

RESOLUTION NO. 2972

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
APPLICATIONS FOR THE I-395/95 COMMUTER CHOICE PROGRAM FOR FY 2022-
FY 2023**

WHEREAS, as part of the agreement for the High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes on I-395/95, the toll operator (Transurban) is required to provide grant funding for the I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), OmniRide/Potomac/Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC), the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Commonwealth signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that will provide a minimum of \$15 million annually to fund transit related improvements in the I-395/95 corridor beginning in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program is to support projects that maximize person throughput and implement multimodal improvements along the I-395/95 corridor; and

WHEREAS, the I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program projects will be scored based on technical merit, cost effectiveness, applicant preference, and toll day one readiness; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for allocation of funds of \$6,810,000 over two years for the first priority project for DASH West End-Pentagon Bus Service Enhancements (Line 35) and \$4,180,000 over two years for the second priority project for DASH West End-Potomac Yard Bus Service Enhancements (Line 36) for a total allocation of funds for \$10,990,000 over two years for the City of Alexandria, through the I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:**

1. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports the applications for an allocation of up to \$10,990,000 through the I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program; and
2. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program.

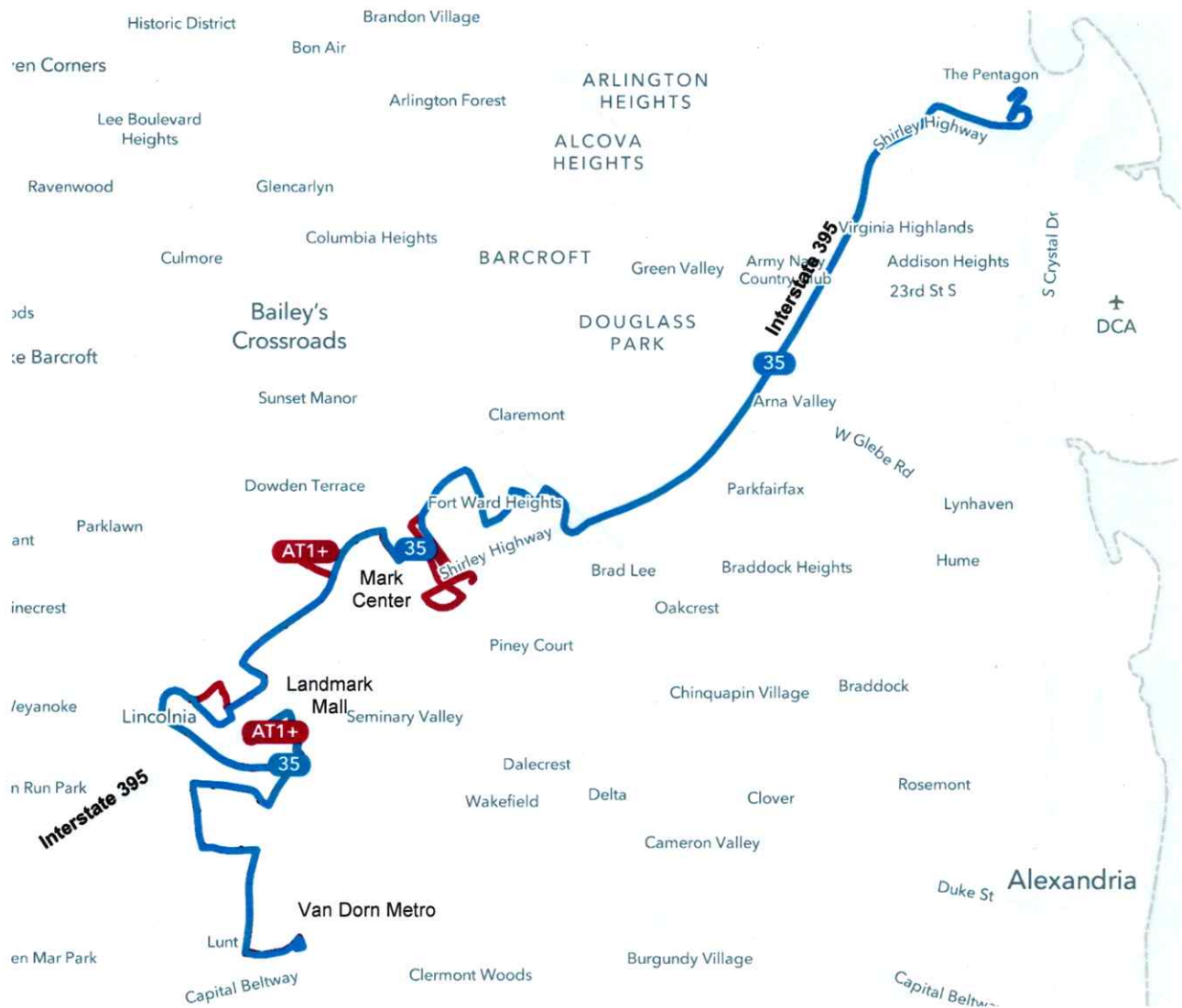
Adopted: January 12, 2021


JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

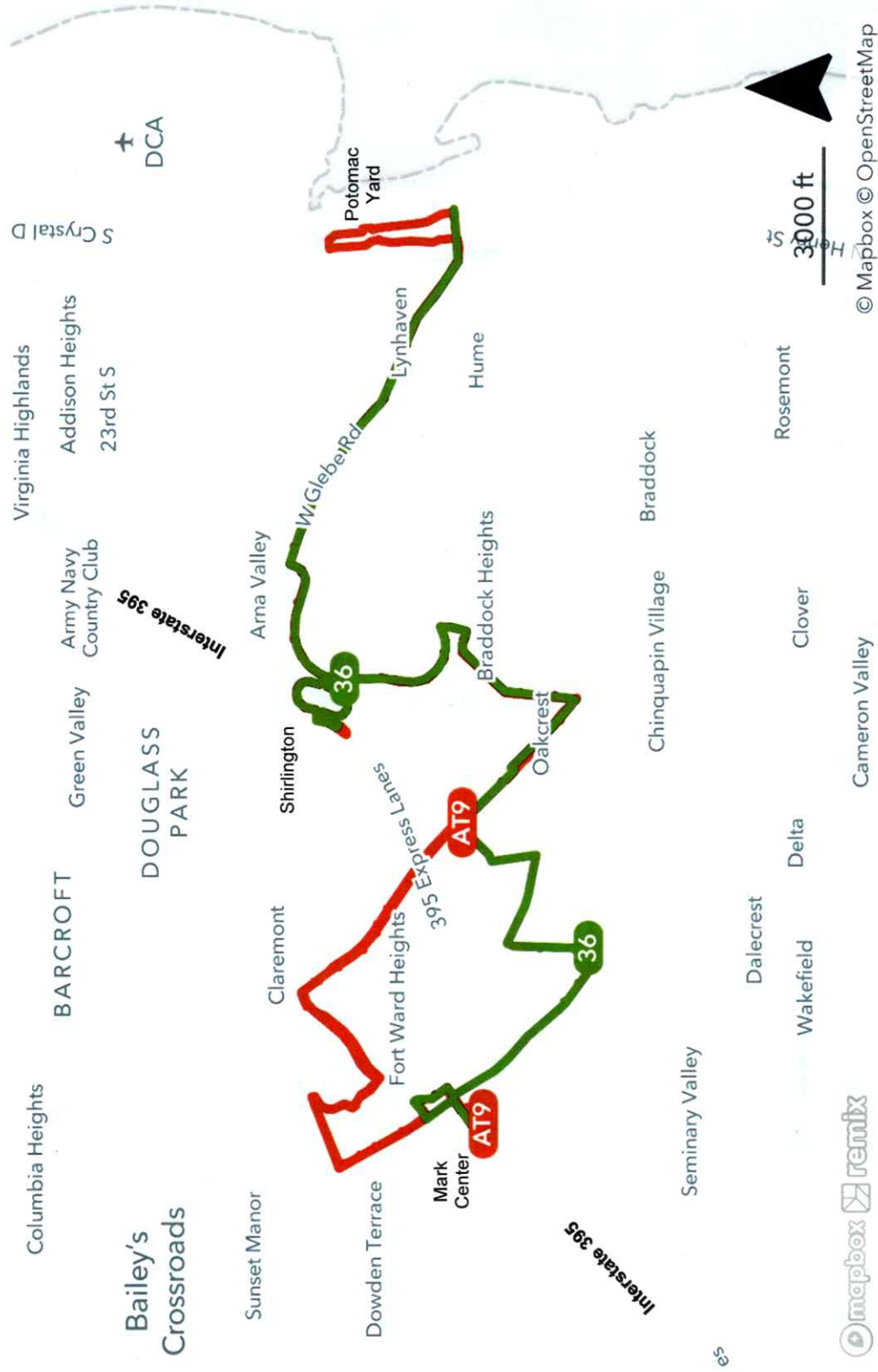

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

“Line 35” Map (Van Dorn Metro to Pentagon via Mark Center)



Note: The existing AT-1+ route is also show on this map for comparison purposes. The AT-1+ runs along a very similar alignment as the new “Line 35” between Van Dorn Metro and Southern Towers.

“Line 36” Map (Mark Center to Potomac Yard via Shirlington)



Note: The existing AT-9 route is also show on this map for comparison purposes. The AT-9 runs along a very similar alignment as the new “Line 36” between Potomac Yard and Mark Center.



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Honorable Mayor Justin Wilson and Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

December 16, 2020

Re: Endorsement of Application for I-395/95 Commuter Choice (Round Two) Grant

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its December 16, 2020 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse two I-395/95 Commuter Choice Grant applications, which will be brought to Council on January 12, 2021. The proposals seek a total of \$10,990,000 over a two-year period for service enhancements on two DASH routes in the new 2022 Alexandria Transit Vision (ATV) Plan that provide important transit connections for the West End.

