

# DRPT Fiscal Year 2022 SYIP Update

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# DRPT FY 2022 Priorities

- Supporting Essential Transit and Rail Services Statewide
  - Focus on transit operating assistance and critical capital projects
  - Supporting ridership recovery on transit and passenger rail
  - MERIT program review
  - New state contracts for bus purchases
- Transforming Rail in Virginia Initiative
- **\$1.02B in transit and rail allocations for FY22**



# FY22 Transit Capital Funding Highlights

Prioritization and readiness evaluation process with a focus on state of good repair:

- 75 replacement buses for NOVA transit providers
  - ART (20) + CUE (6) + Loudoun County Transit (9) + OmniRide (4) + Fairfax Connector (36, including 4 electric buses with VW Mitigation Trust funding)
- Support Vehicles and Shop Equipment
- ITS and Fare Collection Equipment
- Zero Emission Bus Implementation Study for DASH
- Electric Bus Feasibility Study for OmniRide



# FY22 Transit Funding Highlights - Enhancement / Expansion Projects

- Arlington County Passenger Shelters
- Arlington County Bus Stop ADA Improvements
- Fairfax County Passenger Shelters and Support Vehicle
- VRE Maintenance Facility - \$41.4M (\$2.2M in FY22 State funds)
- Arlington Shirlington Ops Facility -\$88M (\$20.6M in FY22 State funds)
- Initial Allocation of Transform 66 P3 Payments for new commuter bus services to begin in 2022
  - Fairfax County (8 buses) and OmniRide (4 buses)





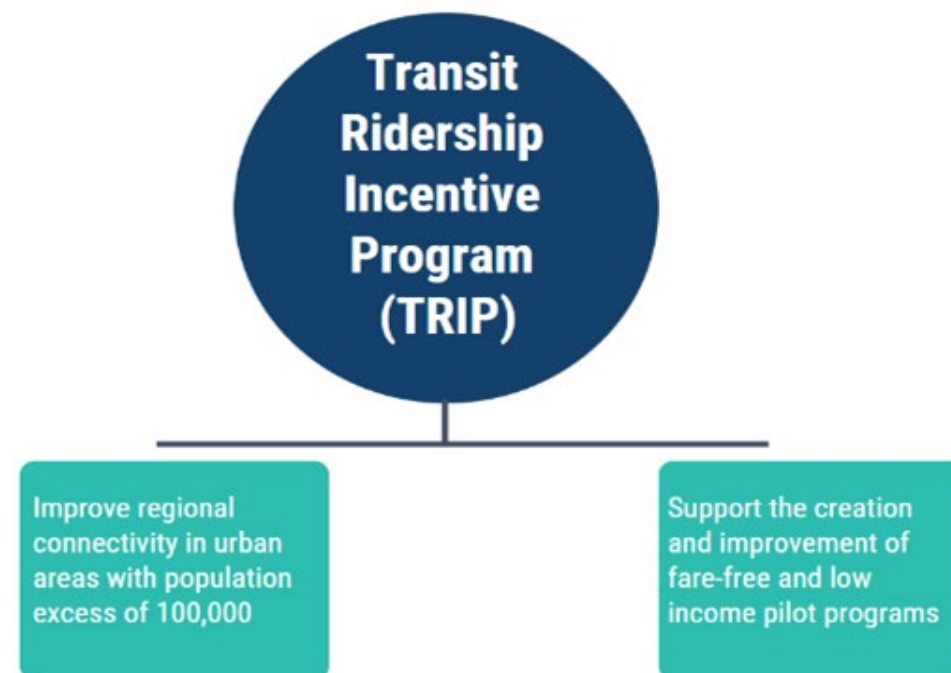
# FY22 Transit Operating Assistance



- During FY20 and FY21, COVID led to increased operating expenses and decreased revenues for transit agencies
- Financial uncertainties continued into FY22 but Federal funding provided substantial temporary relief
- DRPT carried forward performance data utilized to calculate operating assistance for FY21 (pre-pandemic) for FY22
- Total FY22 State Funding Level: \$108.2M
  - Includes approximately \$4.7M in CARES & ARPA funds
  - NOVA transit agencies: \$49.1M
  - Slight Increases from FY21 (statewide & NOVA)
- All NOVA transit agencies received an increase over FY21 operating assistance funding

# Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP)

- Established in the 2020 General Assembly Session, § 33.2-1526.3
- CTB Policy approved in July 2021 after public comment
- Promote increased ridership of large urban transit systems
- Reduce the barriers to transit use for low-income individuals
- Implementation delayed due to COVID-19
- Approved TRIP grants in Northern Virginia:
  - Alexandria – DASH Systemwide Zero Fare program - \$7.1 million (FY 22-24)
  - Fairfax County – Fairfax Connector Low Income Pass Program - \$5.4 million (FY 22-24)



# WMATA Operating and Capital Funding

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- \$50M for PRIIA matching funds for capital projects
- \$177.1M to support WMATA operating and capital needs in FY22
  - Increase of \$3.5M from FY21
- Maintain \$154.5M in dedicated capital funding, part of \$500M regional commitment including MD and DC



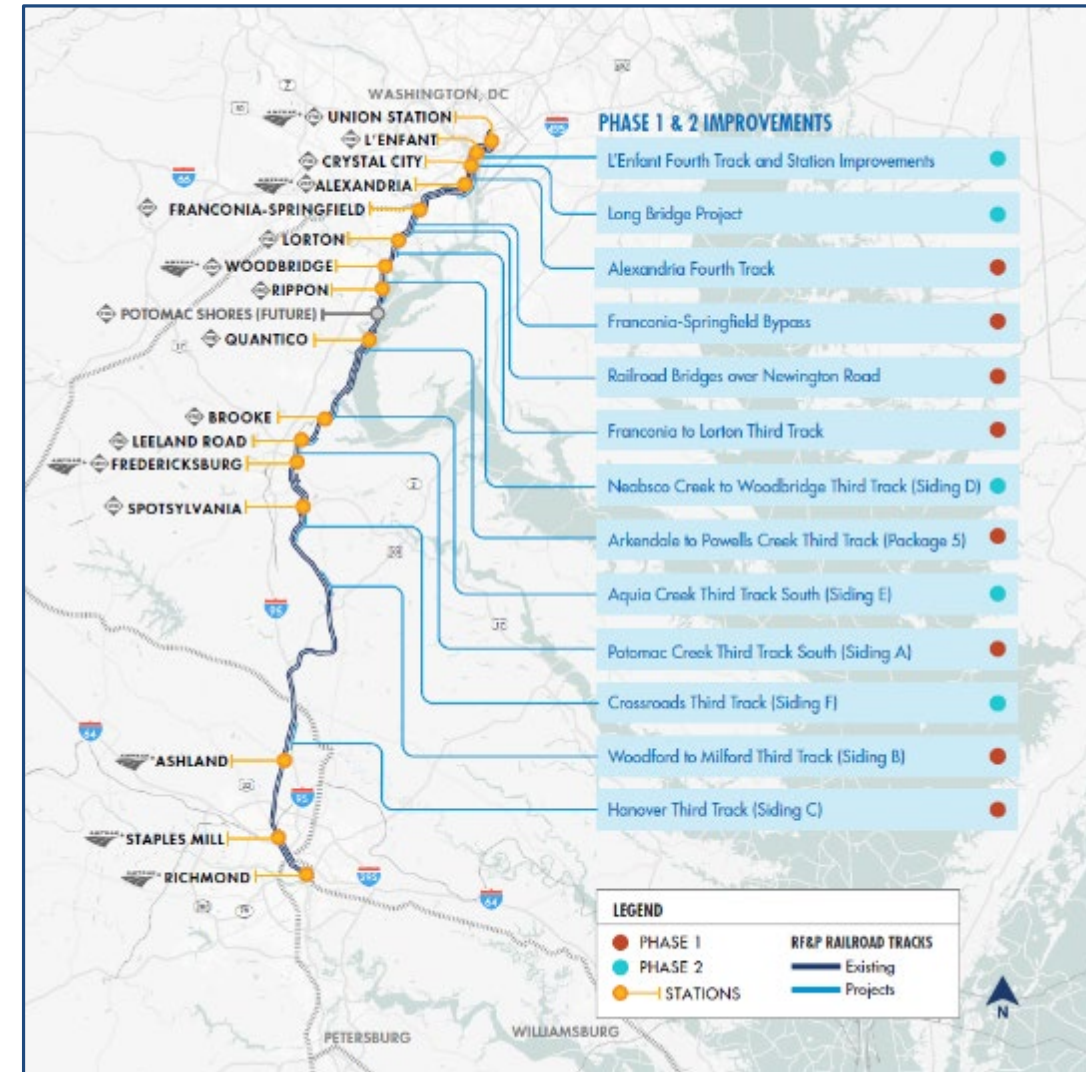
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- VA has acquired active railroad tracks and railroad ROW
- VA will construct and maintain a growing rail network with regional benefits, including the Long Bridge expansion
- Innovative public/private partnership with VA, Class I Railroads (CSX and NS), Amtrak and VRE
- Amtrak funding support of \$944M and VRE funding of approximately \$210M
- Program being implemented by Virginia Passenger Rail Authority
- TRV Program includes projects in former Atlantic Gateway initiative
- FY22-27 SYIP Total Project Funding of \$1.4B for I-95 Corridor Projects (including \$88.8M in FY22)



