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OVERVIEW			
PRESENTATION NAME	Approval to Apply for NVTC I-66 Commuter Choice Grant	DOCUMENT NO.	300079
ACTION OR INFORMATION	Action		
STRATEGIC TRANSFORMATION PLAN GOAL	Service excellence; Regional opportunity and partnership;		
RESOLUTION	Yes		
EXECUTIVE OWNER			
EXECUTIVE TEAM OWNER	Davis, Allison;		
ORGANIZATION	Planning and Performance		
DOCUMENT INITIATOR	Mike R. Collins		
OTHER INFORMATION			
COMMITTEE	Board Meeting (Consent)	COMMITTEE DATE	12/11/2025
PURPOSE/KEY HIGHLIGHTS	Seek Board approval to apply for a Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) Commuter Choice Grant		
DISCUSSION	Staff seeks approval to apply for a Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) Commuter Choice grant. Board approval to apply for the grant is an NVTC requirement. The Commuter Choice program invests toll revenues from the I-66 and I-395/95 Express Lanes in Northern Virginia into transit and multimodal projects that benefit users of each respective corridor. Projects must meet at least one of the following goals set forth by the program: (1) maximize person throughput, (2) improve mobility along the corridor. (3) support new, diverse travel choices, and (4)		



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	enhance transportation safety and travel reliability. Only projects within the corridor that meet one or more of the goals are eligible. NVTC issued its FY2027-2028 call for projects that provide options for the I-66 corridor on October 6, 2025, with an application deadline of December 12, 2025. NVTC anticipates that up to \$100 million will be available for new operating and capital projects. Operating funds are available for two years. If routes are successful, applications can be submitted in future funding cycles to continue service. Metro proposes to apply for \$11.4 million in operating funding for new F2X limited stop service, a weekday rush hour, service from Spring Hill station in Tysons to the Mark Center and West Alexandria Transit Center in Alexandria along Virginia Route 7. The route will offer a new, faster, limited-stop option for travelers in Tysons and Falls Church to access Metrorail at East Falls Church Station and the Mark Center in Alexandria. This service will also offer a faster option for those in West Alexandria, Skyline City, and Culmore to travel to Tysons. The rush hour service would run every 15 minutes from 5:30AM – 9:00AM and again from 3:00PM – 7:15PM. The grant request will provide operations for two years along with community outreach prior to launch of service. If funded, service could be implemented in the December 2026 timeframe and would invest in a DMVMoves regional priority Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor supporting the NVTC's Envision Route 7 BRT Project. Metro also plans to apply for \$3.14 million in operating funding for new service on proposed route A6X, a rush hour limited-stop service from Dunn Loring Station and the Arlington Blvd corridor, connecting to the Pentagon Transit Center and Crystal City Station. The route will provide service every 20 minutes from 5:15AM – 8:15AM, and again from 3:30PM t – 7:00PM, providing residents in that area a quick and reliable transit option to the Pentagon. The grant request will provide operations for two years along with community outreach prior to launch of service. If funded, service could be implemented in the December 2026 timeframe. This proposed rush hour service builds upon the Better Bus Network Redesign Visionary Network and provides a new service connection that could support future BRT planning efforts.
INTERESTED PARTIES	Northern Virginia Transportation Commission



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RECOMMENDATION/NEXT STEPS	Recommend the Board authorize the General Manager & Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to apply for the grant by the December 12 deadline, to accept funding, and execute an agreement with NVTC if the funds are awarded.
FUNDING IMPACT	The anticipated grant request for two years is \$11.4 million for the F2X service and \$3.14 million for the A6X service

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED:

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION COMMUTER CHOICE GRANT FOR NEW METROBUS ROUTES
F2X AND A6X

RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission ("NVTC") manages the Commuter Choice competitive grant program (the "Grant Program") that invests toll revenues from the I-66 and I-395/95 expressway corridors in Northern Virginia into transit and multimodal projects that benefit users; and

WHEREAS, The Grant Program requires that the applicant's governing body approve any grant submissions, which for WMATA is the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, NVTC opened a call for projects for FY 27-28 funding within the I-66 corridor on October 6, 2025, with an application deadline of December 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, NVTC anticipates there will be up to \$100 million in operating and capital funding available for new projects in the two-year cycle; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends submitting two applications for operating funding for new service on the proposed Metrobus F2X limited stop service route, a weekday rush hour, bi-directional service from Spring Hill station in Tysons to the Mark Center and West Alexandria Transit Center in Alexandria and for new service on the proposed Metrobus A6X route, which is rush hour limited stop service from Dunn Loring Station and the Arlington Boulevard corridor, connecting to the Pentagon and Crystal City; and

WHEREAS, Staff anticipates submitting one grant request for up to \$11.4 million for the F2X and a second grant request for up to \$3.14 million for the A6X to provide two years of operating assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes WMATA to apply to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for a Commuter Choice grant for FY 27-28 funding for new service on the proposed Metrobus F2X route, a weekday rush hour, bi-directional service from Spring Hill station in Tysons to the Mark Center and West Alexandria Transit Center in Alexandria which shall be the priority request for funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes WMATA to apply to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for a Commuter Choice grant for FY 27-28 funding for new service on the proposed Metrobus A6X route, which is proposed rush hour limited stop service from Dunn Loring Station and the Arlington Boulevard corridor, connecting to the Pentagon and Crystal City; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors delegates to the General Manager & CEO and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer authority to apply for, accept funding, and execute an agreement or agreements with the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission if WMATA is awarded one or more Commuter Choice grants; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That in order to meet the submission deadline established by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

/s/

Patricia Y. Lee
Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer,
and General Counsel