



TRANSIT PLANNING



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**Department of Transportation
& Environmental Services**

Transportation Planning Division



ABOUT TRANSIT PLANNING + REGIONAL COORDINATION

The City's Transit program is focused on transit capital projects: implementing the City's priority transitway corridors, transit centers, and bus stop accessibility and amenities as outlined in the Alexandria Mobility Plan's (AMP) Transit Chapter. This work also includes coordinating with DASH and WMATA on capital and operating issues (budget, policies, etc.).

Coordination efforts with regional jurisdictions on transit-related themes include team members serving on staff-level working groups and committees that provide support to City officials representing Alexandria on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), the WMATA Board, and Jurisdictional Coordinating Committee.

FY 2024 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Duke Street Transitway**
 - **Council approved** concept design featuring bus only lanes and separated cycle track.
 - **Conducted extensive public engagement** regarding the service road concepts
 - Set the foundation to streamline project delivery.
- **West End Transitway**
 - Continued design on Phase I improvements.
 - Received input from the community on bus shelter amenities.
 - Engaged with the community through the AlexWest Planning Process.
 - Advanced process with Public Art Task Force for art installations at the stations.
- **Southern Towers Transit Center**
 - Coordinated with land owners and the Department of Planning and Zoning to determine alignment and location of transit center.
- **Landmark Transit Center**
 - Awarded TRIP funding (\$544,000) for procurement of shelters to serve passengers before final implementation
 - Opened solicitation for architectural/engineering design services for an iconic transit center.
- **Metroway Enhancements from Glebe Road to Evans Lane**
 - Awarded funding for construction of Metroway expansion through NVTAs 70% program (\$7 million)
 - Continued coordination with stakeholders to determine project feasibility and alignment of related efforts.
- **WMATA**
 - Supported **FY 2025 Budget approval** with additional State aid.
 - Participated in Better Bus Network Redesign.
 - Participated in DMVMoves Task Force Regional Planning Effort.
- **Alexandria Transit Strategic Plan (ATSP)**
 - Completed work on DRPT-required document which will support improved DASH bus service and operations.
- **Bus Stop Program**
 - Developed major communications tools including program website and interactive GIS map.
 - Updating standard development conditions for bus stop amenities.
 - Utilized inventory of all bus stops Citywide to prioritize and plan ADA improvements
 - Awarded TRIP grant for Citywide bus stop enhancements (\$500,000)

FY 2025 MAJOR WORK OBJECTIVES

Duke Street Transitway

Staff will seek City Council approval on the final design elements for the service road configuration east of Cambridge Road. The project team will select an Owner/Advisor and design team to begin detailed design of the corridor. Design is expected to be complete in FY 2026.

Metroway Enhancements

Staff will continue to work with DPI to execute the design phase of the Metroway Enhancements project to expand the dedicated right-of-way for buses on Route 1 between Glebe Road and Evans Lane and provide amenities on Potomac Avenue.

West End Transitway

Staff will lead engagement activities, support the West End Transitway Public Art Task Force and work with DPI to conclude the design phase, anticipated in Winter 2025. Staff expects to begin implementation in FY 2025.

Landmark Transit Center

The City will procure an architect and design firm to design an iconic transit center at the West End mixed use development, which will be a major transfer center for both the West End Transitway and Duke Street Transitway and several DASH and WMATA routes.

DMVMOVES

Staff will support the DMV Moves working group to develop a unified vision and sustainable funding model for public transit in our region.

FY 2025 MAJOR WORK OBJECTIVES

Transitway Enhancements

The transit team will initiate this project to improved access to transit from and link the King Street Metrorail station to the Duke Street Transitway for people walking and biking along Callahan Drive (between Duke and King Streets). The project team aims to launch design and right-of-way discussions with the Masonic Temple.

WMATA Budget & Reform

Staff will continue work within regional working groups through the WMATA budget process to ensure WMATA is funded and that the City's voice is heard. Staff is participating on working groups to develop short- and long-term solutions to the WMATA funding structure.

King Street Bus Study

The Transit team and DASH will coordinate to identify short-, medium-, and long-term strategies to improve transit along King Street in Old Town for the approximately 1500 average daily boardings. Stakeholder engagement will occur throughout FY25. Study is expected to be completed in 2025. Project goals are to improve ADA compliance, reliability, and passenger experience.

Bus Stop Program

The Transit team is working to prioritize and implement phased ADA and amenity improvements at bus stops Citywide, using TRIP funding and the new GoAlex Fund. New bus shelters are also being installed with federal funding.



TRANSIT COORDINATION

WMATA Coordination


Staff serve on the Jurisdictional Coordinating Committee (JCC) to monitor board items and relay information to T&ES, OMB, and elected officials. Staff will support regional transit planning efforts through the DMV *Moves* Task Force and the Better Bus Network Redesign. Staff also support any Alexandria Boardmembers, follow the budget and service planning process, and serve on ad-hoc committees.

DASH Coordination

Staff ensure that DASH, T&ES and WMATA are coordinating appropriately on all initiatives and projects. Program supports DASH with CIP and budget requests and helps identify and apply for grant funding. T&ES also has a representative on the Alexandria Transit Company Board of Directors.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

NVTC is charged with the funding and stewardship of WMATA and the Virginia Railway Express (VRE), which it co-owns. NVTC also administers the Commuter Choice grant programs for transit and transportation demand management. T&ES staff briefs councilmembers and attends monthly board meetings, coordinating with NVTC staff and other regional jurisdictions on transit issues.



