



# TRANSIT PLANNING PROGRAM



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# ABOUT THE TRANSIT PLANNING PROGRAM

The City's Transit Planning Program is working to reduce congestion, improve mobility throughout the city, and protect our environment by implementing the City's priority transitway corridors, transit centers, and transit stop improvement program as outlined in the Alexandria Mobility Plan (AMP). This work also includes coordinating with regional transit partners on capital and operating issues to ensure we collectively meet the goals of making transit greener, more reliable, and easy to use.

Coordination efforts with regional jurisdictions on transit-related themes include serving on working groups and committees that provide support to Councilmembers on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the WMATA Board, and Jurisdictional Coordinating Committee.

# FY25 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Duke Street Transitway**

- City Council approved recommended service road concepts and intersection improvements.
- Design Contract Finalized

- **West End Transitway**

- Finalized design on Phase I improvements.
- Completed the draft West End Operations Plan
- Kicked Off the Public Art Program

- **Landmark Transit Center**

- Project kicked-off with architectural firm to complete design by 2026

- **Metroway Extension from East Glebe Road to Evans Lane**

- Initiated concept design work, expected by end of 2025

- **WMATA**

- Approved FY26 Budget with subsidy allocation formula revisions
- Supported Better Bus Network Redesign effort
- Contributed to the DMVMOVES Task Force regional planning effort

- **Metro Road Corridor Improvements**

- Implemented roadway redesign to improve safety around the Van Dorn Metrorail station

- **Bus Stop Program**

- Improved ADA access at over 35 bus stops
- Enhanced bus stops with seating, lighting, and other amenities
- Completed design of 20 bus shelters
- Developed dynamic dashboard for bus stop amenities
- Implemented first phase of King Street Corridor Improvements
- Awarded \$1 million in grant funding for bus stop enhancements



# FY26 MAJOR WORK OBJECTIVES

## **Duke Street Transitway**

Support final design and develop the long-term plan to provide convenient bus service along the corridor in coordination with the Duke Street Land Use Plan. Develop relationships with stakeholders to mitigate construction impacts.

## **Metroway Extension**

Begin design of the Metroway Extension project to continue the bus only lanes on Route 1 between East Glebe Road and Evans Lane.

## **West End Transitway**

Support the West End Transitway implementation, Public Art Task Force, and coordinate with City leadership to determine final operations strategy.

## **Landmark Transit Center**

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.

## **Southern Towers Transit Center**

Initiate design for a new transit center at the Southern Towers apartment complex. This project will improve safety, access, and operations for DASH & Metrobus operators and riders at this high-ridership transit hub in support of the West End Transitway.





# FY26 MAJOR WORK OBJECTIVES

## **Transitway Enhancements**

The City was awarded \$1.5 million in CMAQ funding to make improvements to any of the City's three transitway corridors. Staff identified improvements along Callahan Drive (between Duke and King Streets) to improve connectivity between the Duke street Transitway and the King Street Metrorail station for people walking, biking, and scooting.

## **Regional Transit Budgets and Financing**

Staff will continue to collaborate with regional transit partners through efforts such as DMV Moves, SJ28, and the WMATA budget process to ensure facilities and operations are funded and advocate for the City's priorities.

## **King Street Reliability and Accessibility Upgrades**

Staff will continue strategies to improve bus speed and reliability King Street in Old Town for the 1,500 average daily boardings. Priorities in FY26 are to advance strategies and seek funding for longer-term improvements. .

## **Bus Stop Program**

The City continues to prioritize and implement phased ADA and amenity improvements at bus stops Citywide. Amenities include new bus shelters, seating, lighting, and other upgrades. Staff will also launch an updated website and interactive dashboard so residents can more clearly identify planned improvements and progress.



# REGIONAL COORDINATION EFFORTS

## **WMATA Coordination**


Staff serve on the Jurisdictional Coordinating Committee (JCC) to monitor WMATA board items and relay information to T&ES, OMB, and elected officials. Staff will support regional transit planning efforts through the DMVMOVES Task Force, implementation of the Better Bus Network Redesign, and the Blue Line Shutdown this summer.

## **DASH Coordination**

Staff ensures that DASH, T&ES and WMATA are coordinating appropriately on all initiatives and projects. This includes supporting DASH with budget requests and identifying and applying 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. NVTC is also working on Envision Route 7, a Bus Rapid Transit route connecting Tysons Corner with Alexandria, and City staff will support this effort as planning begins in the Alexandria portion of this project.



