

I-395/95 COMMUTER CHOICE PROGRAM



Proposed Projects for FY2020 Funding

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Commuter Choice Program Background

- I-395 Annual Transit Investment MOA
- Improvement Goals and Eligible Projects
- Project Selection Process

FY2020 Proposed Inaugural Program

- FY2020 Project Scores and Funding Requests

Next Steps

COMMUTER CHOICE BACKGROUND



- Second Commonwealth-established, NVTC-administered program to invest a portion of a corridor's toll revenues into multimodal improvements that benefit toll payers
 - Revenues from I-395/95 Express Lanes concessionaire with projects benefitting toll payers of the 37-mile facility between Spotsylvania Co. and the D.C. line
 - Annual investment: \$15 million in first year, 2.5 percent escalation per year, 70-year program
- Branded as "I-395/95 Commuter Choice" Program
- Funding must be used for eligible projects (geography, project type)
- Project must meet improvement goals of moving more people, providing transportation options
- Each project is evaluated for performance before selection *and* after implementation

**First-round funding selections to be announced before I-395 Express Lanes Toll Day 1
(Fall 2019)**

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission

(NVTC manages the program per agreement with PRTC)

- Plan and select multimodal improvements
- Monitor and report on effectiveness of projects
- Develop annual report to CTB on project selections
- Analyze transit performance along the corridor
- Provide outreach and marketing of transportation options in the corridor

Commonwealth Transportation Board

- Has final approval on projects identified by NVTC and PRTC
- Receives annual report from NVTC and PRTC on project selections
- Receives project performance report from NVTC and PRTC after year 5

VDOT

- Receives Annual Transit Investment payment from concessionaire and transfers it to DRPT
- Ensures that SYIP reflects Annual Transit Investment payments

DRPT

- Transfers Annual Transit Investment payments to NVTC (provision also for PRTC)
- Reviews projects for eligibility in coordination with OAG (Meeks test)
- Participates in staff working groups
- Provides technical guidance
- Makes final recommendation to CTB and includes approved projects in SYIP


Maximize Person Throughput




New or Enhanced Local Bus Service (capital and operating)

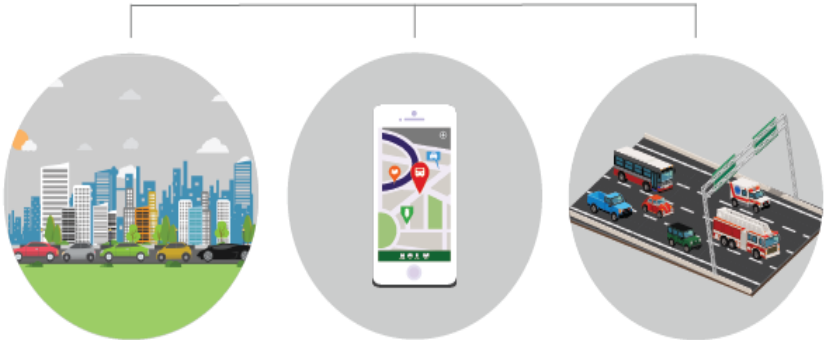


New or Enhanced Commuter Bus Service (capital and operating)



Park & Ride Lot(s) and Access


Implement Multimodal Improvements



Improve mobility

Support new, diverse travel choices

Enhance transportation safety and travel reliability



Roadway Improvements (Corridor Management & ITS)



