I-66 Commuter Choice Call For Projects

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Funding Available for Northern Virginia Commuter and Transit Initiatives

Arlington, VA – The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) has issued a call for transit and related improvement projects to be funded through I-66 Commuter Choice. Under this program, jurisdictions and transit agencies may receive funds for capital improvements, operations, and mobility initiatives to improve the efficiency and reliability of travel along the I-66 corridor inside the Beltway.

For the initial round of funding in fiscal year 2017, NVTC awarded $9.8 million to 10 projects in Prince William, Loudoun, Fairfax and Arlington counties and the City of Falls Church. They include a new transit-accessible bike share service; park-and-ride lot, incentives for using transit or carpools; transit information display systems; as well as two new and three enhanced bus routes. These projects will...

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help reduce traffic congestion and provide additional travel options for commuters.

Any eligible jurisdiction in Virginia Planning District 8 – which are the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William; the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park; and the towns of Dumfries, Herndon, Leesburg, Purcellville and Vienna – as well as the transit agencies that serve these jurisdictions (including Metro, Virginia Railway Express and OmniRide) may seek funds to improve commutes along the I-66 corridor. Applications are due December 22, 2017.

Eligible projects – which include transit; technology upgrades; roadway, intersection and park-and-ride lot improvements; and carpools and vanpools – must benefit those who travel I-66 between the Beltway and the Potomac River. Funding amounts will be determined annually based on the revenue generated by the tolling of I-66 inside the Beltway.

The I-66 Commuter Choice partnership between the Commonwealth and NVTC, which allows Northern Virginians to fund projects offering the greatest benefit to the toll payer, will extend 39 more years. “There is no single response that will eliminate congestion on I-66,” said NVTC Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay, “but the combination of transit and the related improvement projects that NVTC is funding will make incredible inroads, transforming the commute of thousands upon thousands of the region’s residents.”