



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
Transportation Planning and
Mobility

Transportation Commission

**April 16, 2025
7 P.M.**





Notice

- ▶ The **April 16, 2025**, meeting of the Transportation Commission is being held in the **City Council Workroom** on the second floor of City Hall (301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of the Transportation Commission and staff are participating either in-person or from a remote location through video conference call on Zoom. The meeting can be accessed by the public in-person or via Zoom.



Commission Members

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- ▶ **John Chapman**- Council (non-voting)
- ▶ **Kirk McPike**- Council (non-voting)

Chair/Vice Chair Elections

Agenda Item 1



Recommendations

- That the Transportation Commission put forth nominations and vote for Chair and Vice Chair



Public Comment Period



Agenda Item 2

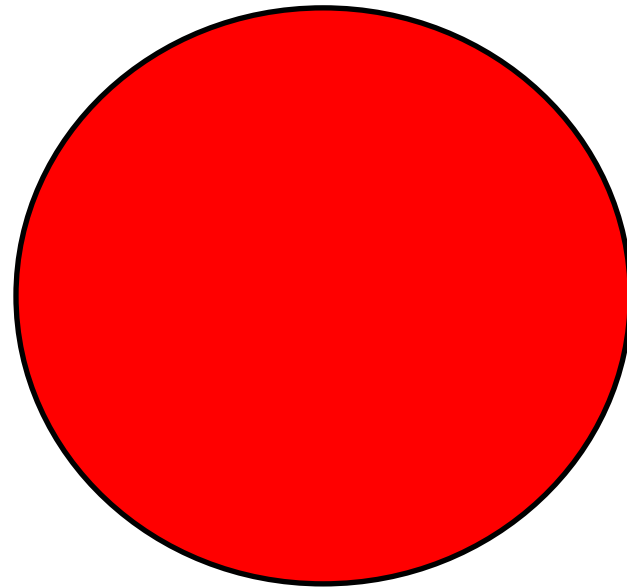




Public Comment

- ▶ For Speakers not discussing items related to public hearings.
- ▶ For virtual attendees:
 - ▶ Raise hand or press *9
 - ▶ Mute or unmute press *6
 - ▶ 3 minutes per speaker

3 Minute Timer



Agenda Item 2



Transportation Commission Minutes: March 19, 2025

Agenda Item 3



Discussion Item: FY25 Alexandria Transit Strategic Plan (ATSP)

Agenda Item 4



ALEXANDRIA TRANSIT STRATEGIC PLAN (ATSP)

Alexandria Transit Strategic Plan
(FY 2025 – FY 2034)
FY 2026 Update Addendum



*Presented to ATC Board of Directors
March 12, 2025*



- Annual DASH Service Plan which identifies any service, policy or program changes for next year
- Replaces previous Transit Development Plan (TDP) based on DRPT requirements.
- Subject to Public Outreach & Board Review/Approval
- Minor Update in FY 2026
- Full ATSP Plan & FY 2026 Update Addendum:
www.dashbus.com/strategicplan

FY 2026 CURRENT SERVICES BUDGET

- 355,400 Platform Hours
- 3.4 Million Platform Miles
- Ambient Growth Factor to mitigate reliability issues
- 395 Commuter Choice
 - Line 35 + New Peak Trips
 - Line 36A/B Continuation
- **No Service Reductions!**



WMATA BETTER BUS NETWORK REDESIGN



- New Network Launching June 29, 2025
- New Route Names & Alignments
- New Routes – A70, A71
- Several route segments discontinued (22A, 23B) or consolidated (8W, 22F)
- Service maintained on Taney Ave & N. Van Dorn St, per City/DASH request
- Visit www.wmata.com for more information.

FY 2026 ATSP SERVICE CHANGES (UNFUNDED)

Line 32 (Priority #1)

DASH is proposing to improve midday, evening and weekend headways from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes.

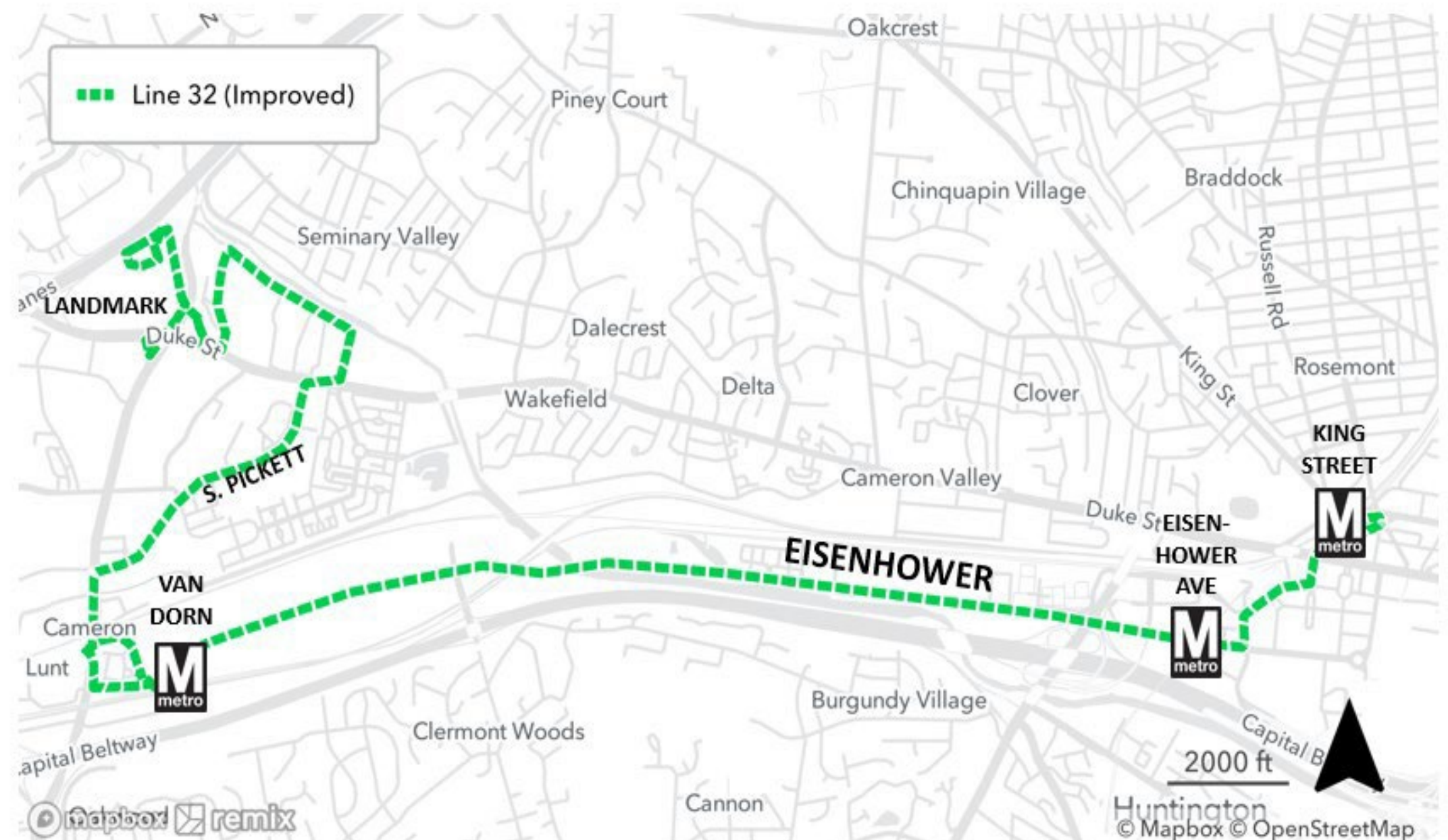
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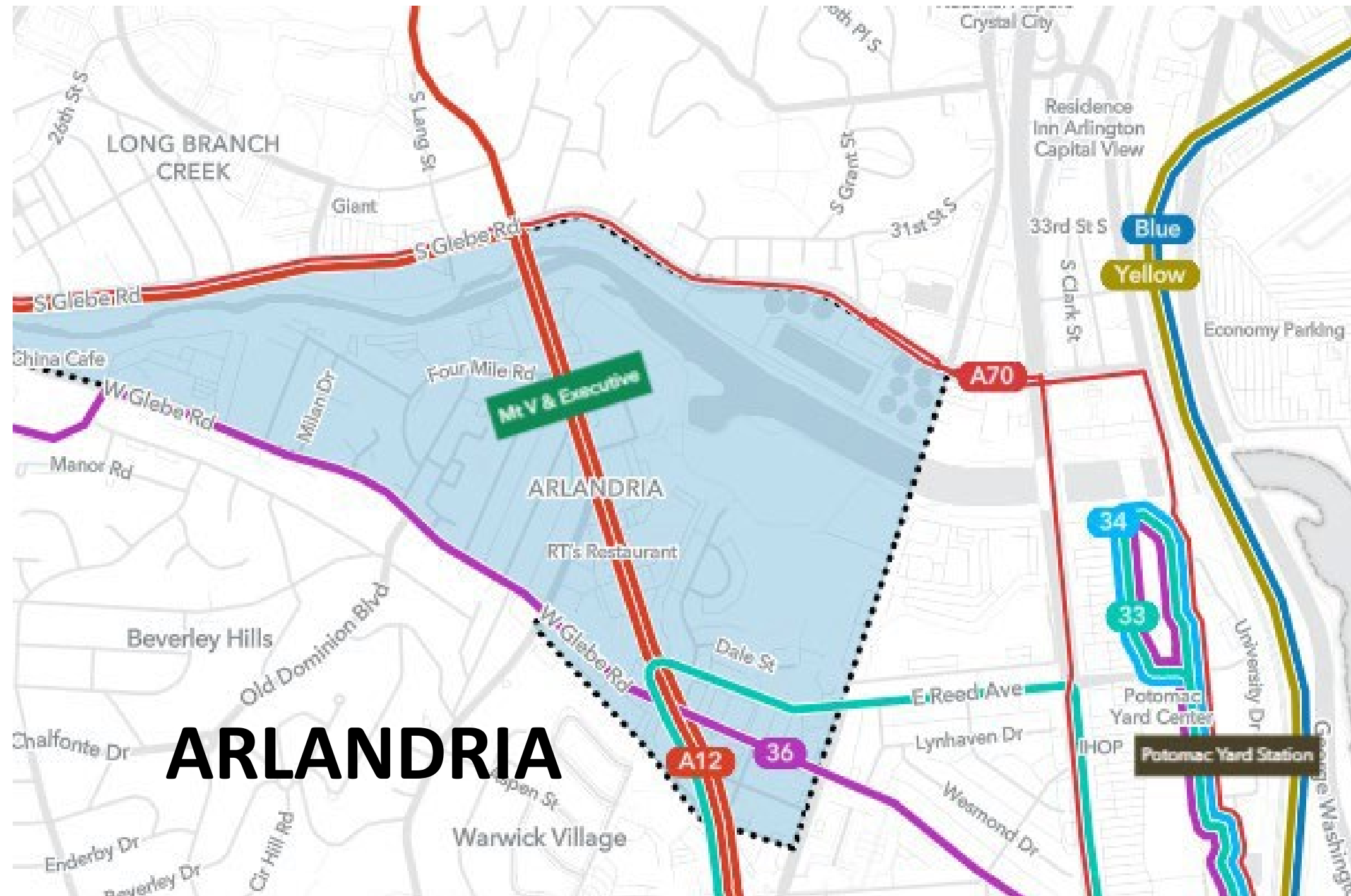
- 2022 ATV Plan
- Headway Standard
- Ridership Standard
- Underserved Area