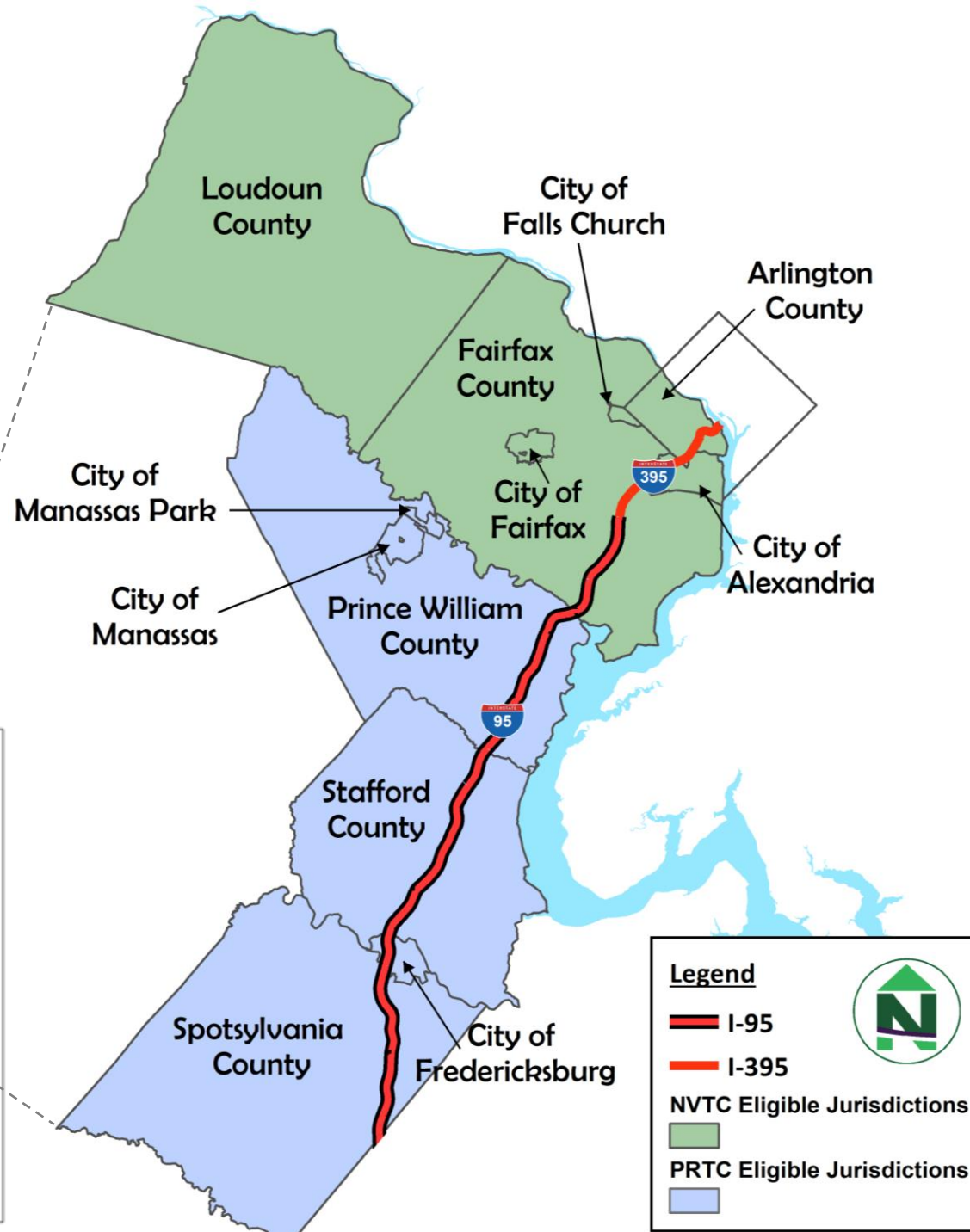
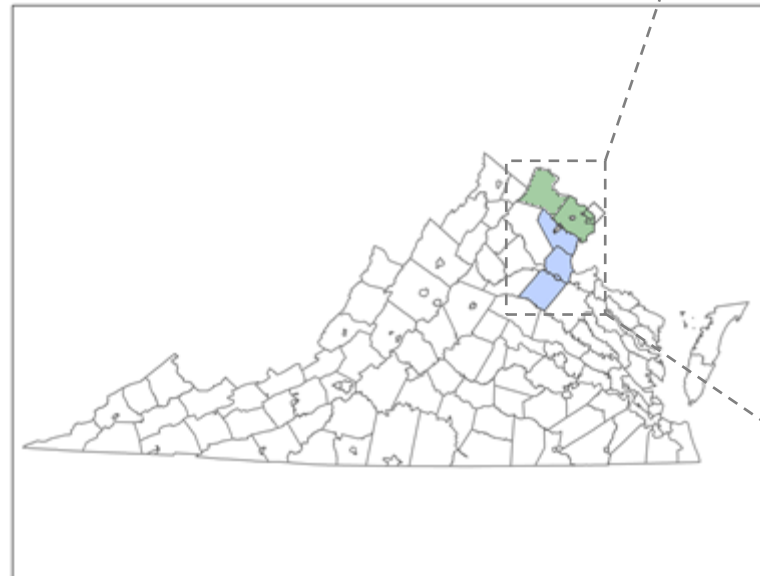
Transportation System Management (TSM) and Transportation Demand Management (TDM)



Vanpool / Carpooling

Eligible Applicants

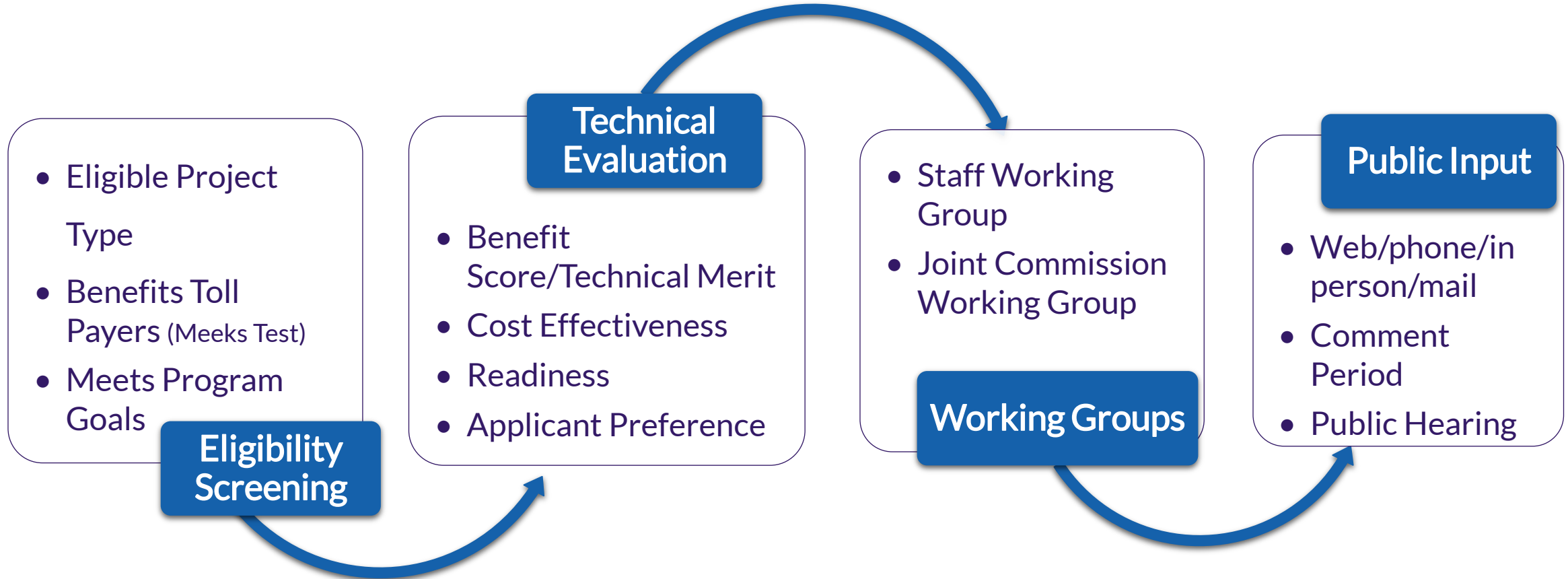
- ✓ NVTC and PRTC Jurisdictions
- ✓ Public Transit Providers Operating in NVTC and PRTC Jurisdictions (VRE, WMATA, OmniRide, local bus systems)



