



TRANSIT & REGIONAL COORDINATION



- City of Alexandria, VA
- Department of Transportation & Environmental Services
- Transportation Planning Division



ABOUT TRANSIT & REGIONAL COORDINATION

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

The Regional Coordination program team serves on staff-level working groups and committees and provides support to Councilmembers on a number of regional bodies including the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Transportation Planning Board, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, and the Virginia Rail Express (VRE) board.

FY23 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Duke Street Transitway**
 - Received **formal input from nearly ~2000 community members** on concepts
 - **Over 1400 individuals engaged** at pop-up events
 - **Council approved concept plan** that is estimated to more than double ridership and reduce GHG emissions by over 650 metric tons by 2030
- **West End Transitway**
 - Design began in Fall 2022
 - Incorporated into AlexWest planning process
- **Landmark Transit Center**
 - Advanced funding to coincide with developer needs
- **Metroway Enhancements from Glebe Road to Evans Lane**
 - Repurposed old CMAQ grants to fund design for this project
- **WMATA**
 - **Brought back IY service** in the budget process
 - Participated in Bus Network Redesign
- **Bus Stop Inventory**
 - Completed an inventory of all bus stops Citywide to determine amenities, accessibility and infrastructure needs

FY24 MAJOR WORK OBJECTIVES

Duke Street Transitway

Staff will finalize the remaining conceptual design elements around service road configuration east of Cambridge and transfer the project into the Design phase, using a Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) procurement method with an NTP expected in early FY25.

Metroway Enhancements

Staff will work with DPI to begin the Design phase of the Metroway Enhancement project to expand the dedicated right-of-way for buses on Route 1 between Glebe Road and Evans Lane using DPI's Engineer of Record contract.

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 June 2024.

Landmark Transit Center

Once DRPT executes the \$13 million funding agreement, staff will work with DPI to 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.



FY24 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 early action improvements along Duke Street as a use for this funding and will work with DRPT to execute an agreement so that procurement can begin in FY25.

WMATA Budget & Reform

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

King Street Reliability and Accessibility Study

Staff will identify short, medium, and long-term strategies to make transit better along King Street for the approximately 1500 avg daily boardings along the Old Town portion of the corridor.

Visualize 2050

Staff will submit all required inputs to the Transportation Planning Board's federally required financially constrained long-range plan.



ONGOING PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Bus Stop Program

Staff are working to develop a coordinated and strategic bus stop program to prioritize improvements and explore opportunities of the new GoAlex Fund. New bus shelters are being designed through the CIP.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority


The Authority is responsible for long-range transportation project planning, prioritization and funding for regional transportation projects in Northern Virginia. The NVRTA's policies and priorities are guided by two overarching goals: reduce congestion and move the greatest number of people in the most cost-effective manner.

Transportation Planning Board

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for metropolitan Washington.

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.





ONGOING PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VRPA) is responsible for promoting and expanding passenger and commuter rail service in the Commonwealth. Created in 2020, VRPA administers all capital expansion projects, infrastructure, and land acquisitions related to the Transforming Rail in Virginia Program.

Virginia Railway Express


VRE provides commuter rail service from the Northern Virginia suburbs to Alexandria, Crystal City and Washington, D.C. Staff also support any Alexandria board members (currently Sarah Bagley).

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 also support any Alexandria Board members or alternates (currently Canek Aguirre is a Board alternate), 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. Support DASH with CIP and budget requests as well as participate on the team to identify and apply for grant funding. T&ES also has a representative on the Alexandria Transit Company Board of Directors.