Cost = +\$850K Annually

Weekday Only = +\$460K

Weekday Only, Short Trips = +\$240K

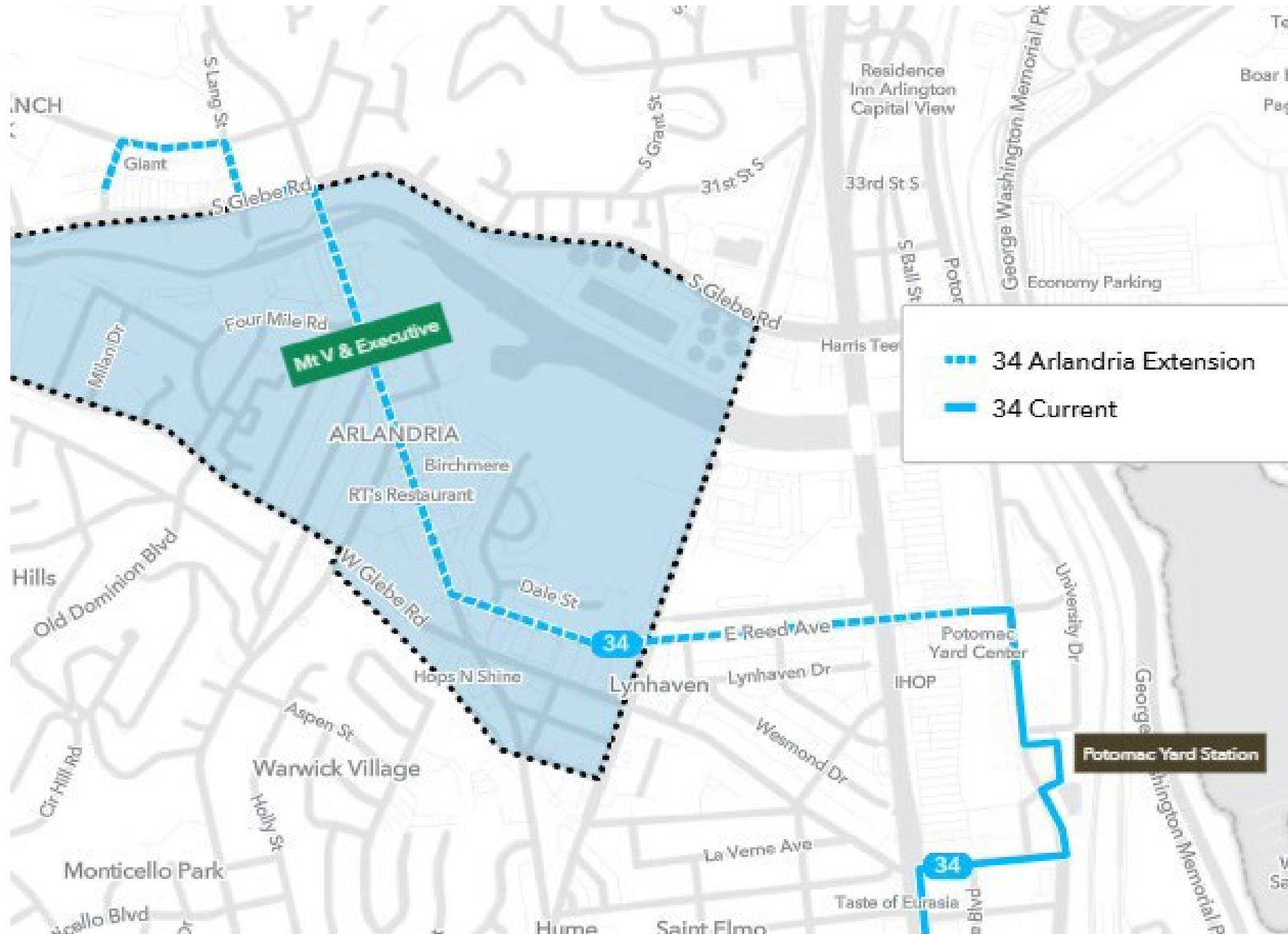




DASH ARLANDRIA SERVICE EVALUATION

- Can DASH routes be modified to improve affordability and connectivity for Arlandria?
- Four Scenarios Evaluated:
 - (1) No Changes
 - (2) Line 33 Realignment
 - (3) Line 36A/B Realignment
 - (4) Line 34 Extension
- Criteria – Rider Impact, Cost, Equity, Connectivity & Operations

DASH ARLANDRIA SERVICE EVALUATION



- Line 34 Extension to Arlandria via Reed & Mt. Vernon Ave.
- New connections from Arlandria to Potomac Yard and Arlington Ridge.
- No impact to existing riders.
- Net Annual Cost = +\$604K
- Net Fleet Req't = +1 Bus
- Additional Considerations (Capital Imp & Regional Coordination)

Scenario 4 – Line 34 Extension (Staff Recommendation)

FUTURE ATSP SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

FY27

- **Line 34** | improve Sunday headways to 30 minutes (FY22 ATV)
- **Line 31** | Extend all midday and weekend trips to Braddock Metro via OTC (FY22 ATV)
- **Line 30** | improve midday, evening and weekend headways to 15 minutes.
- **Line 32** | improve weekday peak headways from 30 to 15 minutes.
- **Line 34** | extend from Potomac Yard to Arlandria via Reed & Mt. Vernon Avenue.
- **Lines 103 & 104** | improve weekday peak headways from 30 to 20 minutes.

FY28

- **Line 102** | improve weekday midday headways from 60 to 30 minutes.
- **King Street Trolley** | extend routing from King Street Metro to Eisenhower Metro and extend operating hours from 11:00 AM to 6:00 AM.
- **West End Transitway** | New BRT-style service to begin service and replace parts of Line 35. West End Transitway service operator, service levels, and impact on adjacent DASH/WMATA routes to be finalized by mid-2025.

FY 2026 ATSP OUTREACH SUMMARY

- **Community Partnerships** | Coordinate with community and City partners to host and attend meetings in strategic locations throughout the City.
- **ATSP Rider Survey** | Solicit public input on the five FY 2026 proposals via a dynamic demographic, usage, and public comment survey; available in Arabic, Amharic, English, Persian, and Spanish.
- **Public Promotion** | Execute a multi-channel awareness and feedback campaign through email, social media, print, web, and news partners.