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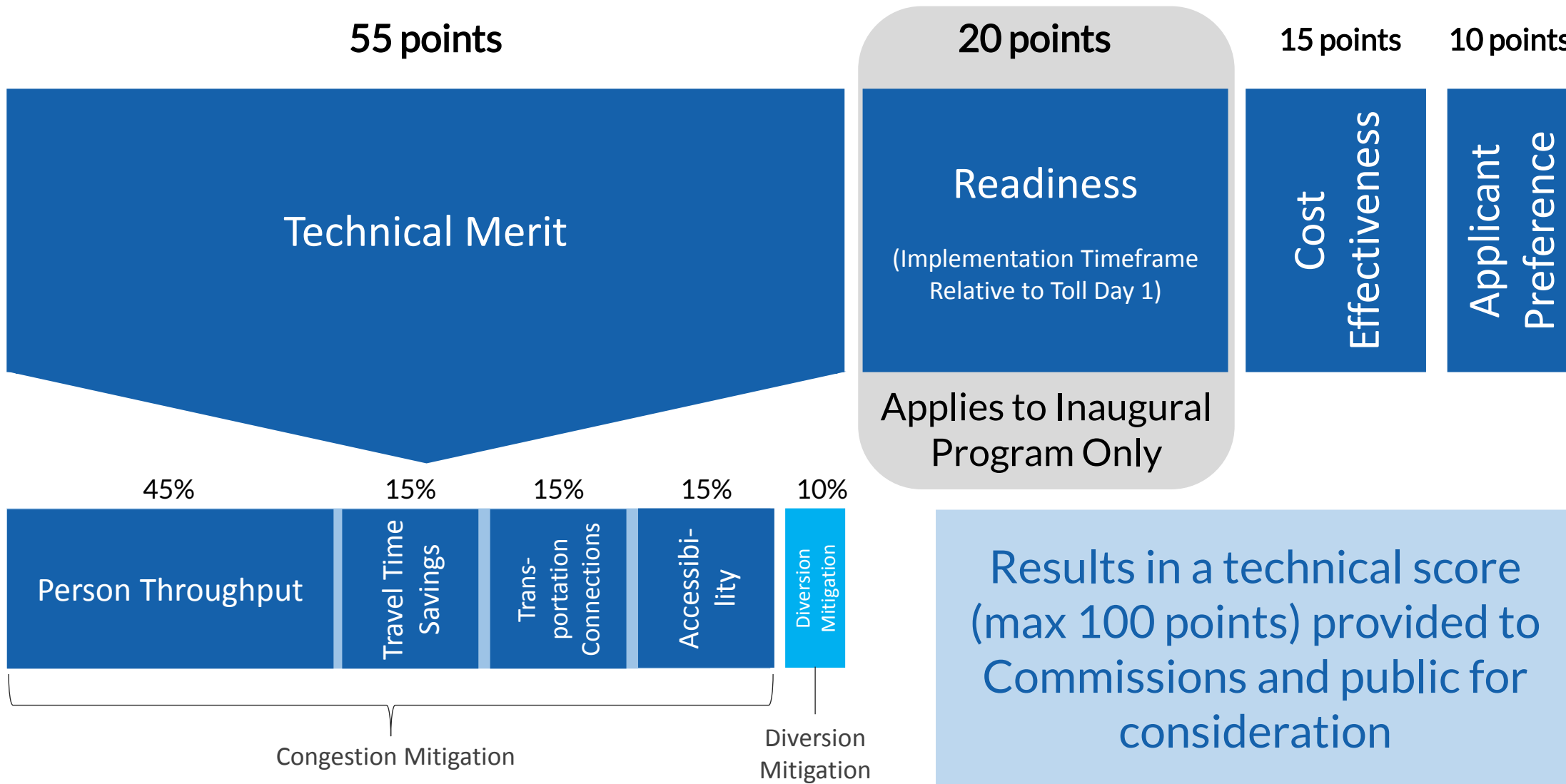
- I-95
- I-395
- NVTC Eligible Jurisdictions
- PRTC Eligible Jurisdictions

Project Selection Process

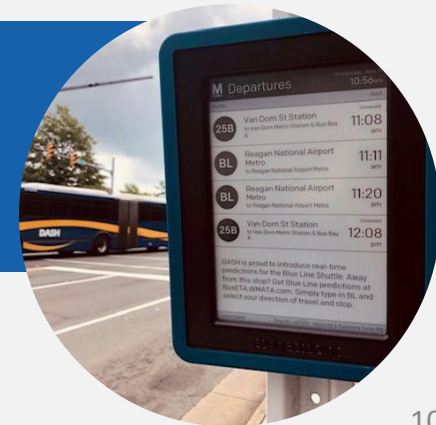


For the Inaugural Program, the project selection timeline allows for announcement of selections by Toll Day 1
 In the future, it will align with the development of the SYIP (fall call for projects, winter evaluation, spring presentation to CTB)