# WMATA IN ALX BY THE NUMBERS

**16**

WMATA Bus  
Routes

**15,700+**

Avg Daily WMATA  
Bus Boardings  
(2025)

**5**

Metrorail  
Stations

**11,300+**

Avg Daily WMATA  
Rail Boardings  
(2025)

**~3%**

Share of WMATA  
jurisdictional  
subsidy

**~\$79 million**

FY26WMATA  
Operation and  
Capital  
Contribution

# DASH IN ALX BY THE NUMBERS

**12**

DASH Bus  
Routes

**20,000+**

Avg Daily DASH  
Bus Boardings  
(2025)

**542**

DASH Stops

**FARE FREE**

**~16%**

Share of DASH  
fleet electrified

**~\$34 million**

FY26 DASH  
Operating Budget



# BUS STOPS IN ALX BY THE NUMBERS

**707**

Bus Stops

**22%**

Share of stops  
with bus shelters

**55%**

Share of stops  
with benches

**61%**

Share of stops that  
are ADA Compliant

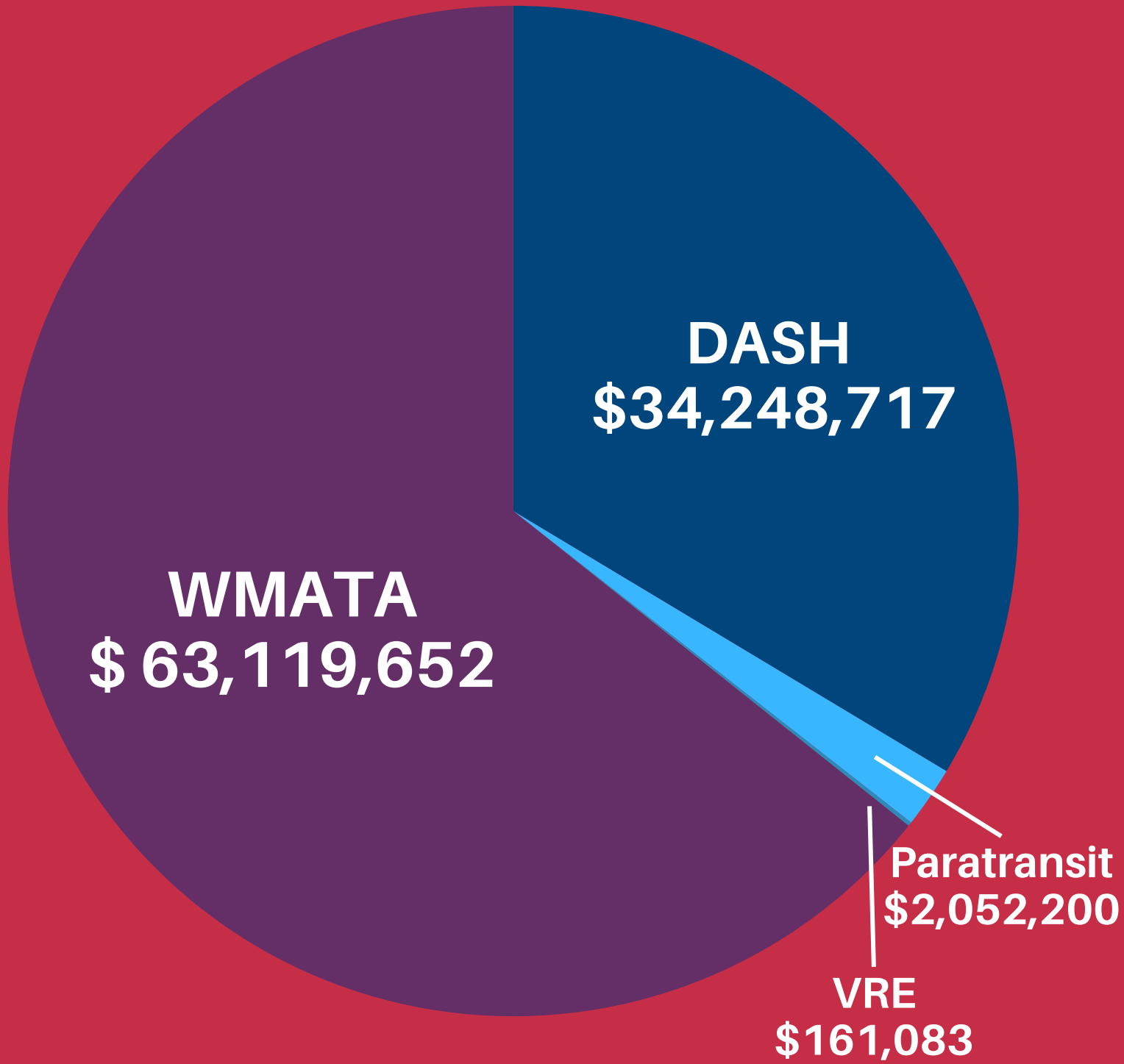
**12%**

Share of stops with  
real-time information  
displays

**\$1,000,000**

TRIP awards for bus  
stop enhancements

# TRANSIT OPERATING BUDGET FY 2026



# TRANSIT CAPITAL PROGRAM

## BUDGET & TIMELINE

Project	Total Awarded in Millions (source)	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Duke Street Transitway	\$87 (NVTA)	D	D	C	C	
Metroway	\$9 (Many)	D	D	D	C	C
Landmark Transit Center	\$13 (Smart Scale)	D	D	C	C	
Transitway Enhancements	\$1.5 (CMAQ)	D	D	C	C	
West End Transitway	\$62 (Many)	D	C	C		
Southern Towers Transit Center	\$10 (Smart Scale)	D	D	C	C	
Transit Access and Amenities	\$5.5 (Many)	Design and Construction Ongoing				

D	Design
C	Construction

FY 2026 Public Transit CIP  
FY 2026 High Capacity Transit Corridors CIP