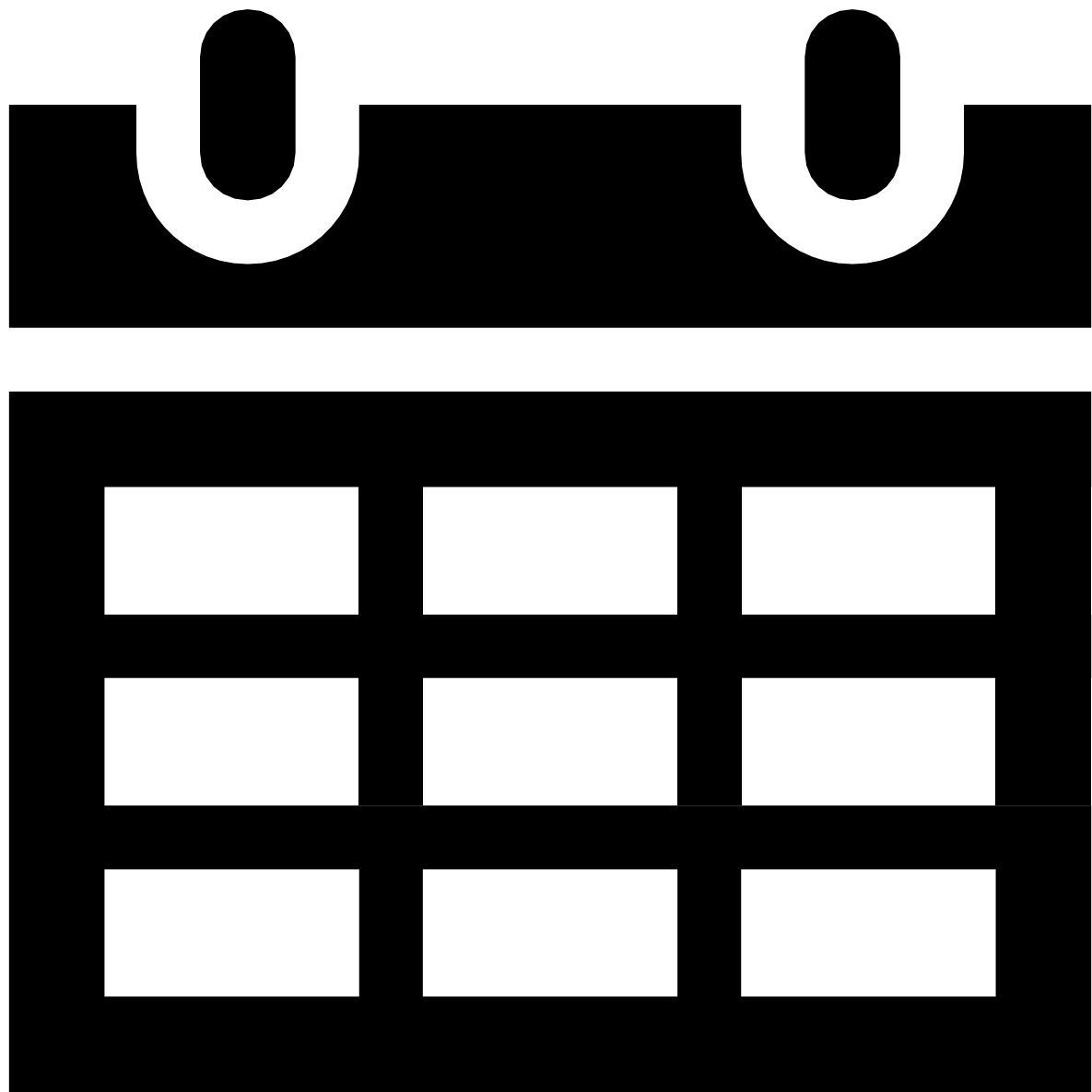


Take the Survey



KEY DATES FOR FY 2026 ATSP UPDATE

- **March-April** | Public Outreach
- **March 17** | Open ATSP Survey
- **March 20** | City Budget Bonanza
- **March 29** | ALIVE! Del Ray
- **April 1** | **DAC Meeting & Input**
- **April 2** | ALIVE! West End
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- **April 9** | **ATSP Public Hearing w/ ATC Board**
- **April 10** | Alexandria Youth Speak Up
- **April 18** | Close ATSP Survey 
- **April 30** | City Council Budget Approval
- **May-June** | **Board Adoption of ATSP**
- **July 1** | Start of FY 2026



Recommendation

- That the Transportation Commission endorse the FY26 Transit Strategic Plan via the letter proposed in the docket material.

Discussion Item: Capital Bikeshare and Dockless Mobility Update

Agenda Item 5





Capital Bikeshare

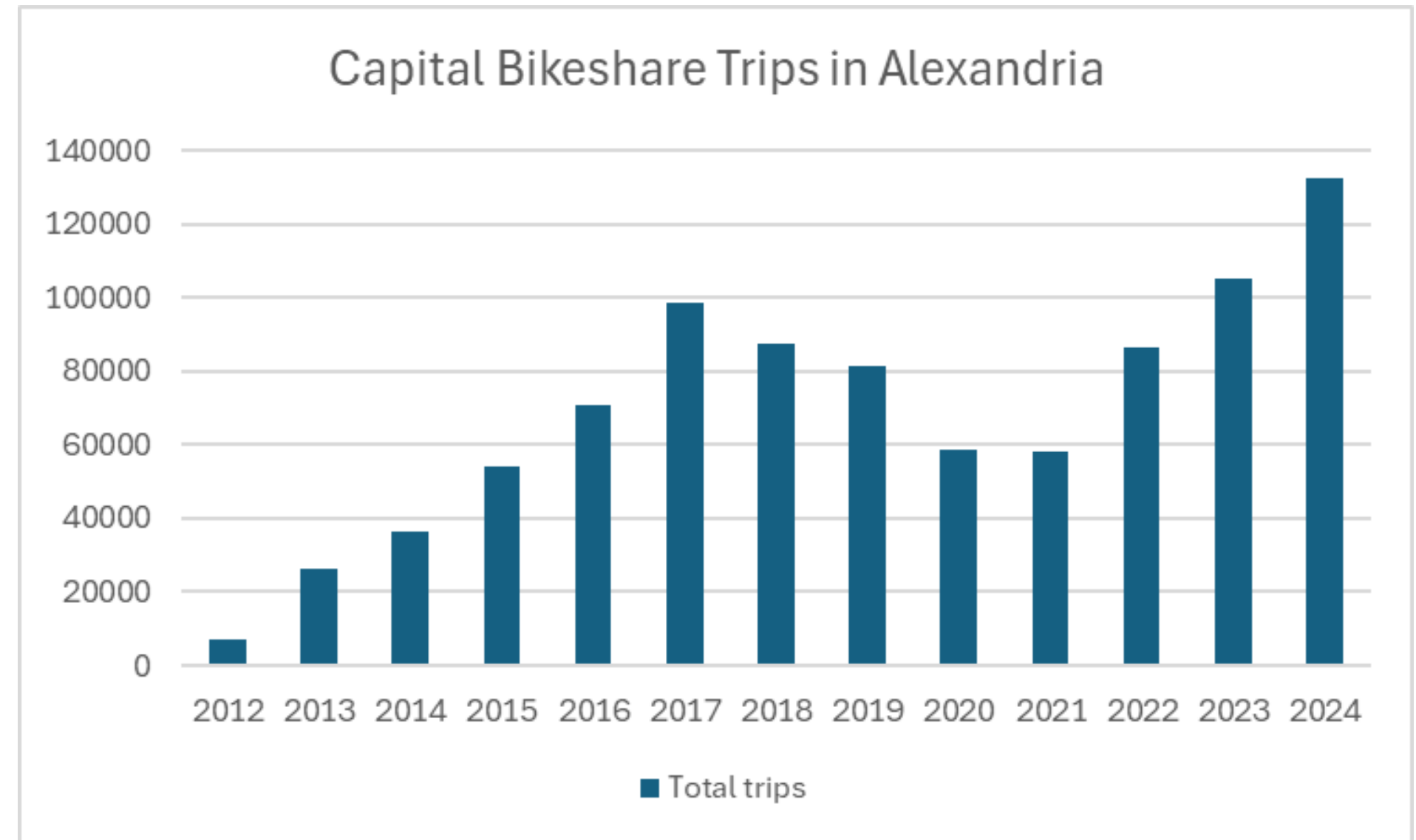
- City-owned public transportation system
 - Eight jurisdictions in the system
- 63 stations and approximately 550 bikes in the City
- Pedal bikes (red) and e-bikes (silver)





Record Ridership

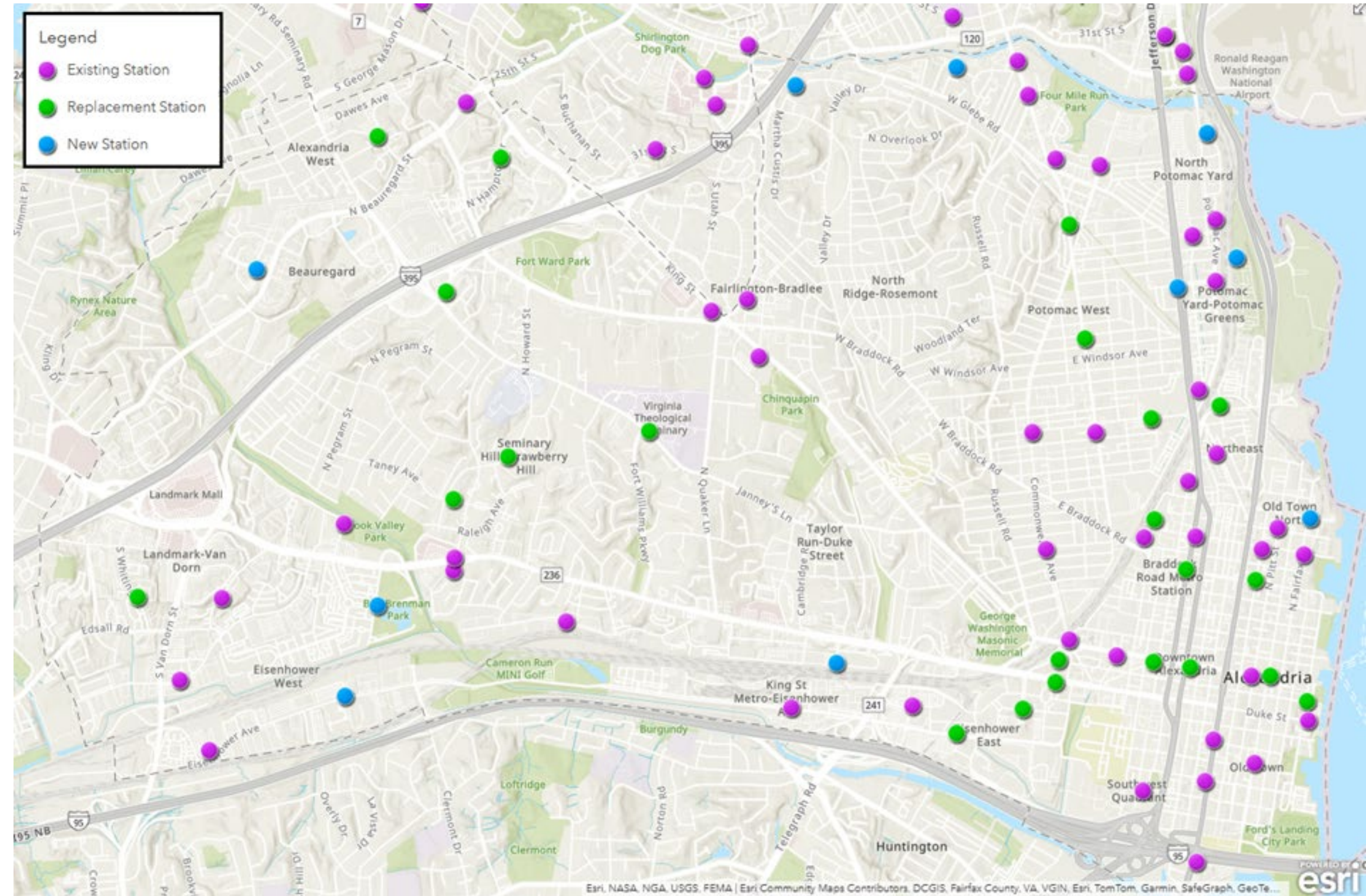
- Daily: 1,290
 - March 29, 2025
- Monthly: 16,215
 - October 2024
- Annually: 132,845
 - 2024
- 2025 forecasted to surpass 2024 trips





