



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda item # 10*

### **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**October 20, 2021**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Ms. Hynes Seconded By: Mr. Yates**

**Action: Motion carried, unanimously**

#### **Title: Approval of I-66 Commuter Choice Round Four Supplemental Program of Projects and Inclusion into FY 2022 – FY 2027 Six Year Improvement Program**

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (“CTB”) approved a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) among the CTB, the Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”) and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (“NVTC”) relating to implementation of the Transform 66: Inside the Beltway Project (the “Project”) on December 9, 2015, which was subsequently amended and restated on January 5, 2017, February 19, 2020, and May 19, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of the Project are to (1) move more people; (2) enhance transportation connectivity; (3) improve transit service; (4) reduce roadway congestion; and (5) increase travel options (collectively, the “Improvement Goals”), all of which are reasonably expected to benefit the users of the portion of I-66 beginning at the Capital Beltway and ending at U.S. Route 29 in the Rosslyn area of Arlington County, Virginia (the “Facility”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Project will facilitate implementation of recommendations from VDOT’s June 2012 *Final Report of the I-66 Multimodal Study Inside the Beltway*, and the further refinements found in its *August 2013 Supplemental Report*, as well as recommendations from the Department of Rail and Public Transportation’s (“DRPT”) 2009 Transportation Demand Management/Transit Report and its 2019 I-66 Transit and Transportation Demand Management Plan, and projects in the region’s constrained long range plan, as such plan may be updated from time to time, including but not limited to multimodal transportation improvements to the roadways and associated transportation and transit facilities in the vicinity of the Facility (“Components”) as described in the aforesaid VDOT and DRPT reports; and

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**WHEREAS**, the MOA delegated to NVTC the authority to select and administer the implementation of Components designed specifically to attain the Improvement Goals to be financed from a portion of the toll revenues of the Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, such Components shall be selected by NVTC in accordance with a process established by NVTC pursuant to the MOA; and

**WHEREAS**, the CTB shall approve the Components selected by NVTC and allocate toll revenues for them, provided the Components meet the criteria specified in the MOA and are selected in accordance with NVTC's selection process described in the MOA; and

**WHEREAS**, VDOT, on behalf of the CTB, will control and manage tolling on the Facility, with the toll revenues being utilized and distributed according to the MOA, to support the tolling operations and tolling maintenance of the Facility, and to fund the Components selected by NVTC and approved by the CTB for the Project designed specifically to attain the Improvement Goals; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the MOA, as part of the Six Year Improvement Program presented to the CTB for approval in June of each year, NVTC shall submit to the CTB, Components to be funded in whole or in part with Toll Revenues from the Facility, to be paid to NVTC as provided therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in significant impacts to transportation, including reductions in toll collections which have impacted the availability of revenues in FY21 and FY22 required to deliver the recommended Components; and

**WHEREAS**, the CTB approved an initial I-66 Round Four program of Components at its meeting on December 9, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, NVTC approved a supplemental program of Components, attached hereto, in the amount of \$5,750,300 at its meeting on October 7, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, DRPT recommends that the CTB approve the supplemental program of Components, attached hereto, and allocate funding for the Components in the Six Year Improvement Program for FY 2022- FY 2027,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board approves the I-66 Commuter Choice Round Four Supplemental Program Components, attached hereto, that have been previously approved by NVTC; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board allocates \$5,750,300 in funding for the I-66 Commuter Choice Program Components in the Six Year Improvement Program for FY 2022-FY 2027.

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## CTB Decision Brief

### **Title: Approval of I-66 Commuter Choice Round Four Supplemental Program of Projects and Inclusion into FY 2022-2027 Six-Year Improvement Program**

**Issue:** In accordance with the Transform 66: Inside the Beltway Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) among the CTB, VDOT and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), as amended, NVTC approved its Round Four supplemental program of multimodal projects for the I-66 Commuter Choice Program on October 7, 2021. The supplemental Program of Projects requires CTB approval for inclusion into the Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for FY 2022-2027. DRPT and NVTC staff briefed the CTB on the NVTC Round Four multimodal program development process at the CTB workshop on October 20, 2020. Previously, due to the impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency on toll revenues, NVTC requested CTB approval for only six of ten recommended projects, which were approved by the CTB on December 9, 2020. Now NVTC is seeking CTB approval for the three remaining projects. The total cost of the proposed supplemental Program of Projects is \$5,750,300, which includes the remaining three unfunded projects to be implemented by three separate entities and NVTC program administration costs. A list of the projects approved for funding by NVTC is attached. Projects are referred to as “Components” in the MOA and the attached resolution.

**Facts:** A Memorandum of Agreement among the CTB, VDOT and NVTC relating to the implementation of the I-66 Commuter Choice Program was approved by the CTB on December 9, 2015 and executed on January 5, 2016. The MOA was subsequently amended, restated and executed by the three Parties on January 5, 2017, February 19, 2020, and May 19, 2021. The MOA delegates to NVTC the authority to select and administer the implementation of multimodal projects that are specifically designed to attain the improvement goals for the Transform 66: Inside the Beltway Project and to be financed from a portion of the toll revenues from the facility. The MOA outlines the process to be used by NVTC for selecting multimodal projects to be funded with toll revenues, and it requires the CTB to give final approval to the program of multimodal projects by allocating funding for the projects in the SYIP. Between fall 2019 and spring 2020, NVTC issued a call for projects, received and evaluated project applications, developed a proposed program of multimodal projects (with input and guidance from DRPT and VDOT), and received public input. The total cost of the proposed supplemental Program of Projects is \$5,750,300 and includes 3 projects to be implemented by two separate entities as well as NVTC program administration costs. A list of the projects approved for funding by NVTC is attached.

**Recommendation:** DRPT recommends that the CTB approve the proposed I-66 Commuter Choice Round Four Supplemental Program of Projects and include funding for the projects in the SYIP for FY 2022-2027. DRPT staff provided input and guidance to NVTC throughout the development of the proposed supplemental Program of Projects and coordinated a legal review of the program with the Office of the Attorney General. DRPT is satisfied that the proposed I-66 Commuter Choice Supplemental Program of Projects was developed in compliance with the MOA and that the selected components meet the improvement goals of Project.

**Action Required by CTB:** Approval of the attached resolution to allocate \$5,750,300 in funding for the 3 identified multimodal projects in the SYIP for FY 2022-2027.

**Options:** Approve, Deny or Defer.

**I-66 Commuter Choice, Round Four**  
**Proposed Supplemental (FY 2022) Program of Projects**

<b>Multimodal Program Project Description</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Total Funding Request</b>
TDM Strategy – I-66 Corridor Vanpool Parking Benefit	OmniRide	\$ 85,000
New Bus Service from Reston South to Crystal City	Fairfax County	\$ 5,110,800
TDM Strategy – Fare Buy Down on Bus Service from Reston North to Crystal City	Fairfax County	\$ 154,500
Program Administration and Oversight for FY 2022	NVTC	\$ 400,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,750,300</b>