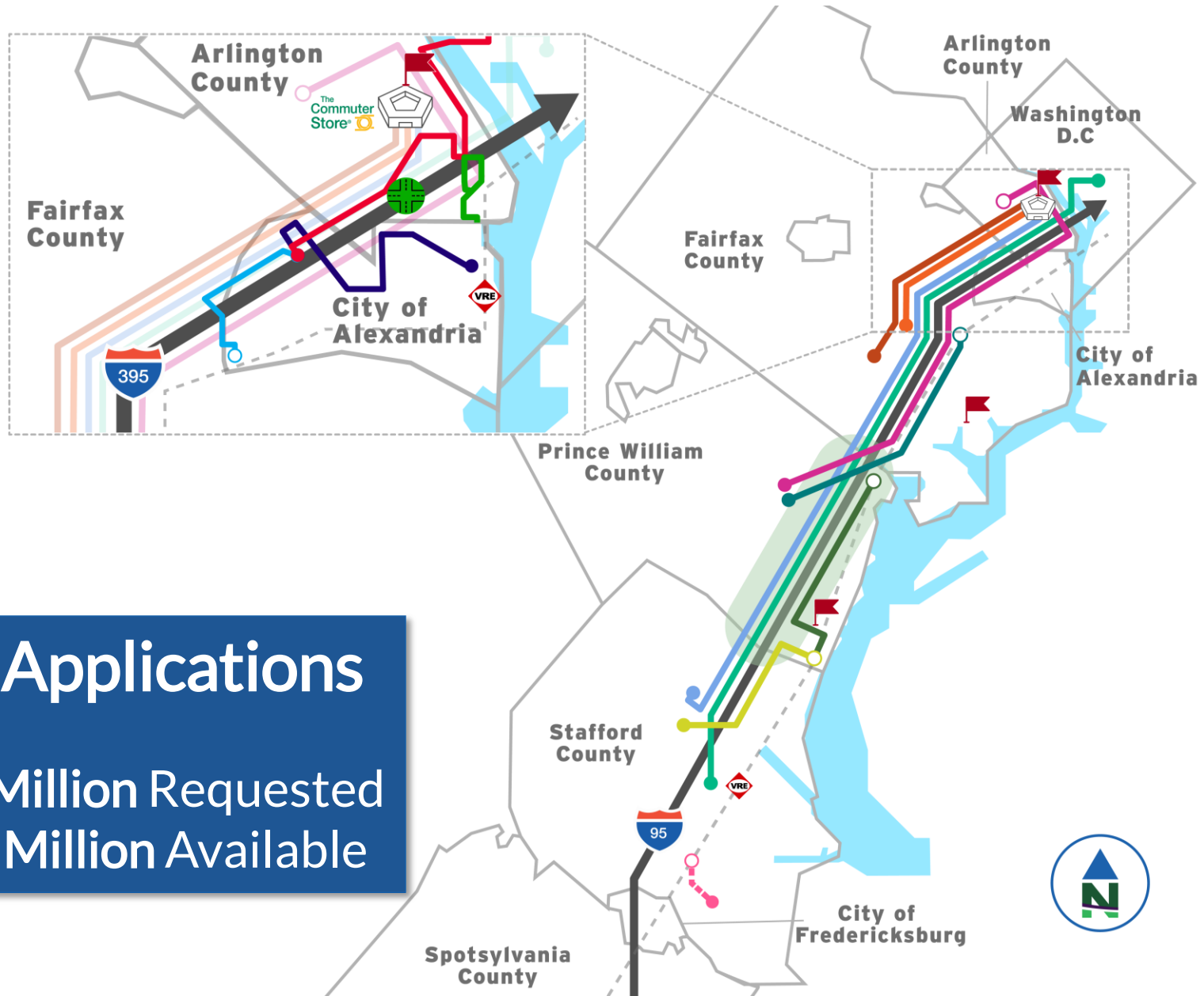
Technical Evaluation Criteria



INAUGURAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Inaugural Program Applications



Legend

- █ Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway Improvements
- █ Metrobus 7Y Improvements
- Glebe Rd/I-395 Roadway Improvements
- The Commuter Store®
- █ DASH AT1 Enhancements
- █ DASH AT9 Enhancements
- █ FRED Transit N. Stafford - Quantico VRE Bus Service
- █ Fairfax Connector Saratoga to Pentagon Multimodal Improvements
- █ Fairfax Connector Gambrill/Backlick to Pentagon Multimodal Improvements
- █ Prince William County TDM Outreach
- █ OmniRide Staffordboro to Pentagon Express
- █ OmniRide Staffordboro to Downtown D.C. Express
- █ OmniRide Dale City-Rosslyn-Ballston Enhancements
- █ OmniRide Route 1 Local Enhancements
- █ OmniRide Prince William Metro Express Enhancements
- ▬▬▬▬ Leeland Rd Bike & Pedestrian Upgrades
- NVRC TDM Outreach to Military Facilities

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

17 Applications
\$31 Million Requested
\$22 Million Available

Inaugural Program Applications: Project Scores and Funding Requests

Applicant	Application Title	Application Score (Max. 100 Points)	Funding Request
NVTC	I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program Administration, Evaluation, Oversight, Marketing and Outreach	-	\$ 800,000
OmniRide	Enhanced Bus Service from Dale City to Ballston	100	\$ 251,600
DASH	Enhanced Bus Service on AT-1 Plus: West End to Van Dorn Metro	92	\$ 3,040,000
OmniRide	Enhanced Bus Service on Prince William Metro Express: OmniRide Transit Center to Franconia-Springfield Metro	85	\$ 562,400
OmniRide	Enhanced Bus Service on Route 1 Local: Quantico to Woodbridge VRE	80	\$ 1,133,500
Fairfax County	New Bus Service to the Pentagon with Gambrill and Backlick North Park and Ride Improvements	80	\$ 3,540,903
NVRC	New TDM Outreach Campaign for Military Facilities	79	\$ 396,184
OmniRide	New Bus Service from Staffordboro to Downtown D.C.	77	\$ 3,569,200
DASH	Enhanced Bus Service on AT-9: Mark Center to Potomac Yard	74	\$ 1,949,000
OmniRide	New Bus Service from Staffordboro to the Pentagon	66	\$ 3,495,300
Arlington County	Commuter Store at the Pentagon Transit Center	63	\$ 211,962
Fairfax County	Enhanced Bus Service to the Pentagon with Saratoga and Backlick North Park and Ride Improvements	57	\$ 3,382,520
Prince William County	New TDM Outreach to the I-395/95 Corridor	56	\$ 300,000
Stafford County	Expanded Transit Access to Leeland Road VRE Station	39	\$ 5,268,687
Arlington County	Roadway Improvements at Glebe Road and I-395 Interchange	18	\$ 3,000,000
<i>FRED Transit</i>	<i>New Bus Service from North Stafford to Quantico VRE Station - Deferred by applicant</i>		<i>\$ 322,619</i>
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<i>Arlington County</i>	<i>Enhanced Bus Service on Metrobus 7Y: McPherson Square to Southern Towers - Deferred by applicant</i>		<i>\$ 200,000</i>
TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST			\$31,573,875