Expansion Plans

- One new station and two replacements so far year to date
- Nine more new stations and 20 more replacements in 2025





E-Bikes

- E-bikes are highly popular
 - ~30% of the fleet on average
 - Over 50% of trips
- City is adding 60 more e-bikes this year





Pillar Stations

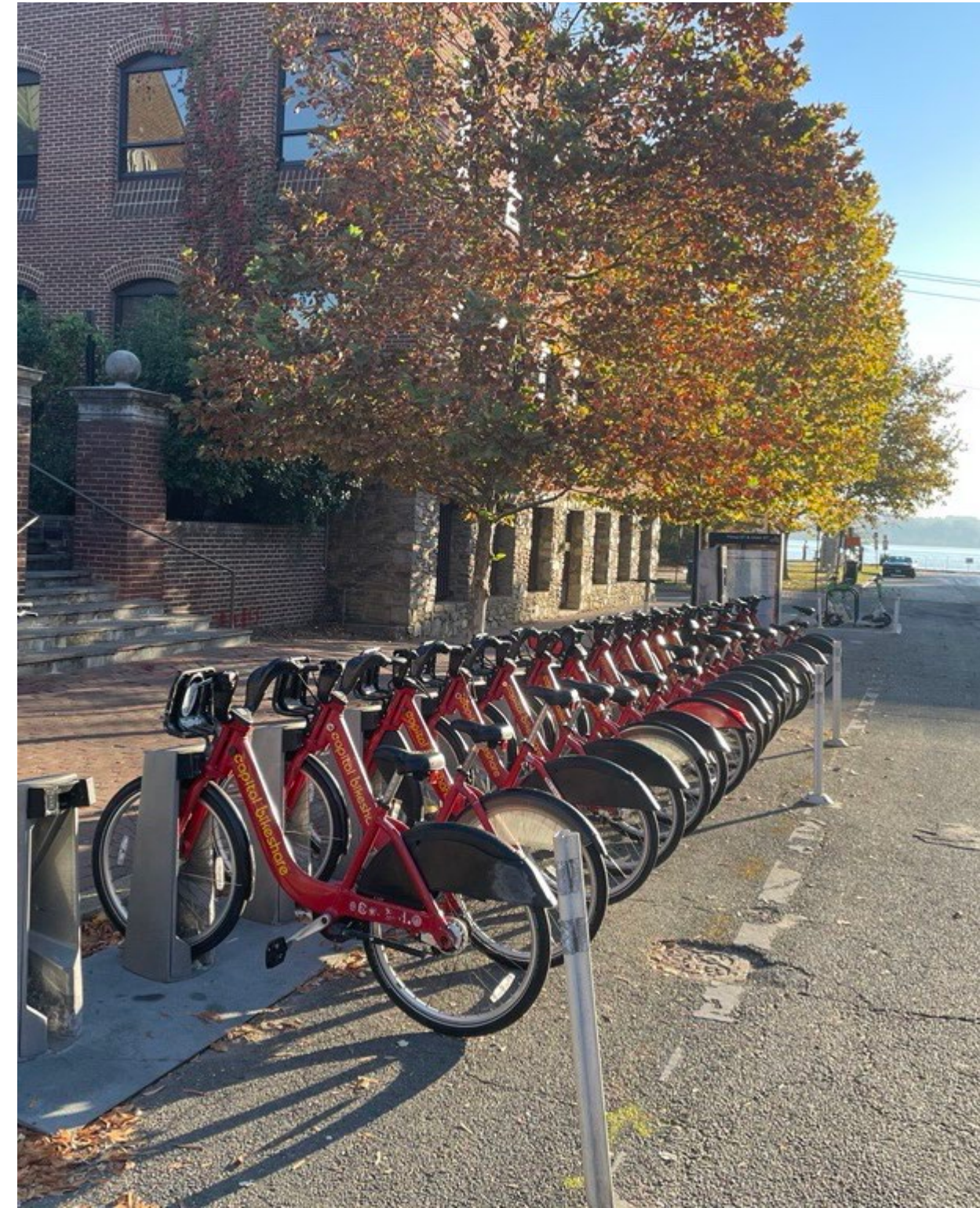
- New station type
- More flexible station siting
- Smoother docking mechanism
- More reliable system connection





Budget

- Capital costs primarily funded by VDOT grants and developer contributions
- Operating costs primarily funded by Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Stations are replaced every 10 years





Dockless Mobility

- Permit-based program with 3rd party operators
- Annual permit runs from April 1- March 31
- Current operators:
 - Lime: 600 scooters, 100 e-bikes
 - GCOO: 500 scooters





Application Process

- Data-driven permit evaluation
- Incumbents are evaluated on compliance and operational metrics
 - Alex311 Improper parking response time – 20%
 - Equity Zone deployments – 20%
 - Metro proximate deployments – 10%
 - Vehicles parked for over 5 days outside of corrals – 10%
 - Public engagement and events – 10%
 - Monthly data report submissions – 10%
 - Device Utilization rate – 10%
 - Deployed non-operational vehicles – 10%
- Non-incumbent operators must submit references





New Operator, GCOO

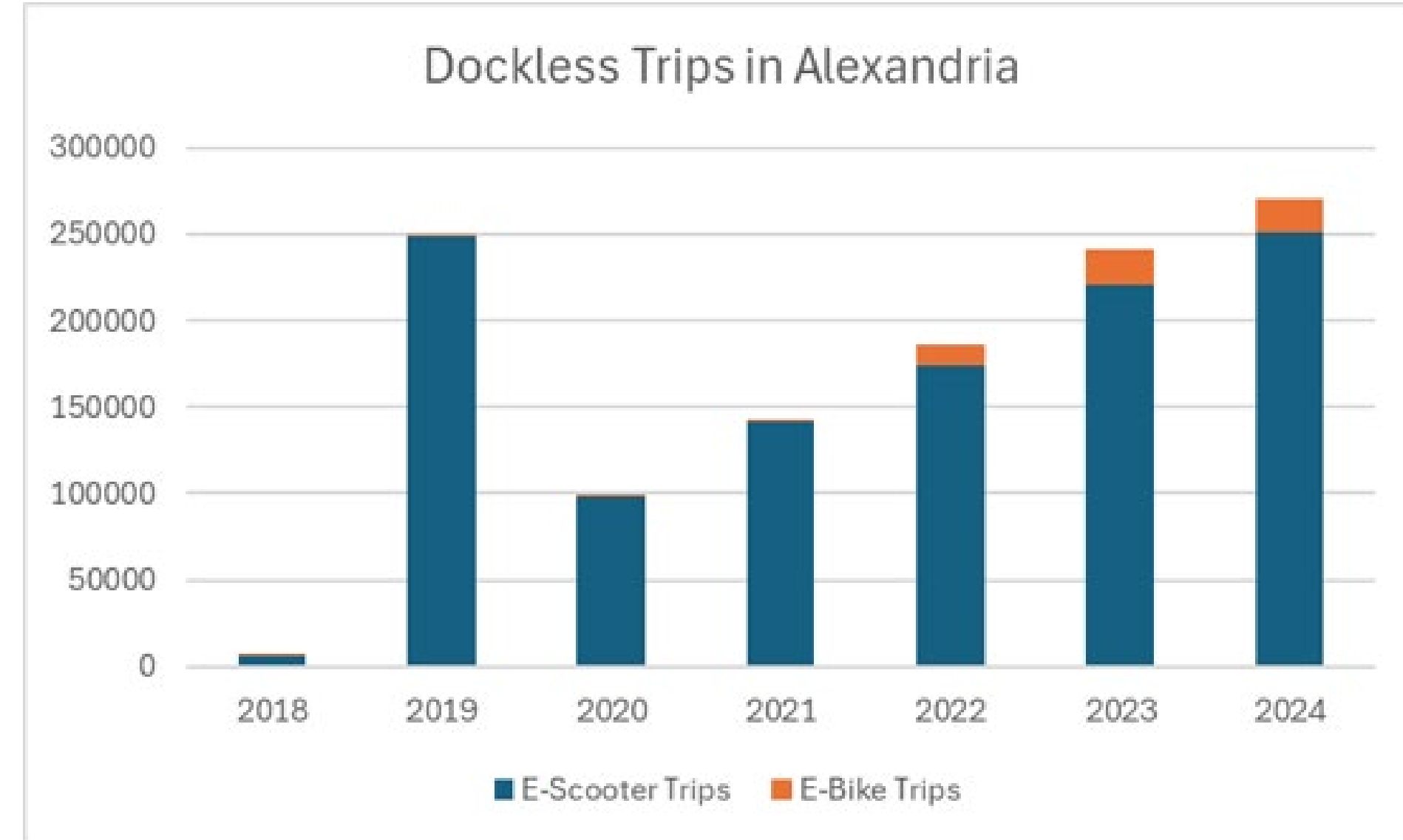
- Expected to deploy starting the week of April 21
- Strong references from City of Los Angeles CA and City of Memphis TN
- Based in South Korea and one of the largest shared micromobility companies in Asia
- Scooters have front and rear turn signals and phone mount which charges while the user rides





