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Understanding the Dynamics of Public Transportation in Northern Virginia

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"NVTC advances a robust and reliable public transit network to support communities in Northern Virginia."



Funds and stewards NoVa's investments in WMATA (Metrorail, Metrobus, MetroAccess) and Virginia Railway Express



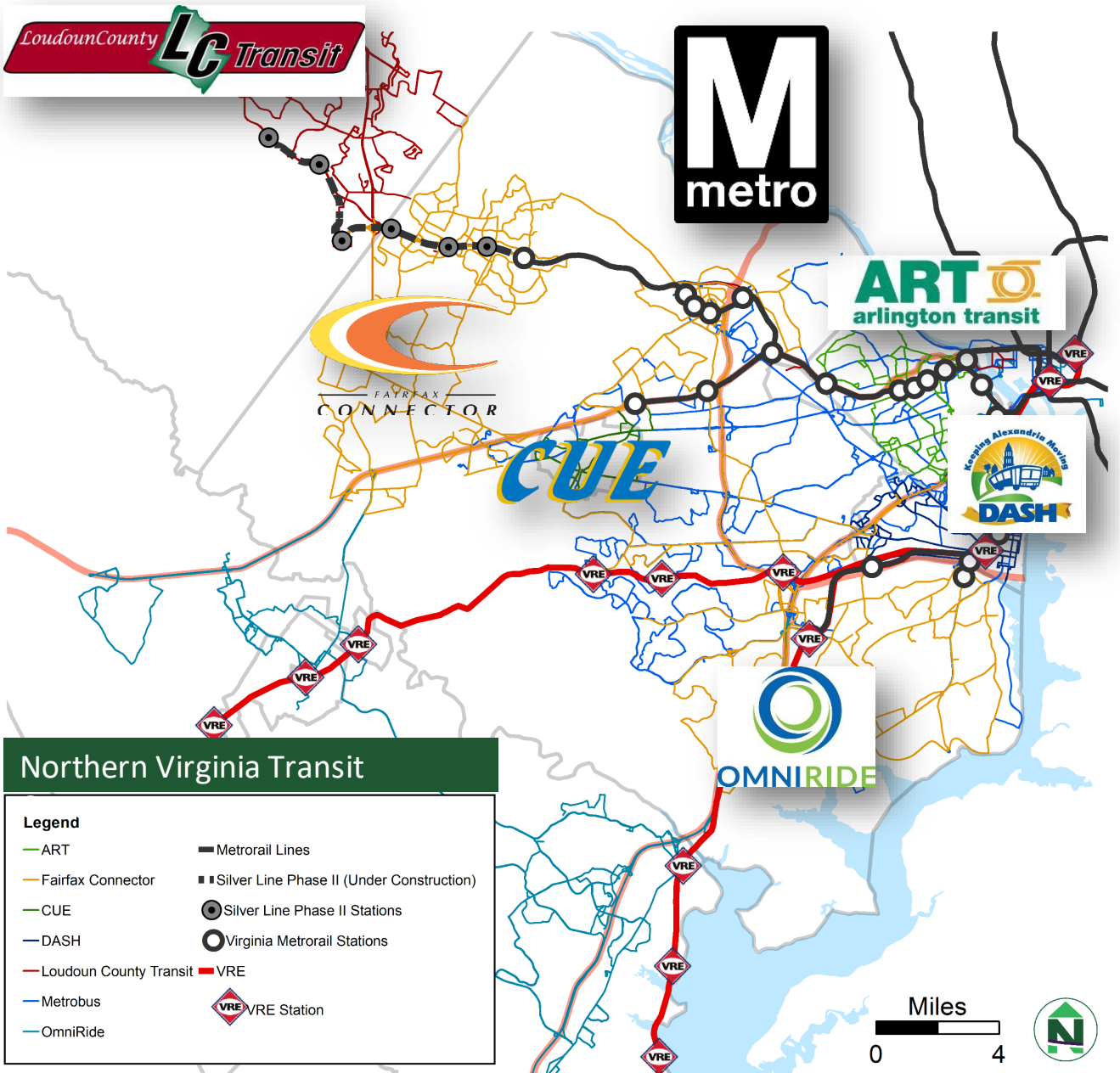
Manages state and regional funding for five jurisdictional bus systems



Works across jurisdictional boundaries to develop regional public transit strategies and policies



Administers the Commuter Choice Program, using toll revenues to support more transit along I-66 Inside the Beltway and I-395/I-95 Express Lanes



Transit is as important to our region as power and water lines

275K

people take transit each weekday in Northern Virginia (pre-COVID)

65%

of households are within ¼ mile of transit in Northern Virginia

846K

jobs are within a ¼ mile of transit stops in Northern Virginia

\$600M

in statewide revenues earned each year from economic activities supported by Metrorail and VRE



During COVID, public transit has been an essential service for the region's essential workers.