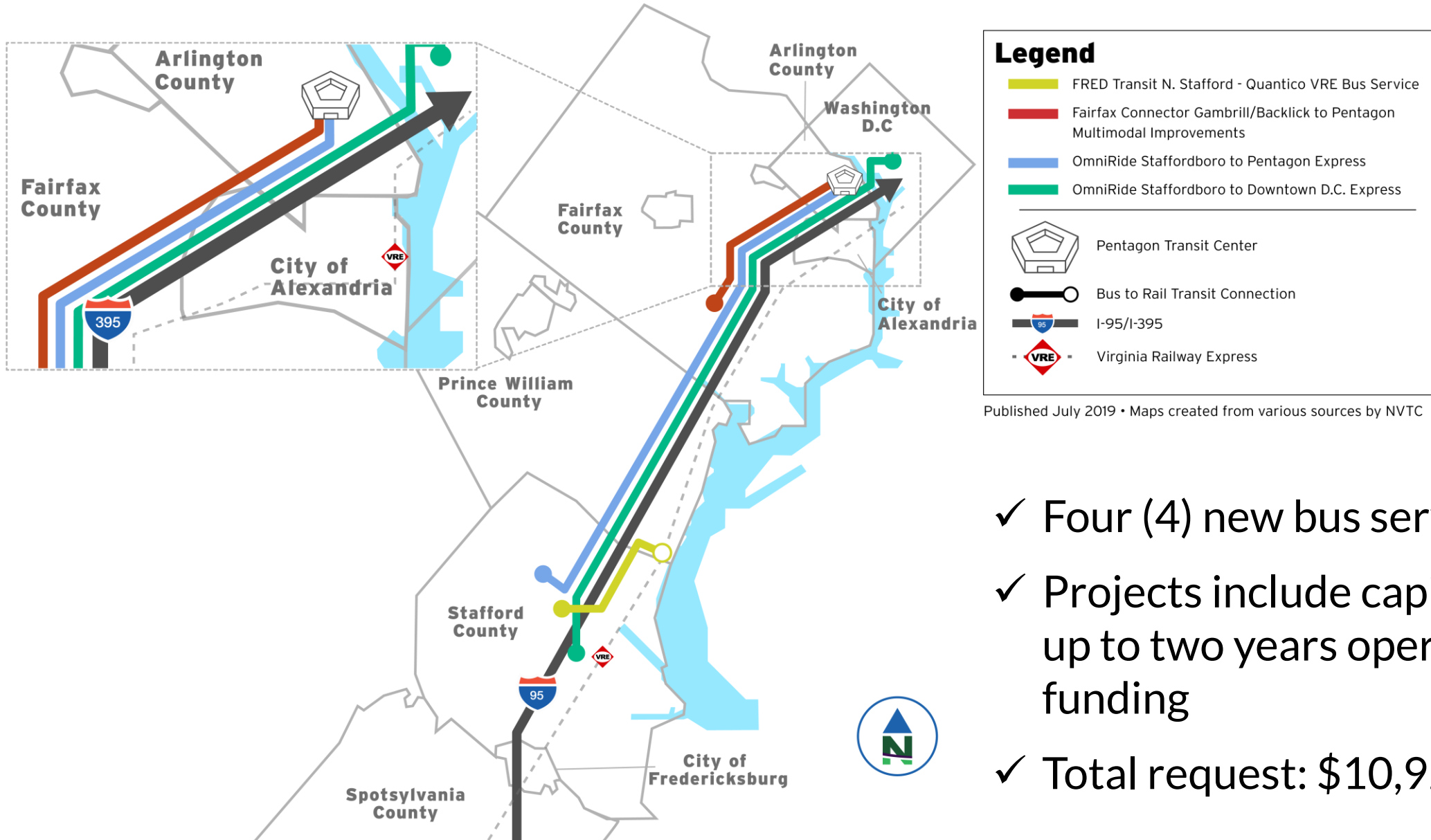
Staff-recommended program (\$19M)