Record Ridership

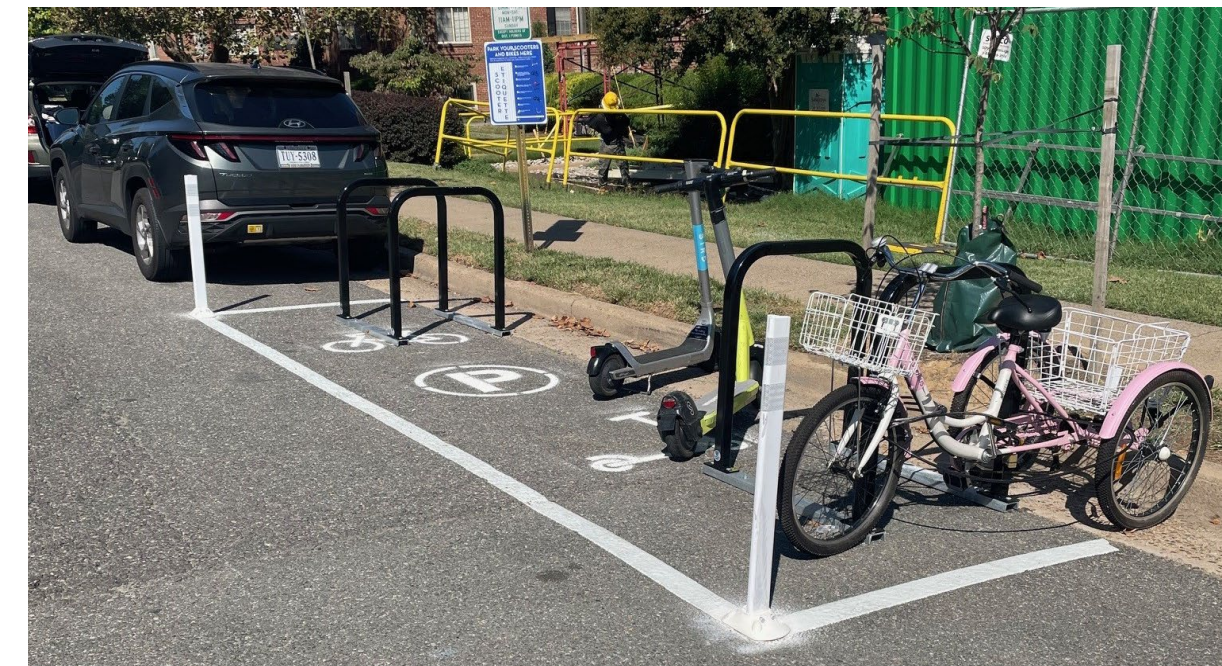
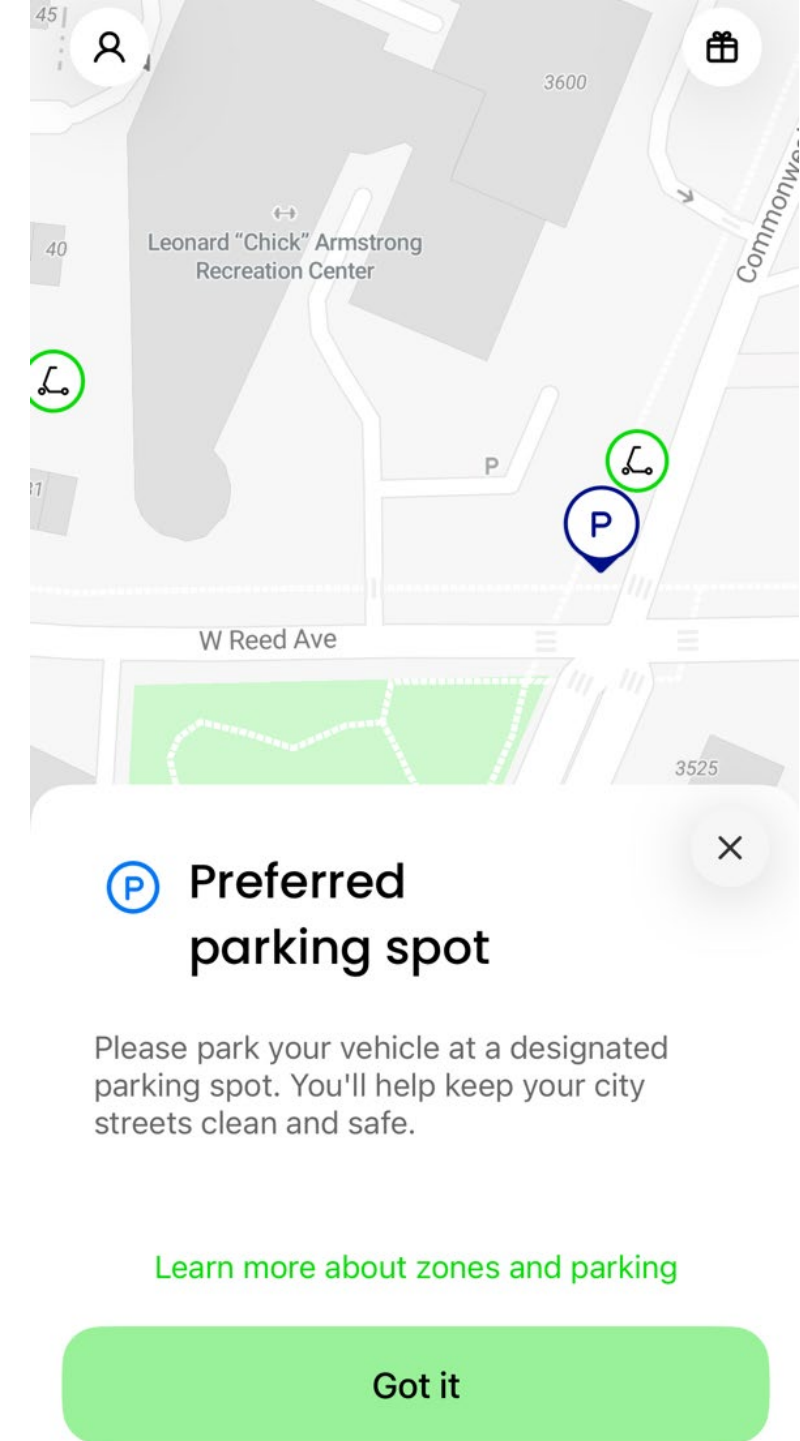
- Daily: 2,765
 - May 29, 2025
- Monthly: 39,006
 - March 2019
- Annually (2024): 270,869





Parking Corrals

- Dedicated parking locations for dockless scooters and bikes
- 50 around the City with more coming in 2025
- Many have bike racks for personal scooters and bikes





Alex311 Reporting

- Improper parking cases automatically send a report to the selected operator
- Data is used when evaluating permit renewals
- Suggest a parking corral location for staff to evaluate

What is the nature of your request?

☒ Report Improper Scooter or E-Bike Parking

☐ Suggest a Parking Corral Location

☐ General Inquiries

Please select which scooter / ebike company is responsible (please submit a separate ticket for each vendor): ?

Please Select Option ▼

What is the vehicle ID number? If you are not sure, please type "Not sure".

What is the parking issue that you are reporting about the vehicle?

Please Select Option ▼

i Please provide the details of your request in the Additional Information box below.

