows the region to thrive. It funds and promotes transit in the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. NVTC supports five local bus systems (ART, CUE, DASH, Fairfax Connector, Loudoun County Transit), WMATA (Metrorail/Metrobus) and the Virginia Railway Express. Visit www.NoVaTransit.org or call 703-524-3322 to learn more.