WMATA IN ALX BY THE NUMBERS

19

WMATA Bus
Routes

7,000+

Avg Daily WMATA
Bus Boardings
(2022)

5

Metrorail
Stations

4,000+

Avg Daily WMATA
Rail Boardings
(2022)

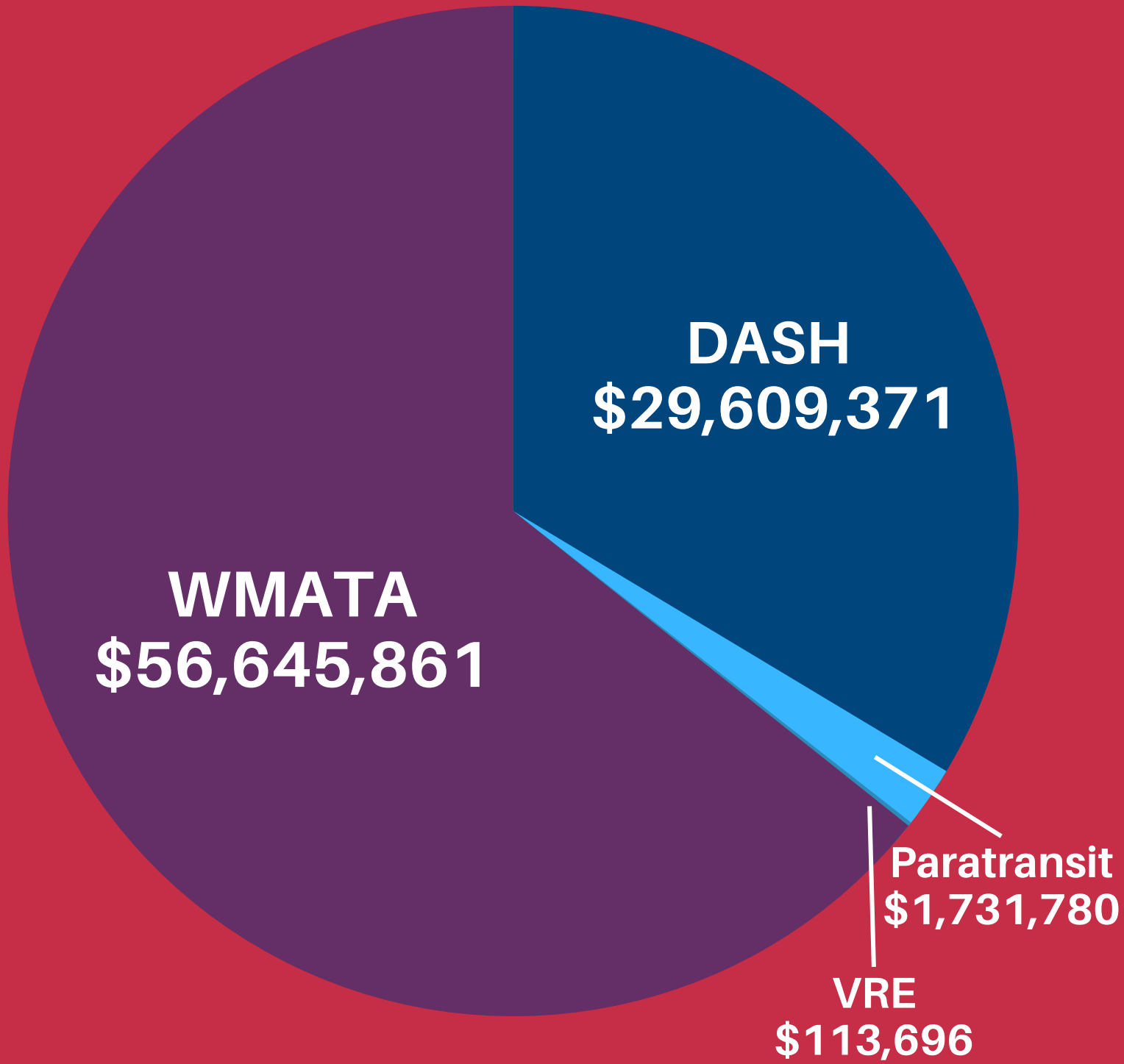
~5%

Share of WMATA
jurisdictional
subsidy

~\$70 million

FY24 WMATA
Operation and
Capital
Contribution

TRANSIT OPERATING BUDGET FY 2024



TRANSIT CAPITAL PROGRAM BUDGET & TIMELINE

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

D	Design
C	Construction

FY 2024 Public Transit CIP

FY 2024 High Capacity Transit Corridors CIP