Additional Information

NEXT

Discussion: Paratransit Program Update

Agenda Item 6





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DOT Paratransit

ALEXANDRIA
DOT





About DOT

- ▶ **Alexandria DOT** is the City's public transit service for City residents whose disability prevents them from using fixed route service.
 - ▶ Began in 1984, service only within Alexandria
 - ▶ Modified in 1993 to meet ADA requirements and expand the service
 - ▶ In 2022 the service area was expanded to include Washington, D.C.
 - ▶ Operated by the City, not DASH or WMATA



Type of Service

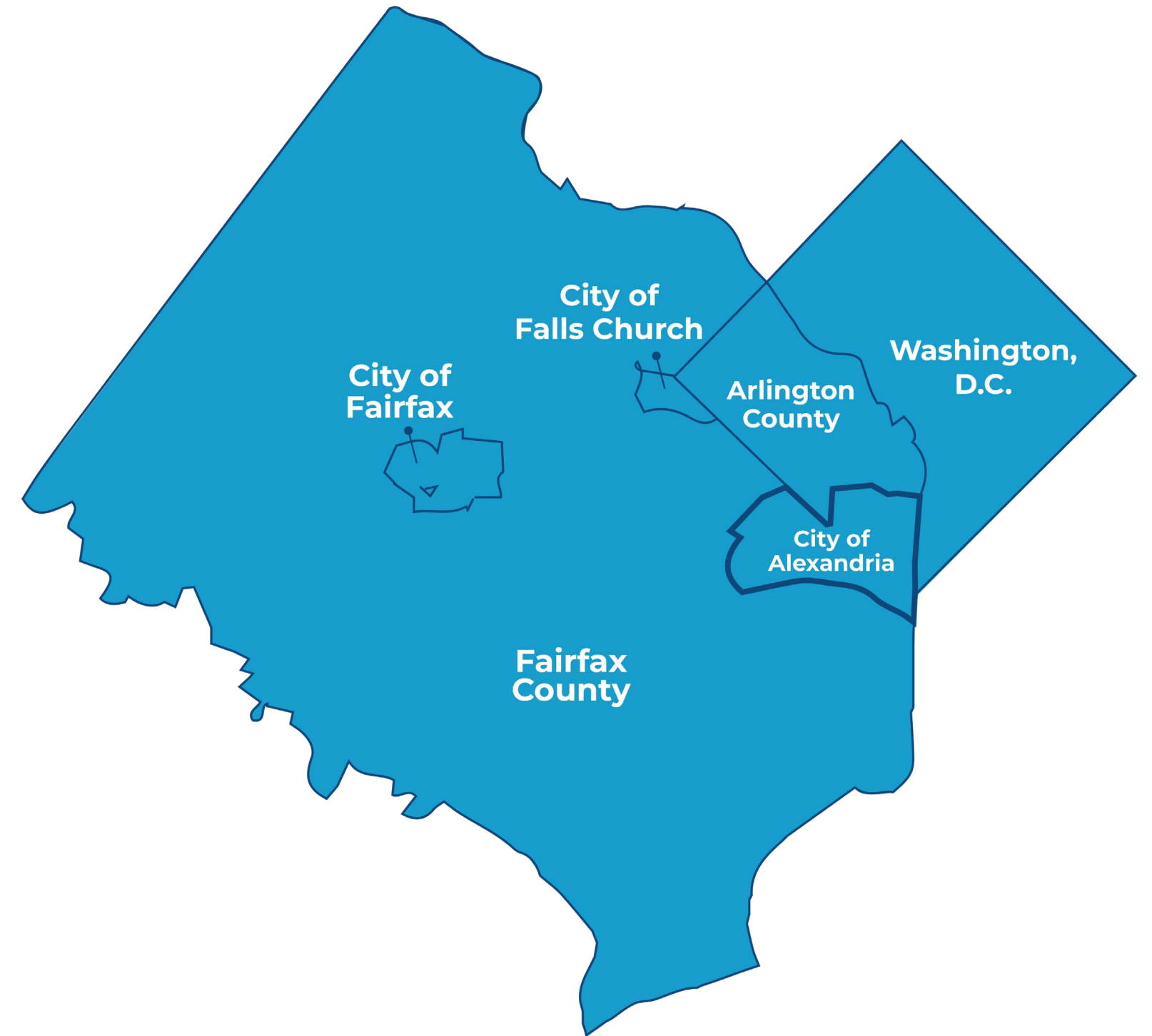
- ▶ What does the service look like?
 - ▶ Complementary paratransit: curb to curb with door to door by request. Trips must be scheduled the day before.
 - ▶ No restrictions based on type or number of trips

- ▶ Who does it serve?
 - ▶ Any City of Alexandria resident or visitor who cannot ride fixed route public transit service because of a disability



Service Area

- ▶ City of Alexandria
- ▶ Arlington County
- ▶ Fairfax County
- ▶ City of Falls Church
- ▶ City of Fairfax
- ▶ Washington, DC





Fares

- ▶ Within Alexandria - Free
- ▶ Up to 5 miles outside City - \$4
- ▶ More than 5 miles outside City or to Washington, DC - \$6
- ▶ Accept Credit Cards as of 2022





Alexandria DOT Support Team



- ▶ Senior Services of Alexandria – Call Center and Reservation Support



- ▶ WeDriveU/Diamond Transportation – Transportation Service
- ▶ UZURV – subcontractor providing transportation



Service Hours

Vehicle Operations:

- ▶ Monday – Saturday: 5 A.M. – 1 A.M.
- ▶ Sunday: 7 A.M. – 1 A.M.

Call Center:

- ▶ Monday – Friday: 8 A.M. – 5 P.M.
- ▶ Saturday – Sunday: 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.



Program Metrics – Clients

41,000 annual trips in FY24

**460 Active
Clients**

(take at least one
trip a month)