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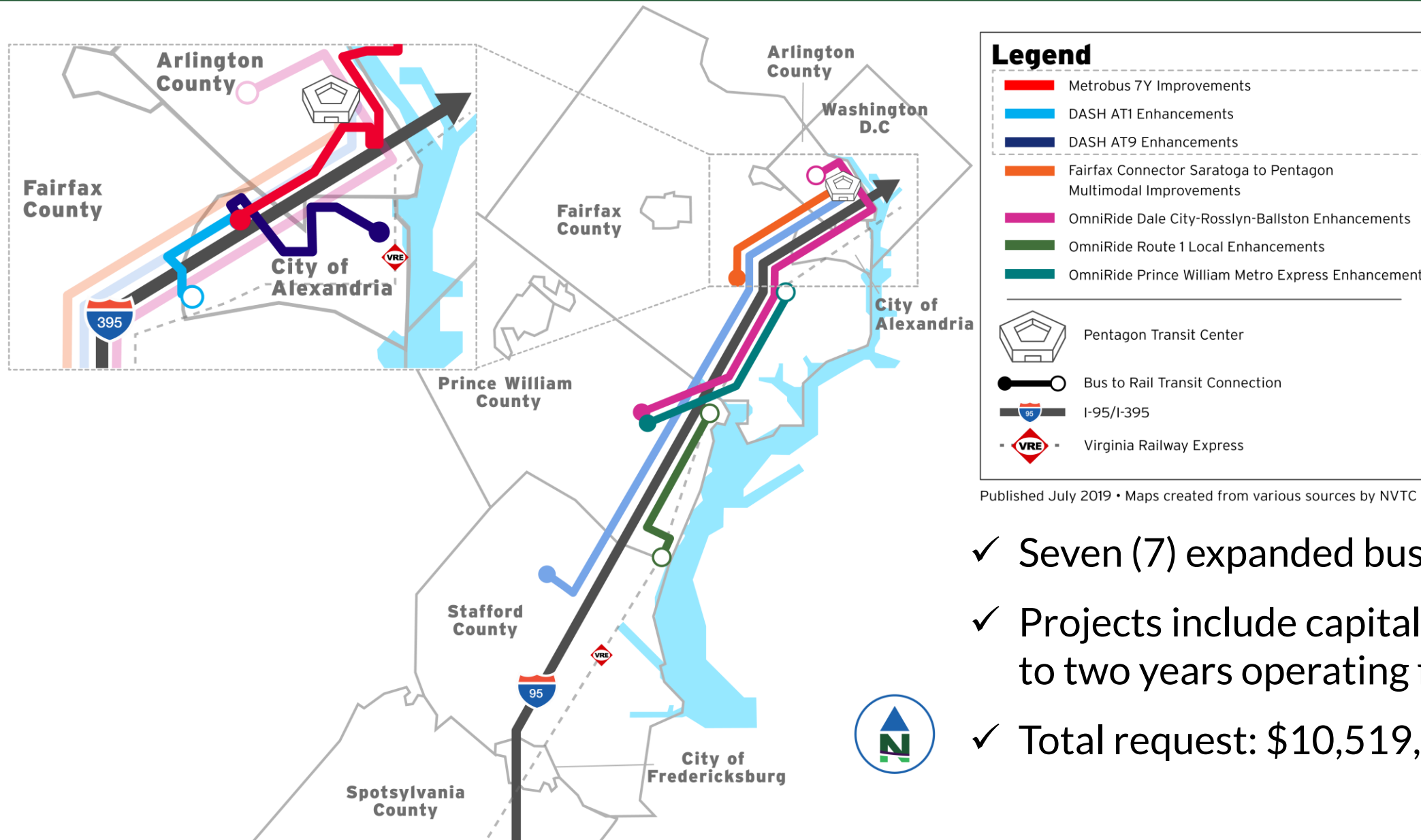
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Inaugural Program Applications: New Bus Service



- ✓ Four (4) new bus services
- ✓ Projects include capital and up to two years operating funding
- ✓ Total request: \$10,928,022

Inaugural Program Applications: Enhanced Bus Service



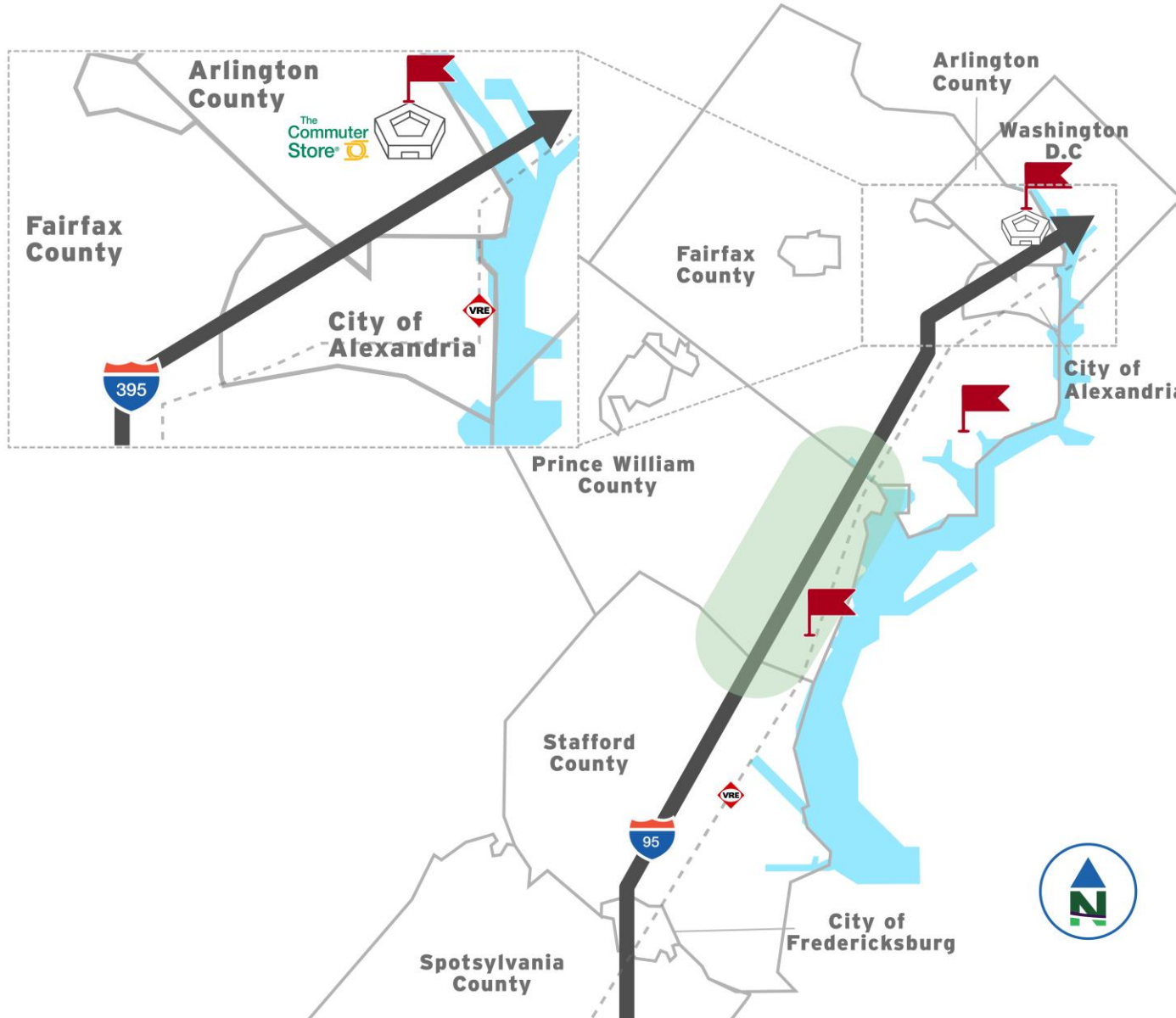
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- ✓ Projects include capital and up to two years operating funding
- ✓ Total request: \$10,519,020