# I-95 Corridor Projects: Long Bridge Expansion

- Will resolve critical rail bottleneck that will help alleviate congestion in I-95 and I-66 corridors
- Current bridge and tracks are owned by CSX
- New 2-track rail bridge over the Potomac River and 4th track in DC into Union Station
  - Pedestrian-bicycle bridge over the Potomac River
  - 5 additional bridges over GW Parkway, I-395, 11th Street, Washington Channel and Ohio Drive
- Preliminary Engineering underway (March 2021 to 2023)
- Accepted into FTA Core Capacity Project Development (November 21, 2021)
- Estimated project cost: \$2B





# I-95 Corridor Projects: Alexandria 4th Track and Franconia Rail Bypass

## Alexandria Fourth Track

- Early Works Crash Wall Completed Fall 2021
- Final Design
  - Begin December 2021
- CSXT construction

## Franconia Rail Bypass

- Categorical Exclusion approved March 2021
- Preliminary Engineering to Begin Winter 2022
  - Currently finalizing Contractor Procurement
- \$23M in NVTA Funding



# Western Rail Initiative

- Total funding of \$257M between FY22-27
- FY22 funding of \$82.2M from SmartScale, I-81 Corridor Multimodal Funds and Budget Bill 447.10
- DRPT, VPRA and Norfolk Southern continue to work on Definitive Agreements; expected financial close in spring 2022
- Norfolk Southern WRI projects will include fluidity improvements such as 7 miles of second track between Nokesville to Calverton (approx. \$50M)
- Will result in second Amtrak frequency originating in Roanoke that will serve stations along VRE Manassas Line and Amtrak / VRE Alexandria station



# FY22 SMART SCALE NOVA Transit and Rail Projects

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## **Intercity Rail Service Expansion along US-29 & I-81 Corridors (Western Rail Initiative) - \$50 million**

- **Multi-District** capacity improvements include network fluidity improvements between Manassas and Roanoke; construction of sidings, passenger rail bypass tracks and signal and speed improvements; and acquisition of the Virginian line between Salem and Christiansburg

## **South Washington Bus Stop Expansion & Access to Transit - \$6.4 million**

- Construction of 6 new bus shelters, transit access and intersection improvements, signals and lighting along South Washington Street in **Falls Church**

## **Landmark Mall Transit Center - \$13 million**

- Development of a new Transit Center at the redeveloped Landmark Mall site in **Alexandria** that will serve two BRT corridors as well as several local DASH and Metrobus bus routes. Transit Center will be incorporated in planned new mixed use development on former Landmark Mall site.





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