**870 Registered
Users**

**Median
Age – 69**

20% require a
wheelchair
accessible
vehicle

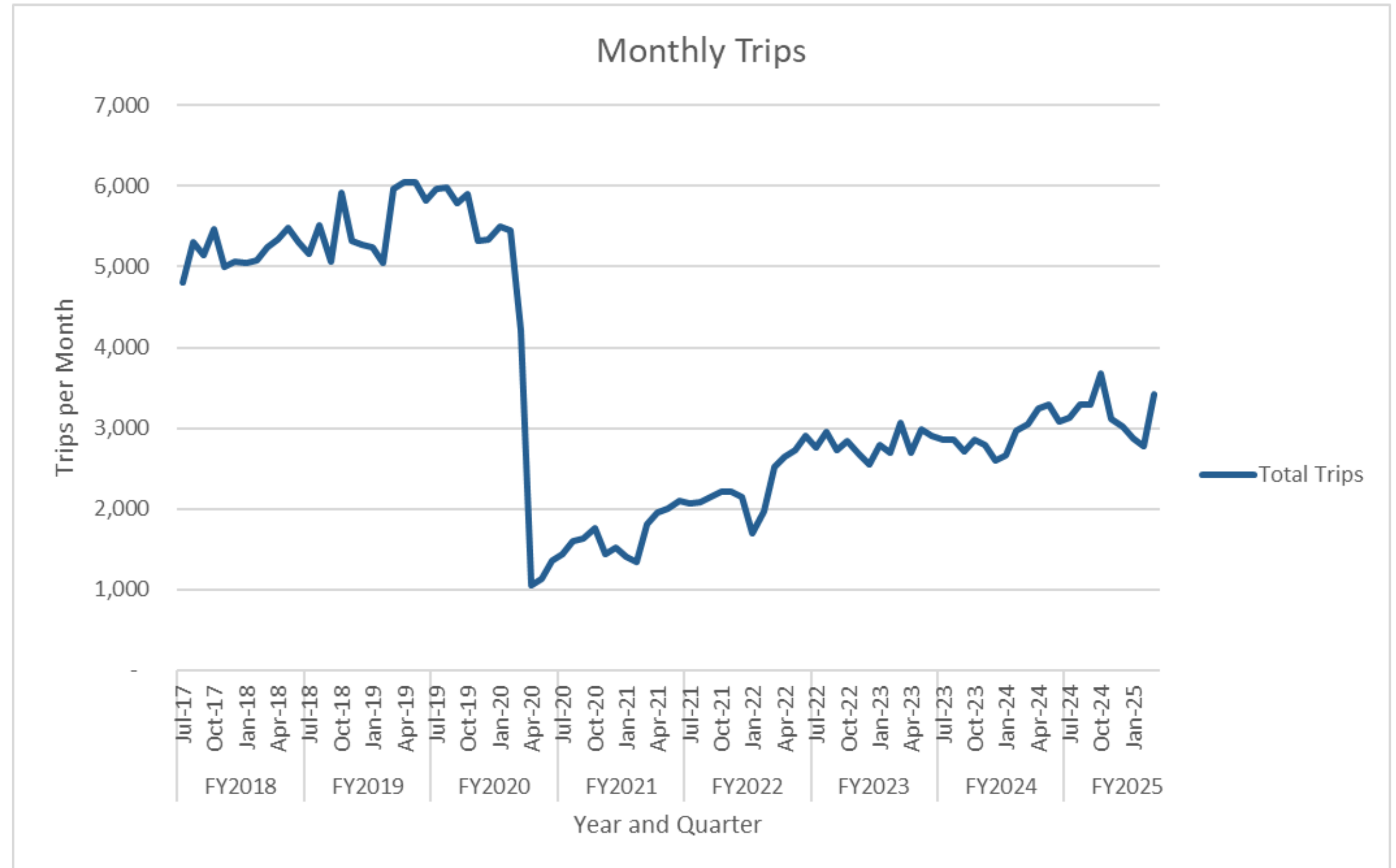
65% Female
35% Male



Program Metrics

Monthly
On Time
Performance
between 87%
and 94%

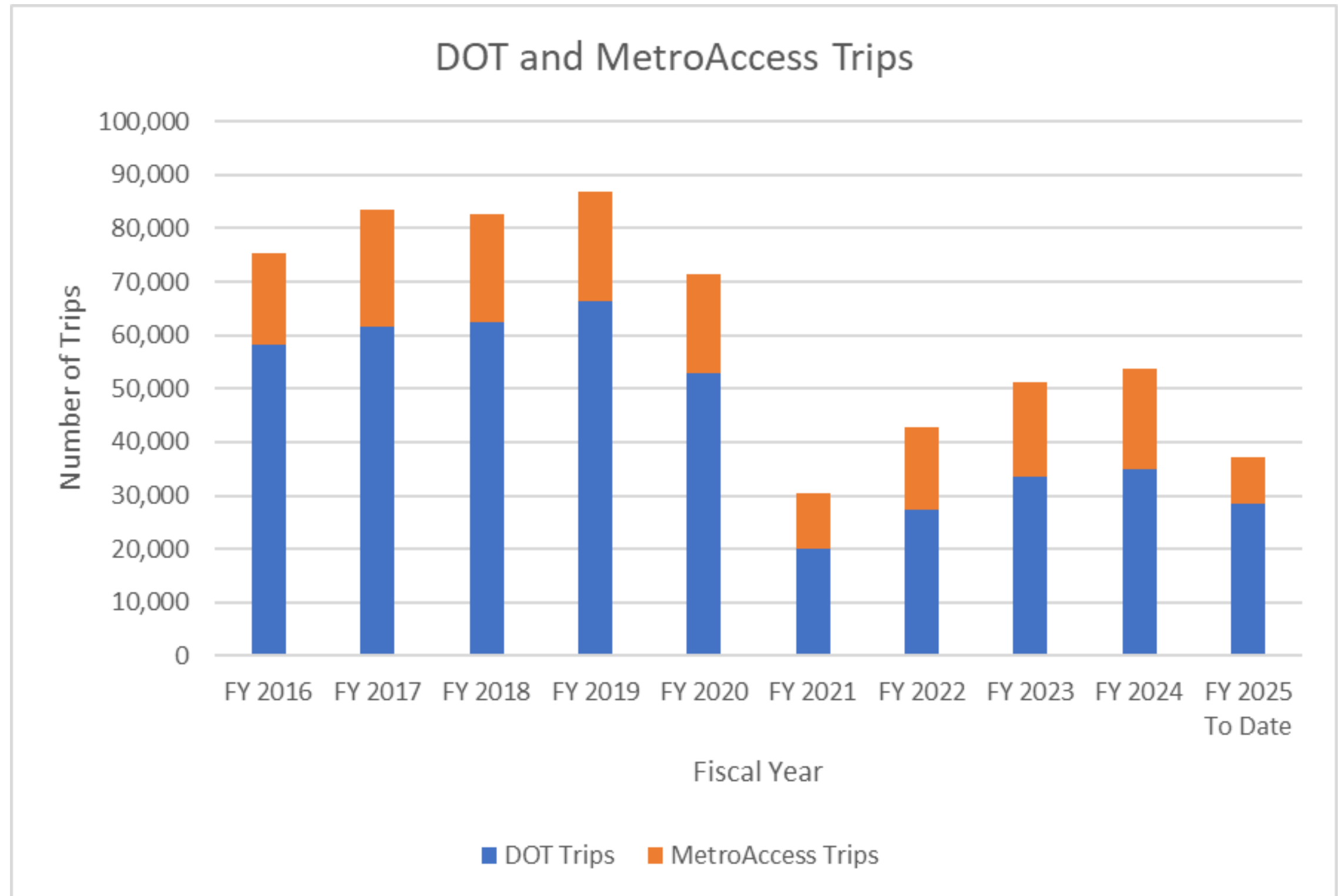
69% of
Trips are
Fare Free





DOT vs. Metro Access

- ▶ Metro Access ridership by city residents makes up less trips proportionally in FY 2025 compared to FY 2024
- ▶ The City is billed for Metro Access Trips completed by City residents.





Recent Program Improvements



Shifted Application
Processing to
Contractor



Hired Paratransit
Program Manager



Updated
Application
Process



Created
Recertification
Process



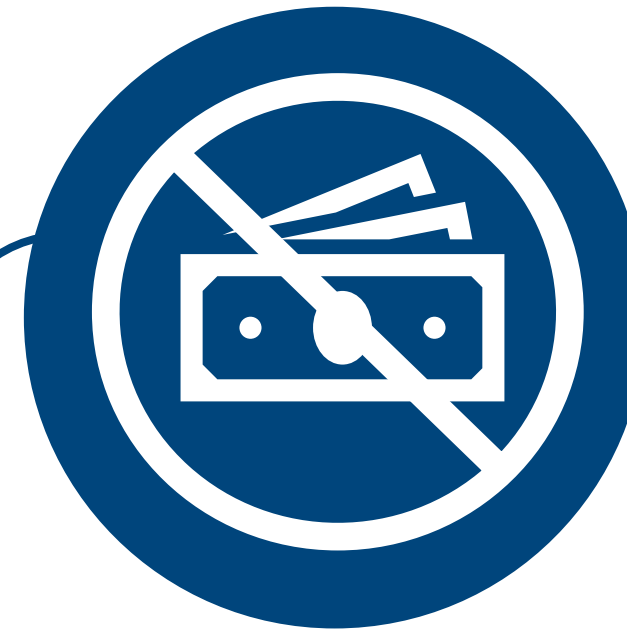
Recent Program Improvements



Updated Policies
and Procedures



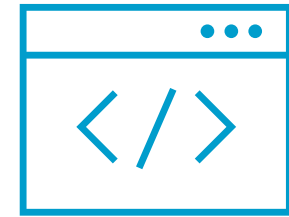
Created Feedback
Management
Process through 311



Expanded Fare
Free Zone



In the Works



Implementing New App
and Web Interface



Implement a Computerized
Telephone System



Coordination with City
Departments on Human
Services Transportation



Create a Communications
Strategy for current users
and promotion



Outreach to Boards
and Commissions



Coming Next

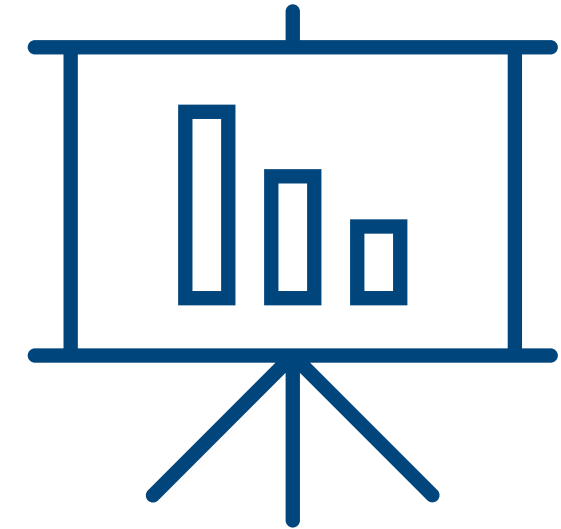
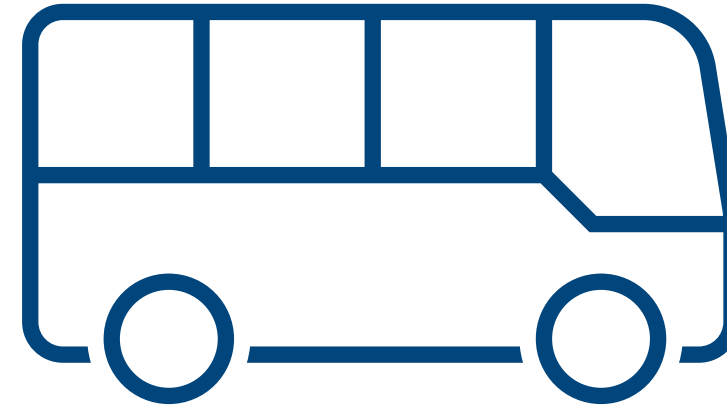
Develop Brand Identity

Evaluate Grant opportunities

Evaluate strategies to reduce trip cost

Evaluate options for same day reservations

Evaluate demand for expansion to additional service areas





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Action Item: I-495 Southside Express Lane Update

Agenda Item 7



I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study

Background

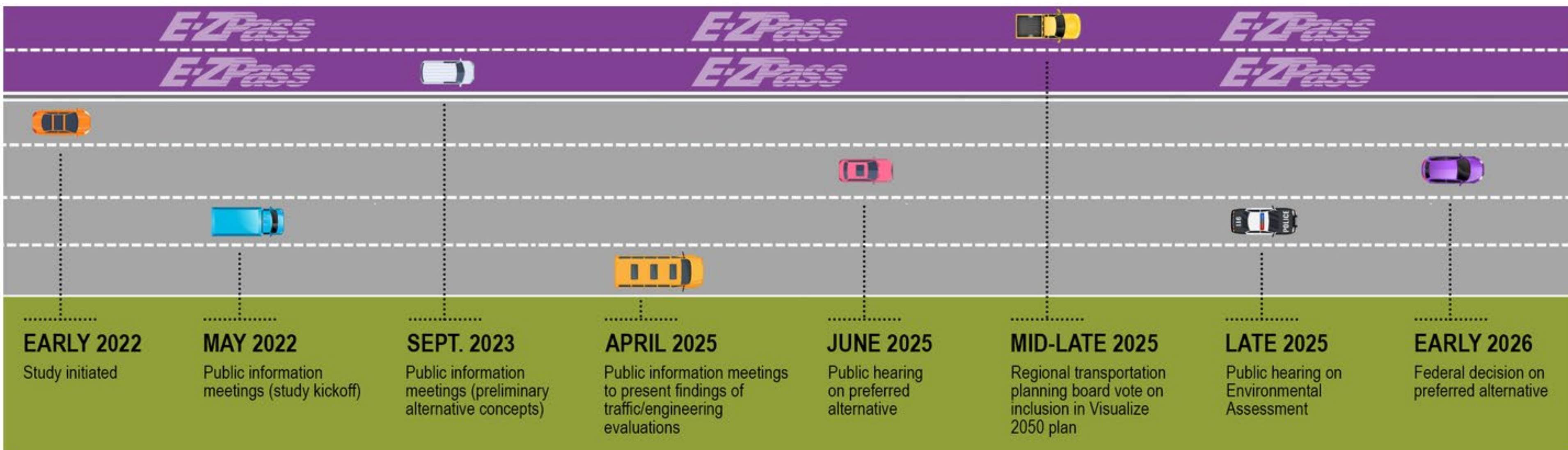
- VDOT led study proposes extending express lanes on I-495 from the Springfield Interchange to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.
- “Potential Benefits”
 - Congestion relief
 - Supports transit and HOV use
 - Increases regional travel reliability and connectivity
- Previously provided many Alternatives studied with NEPA
- P3 with Transurban