Initial Service Changes

- Continued key routes to essential workplaces
- Rightsized service to respond to ridership needs, operator safety
- Eliminated front-door boarding on buses / reduced "touch" points

Enhanced Safety Measures

- ✓ Stepped up cleaning
- ✓ Social distancing markings
- ✓ Driver safety shields
- ✓ Contactless boarding
- ✓ Mask requirements



Transit is running strong.... Roads are getting full...

What does this mean for the future of moving people?

Transit service levels are at

93%

of 2019 levels*



Overall ridership still lags

46%

of 2019 levels**

But interstate traffic volumes are at

97%

of pre-pandemic levels!



How will people move in the short term... ... how about the long term?

What is the near-term return to full service for Metrorail?

What is the impact on transit services with increased telework / flexible schedules?



Of surveyed regional workers

60%

telecommuted during the peak of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

91%

would like to continue telecommuting at least some of the time.

Source: National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's Voices of the Region 2020 Survey

What is the impact of innovation?



Transit Technology

- ✓ SmarTrip Mobile
- ✓ New faregates
- ✓ Low & Zero Emissions Buses

Metrorail

- ✓ Silver Line Phase 2
- ✓ Potomac Yard Station
- ✓ New station entrances
 - Ballston
 - Crystal city
 - McLean



Passenger Rail

- ✓ VRE & Amtrak (& MARC)
 - New Long Bridge
 - Station improvements & Expansions

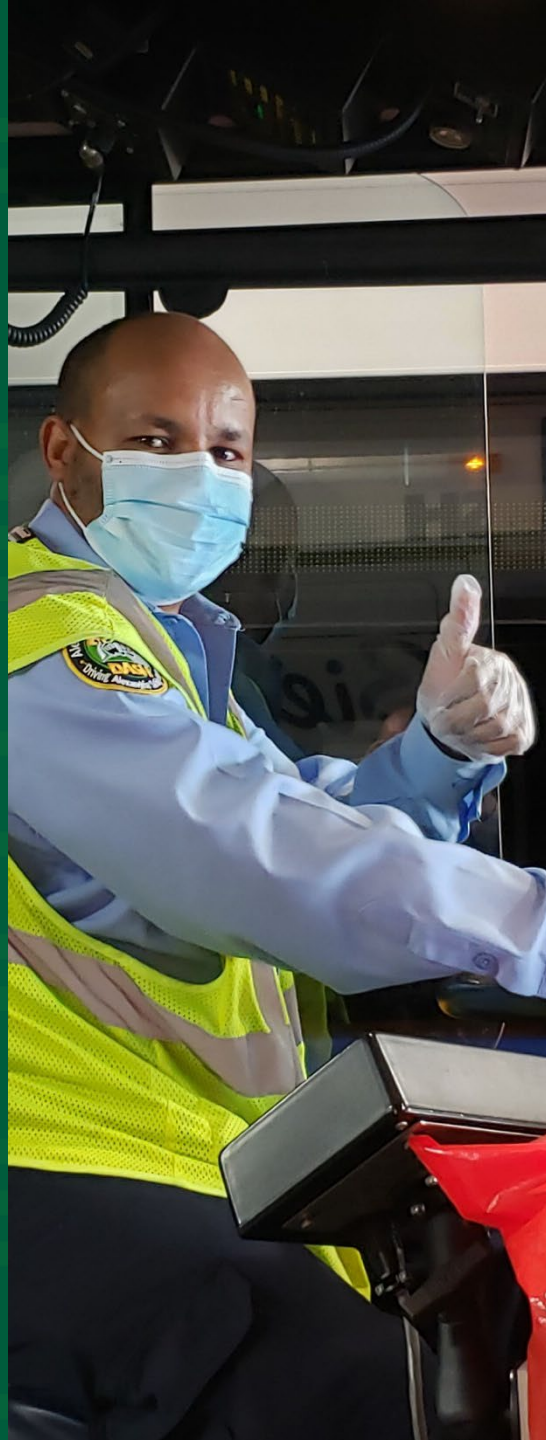


Bus Rapid Transit

- ✓ Metroway
- ✓ Envision Route 7
- ✓ Richmond Highway
- ✓ West End Alexandria



A well-supported transit network is essential to Northern Virginia's economy



Public transit remains a critical service to our region

- ✓ Attracts businesses and talent
- ✓ Controls congestion
- ✓ Provides equitable access to jobs and services
- ✓ Reduces parking needs
- ✓ Provides options to employees

NOVA's transit network allows our economy and community to thrive.



Thank You.

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