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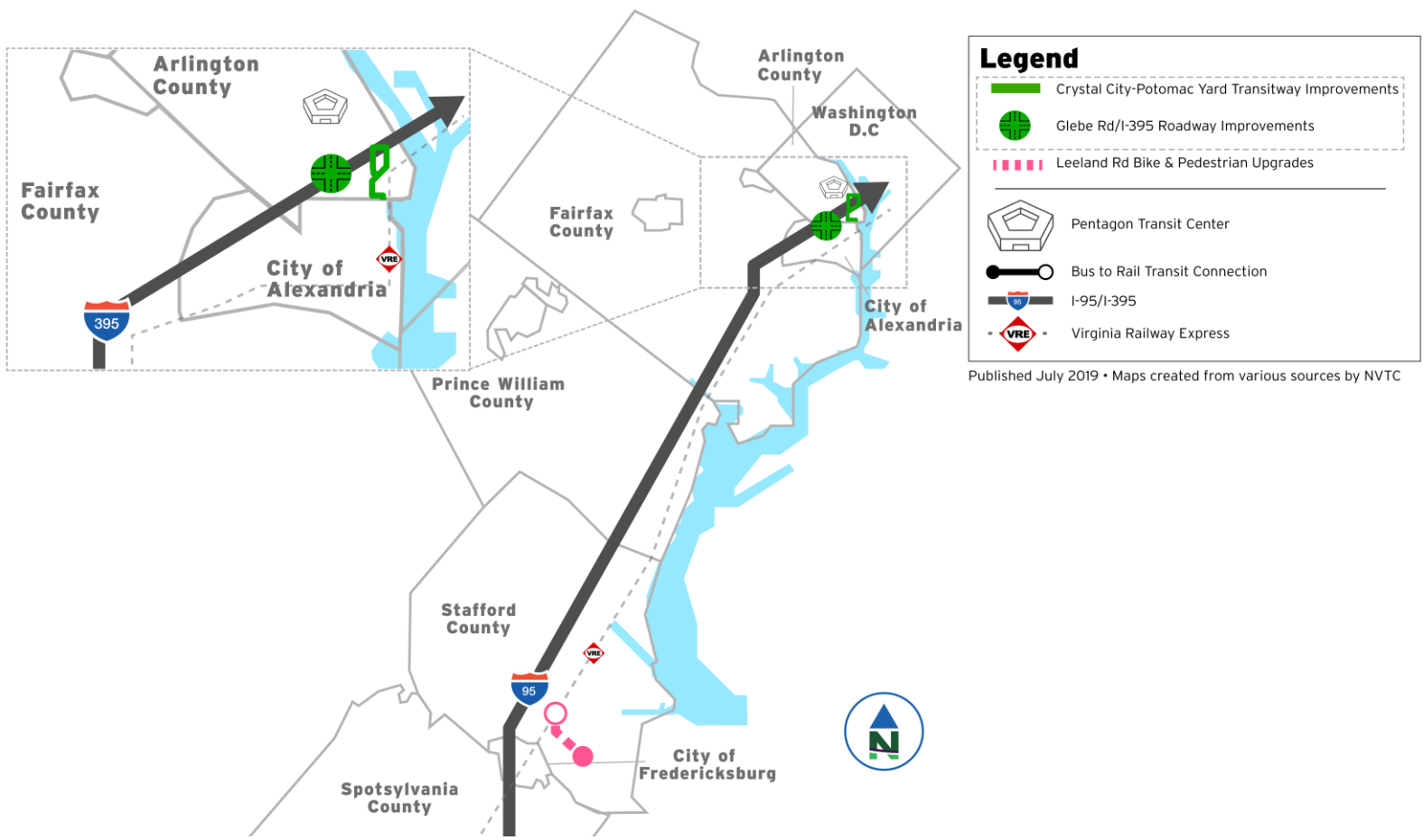
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- ✓ Three (3) new or expanded outreach programs to commuters and employers to market and promote transit, carpooling and vanpooling options
- ✓ Includes program and outreach costs
- ✓ Total request: \$908,146



Inaugural Program Applications: Other Categories



- INTERSECTION / ROADWAY OPERATIONS -

- ✓ Two (2) projects to improve roadway operations and safety
- ✓ Helps to address diversion and aid vehicle movement
- ✓ Total request: \$3,150,000

- ACCESS TO TRANSIT -

- ✓ One (1) project to improve access to transit stations
- ✓ Linkages to Metrorail and VRE stations
- ✓ Request of \$5,268,687

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- Comment Period was Aug. 4 - Sep. 6
- Targeted Social Media
- Public Hearings
- Online Comment Form, Dedicated Voicemail

Commute along I-395/95?