I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study

Previous Community Input (October 2023)

- Bias towards additional toll lanes
- City street congestion, reduced traffic safety
- Inconsistency with AMP, EAP, Vision Zero



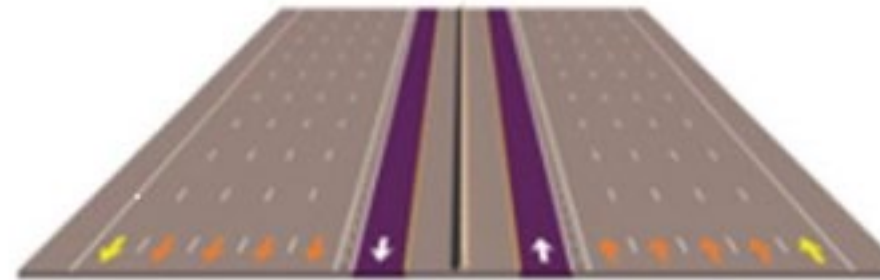
I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study

Proposal: Add 2 to 4 toll lanes on I-495 City Concerns

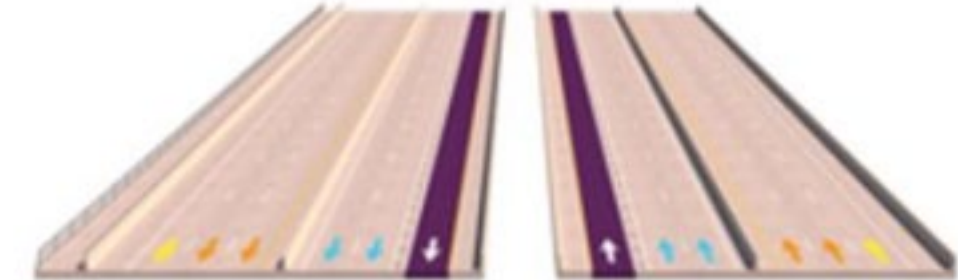
- Induced demand & increased congestion
 - More cut-through traffic
 - Congestion at interchanges like Duke Street, Telegraph Road, & Route 1.
- Environmental & Air Quality
- Reduced incentive to take transit
- Lack of support for active transportation options
- Little emphasis on mitigation measures

1 Express Lane Alternative

Virginia (I-95 to Eisenhower Ave.)

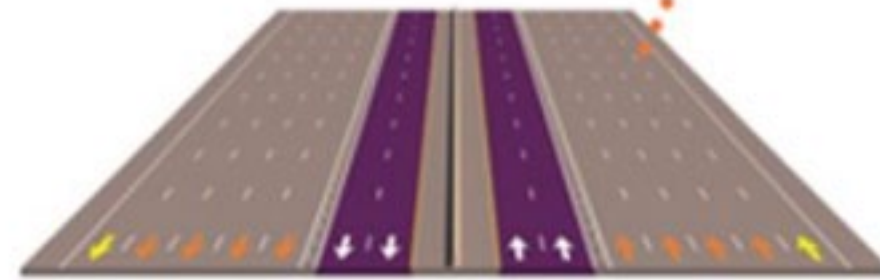


Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge

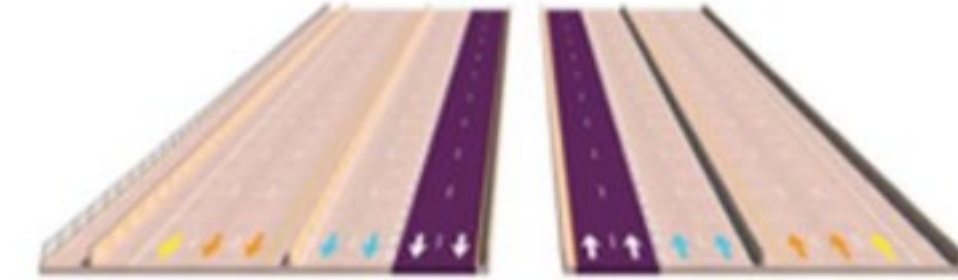


2 Express Lanes Alternative

Virginia (I-95 to Eisenhower Ave.)



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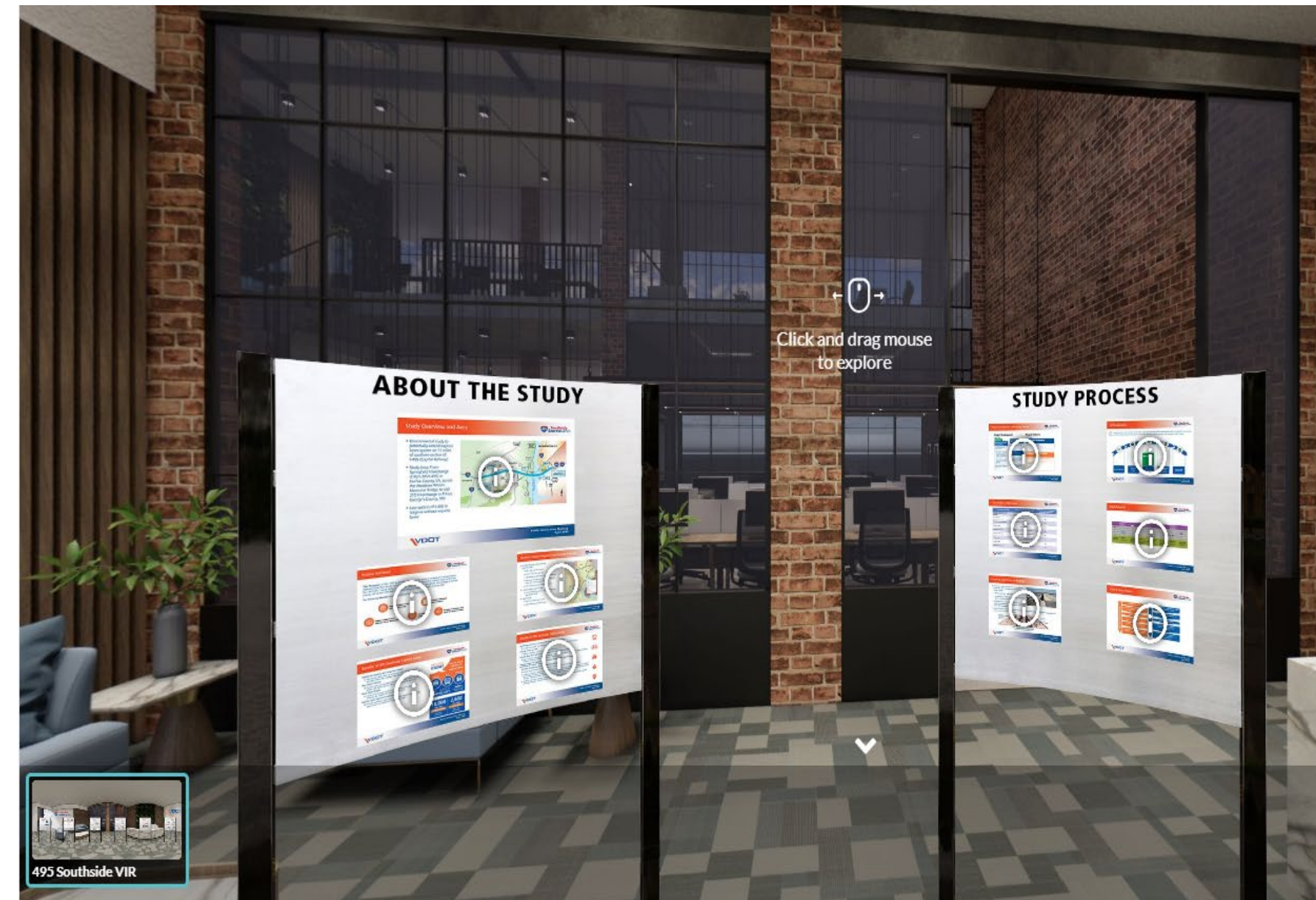


I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study

Next Steps

- Public input - April 21st
- City **letter** outlining concerns
 - Encourage VDOT to work with City staff on mitigations
 - Encourage VDOT to wait for preferred alternative until after results of traffic impacts to local streets
- Voice concerns at **TPB**
 - Must be included in Visualize 2050 to advance (finalized this fall)
- *Assume this is moving forward*
 - Focus on mitigation and funding for adjacent city projects

Agenda Item 7



Commissioner Updates

Agenda Item 8





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Written Items

Agenda Item 9



Other Business

Agenda Item 10



Other Business

- Transportation Commission Membership
 - REDUCE: Planning Commission representation to 1 member
 - MODIFY: DASH Board of Directors to allow them to assign a *designee* if a Board member is unavailable
 - NEW: Member who can represent the perspectives of older adults or people with disabilities





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Adjourn Transportation Commission Meeting

Next Meeting: May 21, 2025