WMATA IN ALX BY THE NUMBERS

18

WMATA Bus
Routes

10,500+

Avg Daily WMATA
Bus Boardings
(2022)

5

Metrorail
Stations

9,500+

Avg Daily WMATA
Rail Boardings
(FY2024)

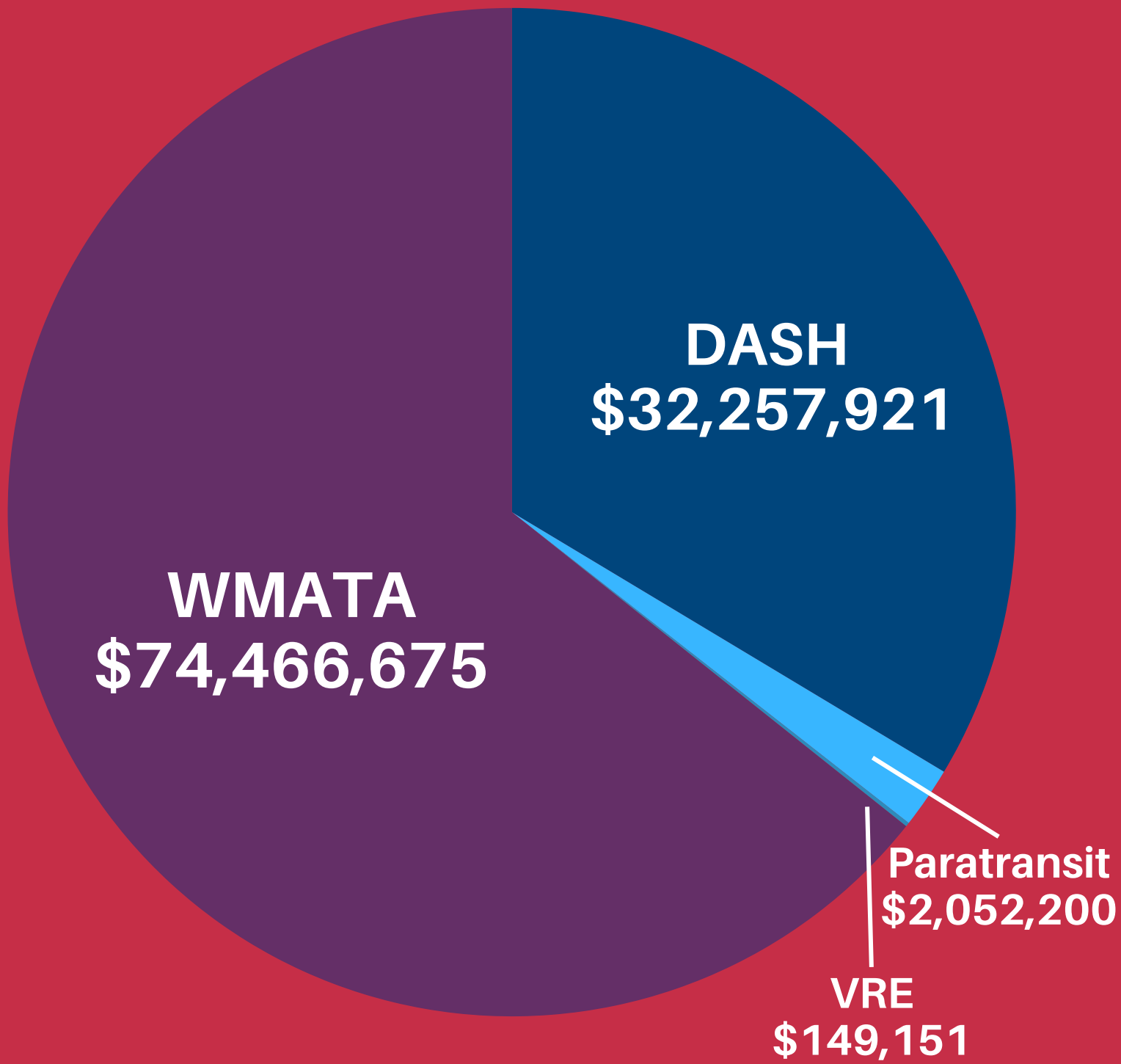
~4%

Share of WMATA
jurisdictional
subsidy

~\$75 million

FY25 WMATA
Operation and
Capital
Contribution

TRANSIT OPERATING BUDGET FY 2025



TRANSIT CAPITAL PROGRAM BUDGET & TIMELINE

Project	Total Awarded in Millions (source)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Duke Street in Motion	\$87 (NVTA)	D	D	C	C		
Route 1 Metroway	\$9 (Many)	D	D			C	C
Landmark Transit Center	\$13 (Smart Scale)	P	P	D	C	C	
Transitway Enhancements	\$1.5 (CMAQ)	P	D	C	C		
West End Transitway	\$62 (Many)	D	C	C	C		
Southern Towers Transit Center	\$10 (Smart Scale)	P	P	D	C	C	

P	Planning
D	Design
C	Construction

FY 2025 Public Transit CIP

FY 2025 High Capacity Transit Corridors CIP