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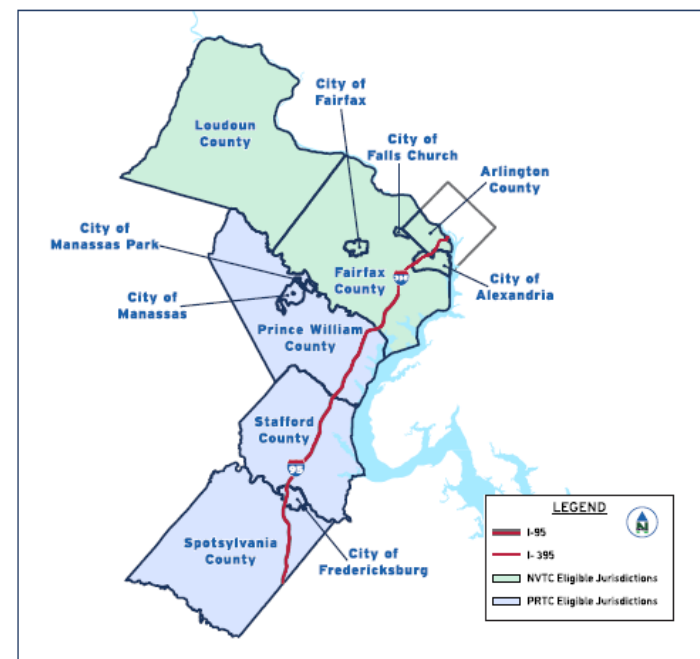


About the proposed projects of the FY 2020 I-395/95 Commuter Choice program

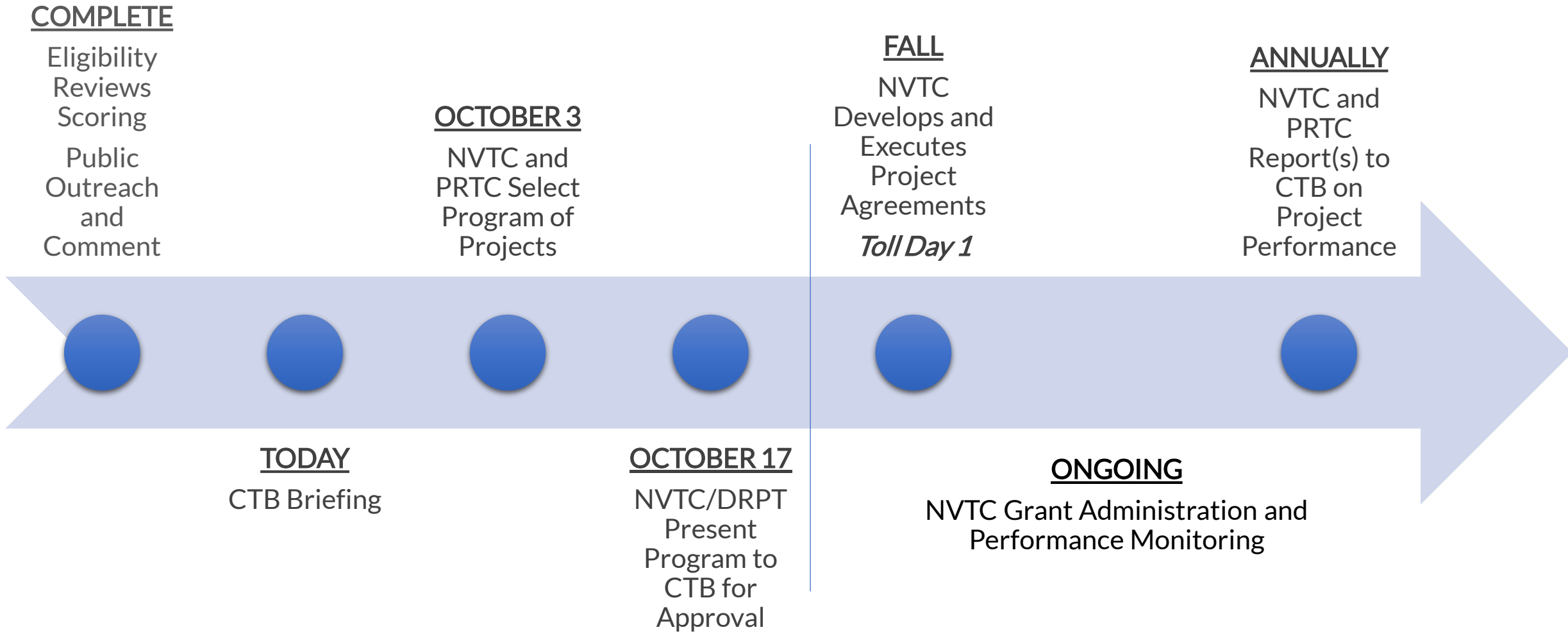
The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) encourage Northern Virginians who live, play and work along the I-395/95 corridor to provide feedback on transit and multimodal projects submitted for the fiscal year 2020 (FY 2020) funding consideration in the I-395/95 Commuter Choice program. The I-395/95 Commuter Choice program provides grants through a competitive process and is a joint effort of NVTC and PRTC.

NVTC is accepting comments on the proposed projects beginning on August 4, 2019, and continuing until 5:00 p.m. on September 6, 2019.

Demonstrating an urgent need for transit and multimodal projects to reduce congestion in the busy corridor, NVTC received \$30.8 million in funding requests for the initial grant cycle. NVTC expects to fund a \$22 million program in the inaugural year. Project applications were received from the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), OmniRide, the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William and Stafford; and the cities of Alexandria and Fredericksburg.



Next Steps



Questions