The proposed top priority project, "DASH West End – Pentagon Bus Service Enhancements", would provide weekday, Saturday, and Sunday service enhancements for the new DASH "Line 35". This route replaces the existing AT-1 Plus DASH route in West Alexandria with an extension up to the Pentagon. This project will build on pre-pandemic AT-1 Plus ridership increases along the planned West End Transitway corridor, maintain a potential future source of operations funding for the transitway, and support the implementation of the 2022 ATV Plan. Total project cost for FY 2022 – 2023 is \$6,810,000.

The second-priority project, "DASH West End – Potomac Yard Bus Service Enhancements", proposes weekday, Saturday, and Sunday service enhancements for "Line 36", which replaces the existing AT-9 DASH route. "Line 39" provides service to key destinations along the I-395 corridor including the Mark Center, Shirlington, Arlandria, and the future Potomac Yard Metro Station. The proposed service enhancements will increase service along this corridor so that it runs every 15 minutes, all-day, seven days each week, as outlined by the 2022 ATV Plan. The total two-year cost of the project is \$4,180,000.

The Commission recommends that Council support these grant requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa McMahon", is written over a horizontal line.

Melissa McMahon
Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission
Mark Jinks, City Manager
Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES
Josh Baker, DASH



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR REGIONAL AID TO
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

RESOLUTION # 20-0004

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alexandria Transit Company Board of Directors that Josh Baker, CEO/General Manager, is authorized, for and on behalf of the Alexandria Transit Company, hereafter referred to as the, PUBLIC BODY, to execute and file an application to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, hereafter referred to as the, COMMISSION, for a grant of financial assistance through the FY 2022 – FY 2023 I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program in the amount of \$3,500,000 in FY 2022 and \$3,310,000 in FY 2023 to defray the costs borne by the PUBLIC BODY for purposes of implementing “DASH West End - Pentagon Bus Service Enhancements (Line 35)” and to accept from the COMMISSION grants in such amounts as may be awarded, and to authorize Josh Baker, CEO/General Manager, to furnish to the COMMISSION such documents and other information as may be required for processing the funding request. No local matching funds are required for applications submitted through the FY2022 – FY2023 I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program.

The Alexandria Transit Company certifies that the funds shall be used in accordance with the requirements of Section 58.1-638.A.4 of the Code of Virginia, that the records of receipts of expenditures of funds granted the PUBLIC BODY may be subject to audit by the COMMISSION and by the State Auditor of Public Accounts, and that funds granted to the PUBLIC BODY for defraying the expenses of the PUBLIC BODY shall be used only for such purposes as authorized in the Code of Virginia. The undersigned duly qualified and acting Chairman of the PUBLIC BODY certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Alexandria Transit Company Board of Directors held on the Ninth day of December, 2020.

David Kaplan, Chairman
Alexandria Transit Company

ATTEST:

Beth Reveles, Secretary of the Board
Alexandria Transit Company

12/09/2020



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I-395 Commuter Choice Grant

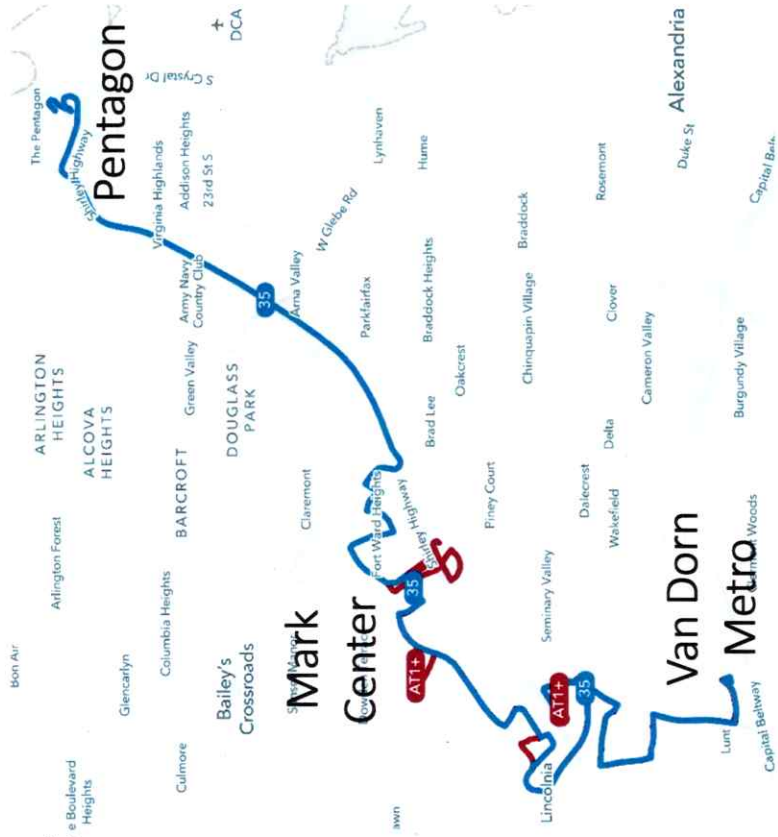
City Council Legislative Meeting

January 12, 2021

#1 / West End – Pentagon (Line 35)

DASH Service Enhancements

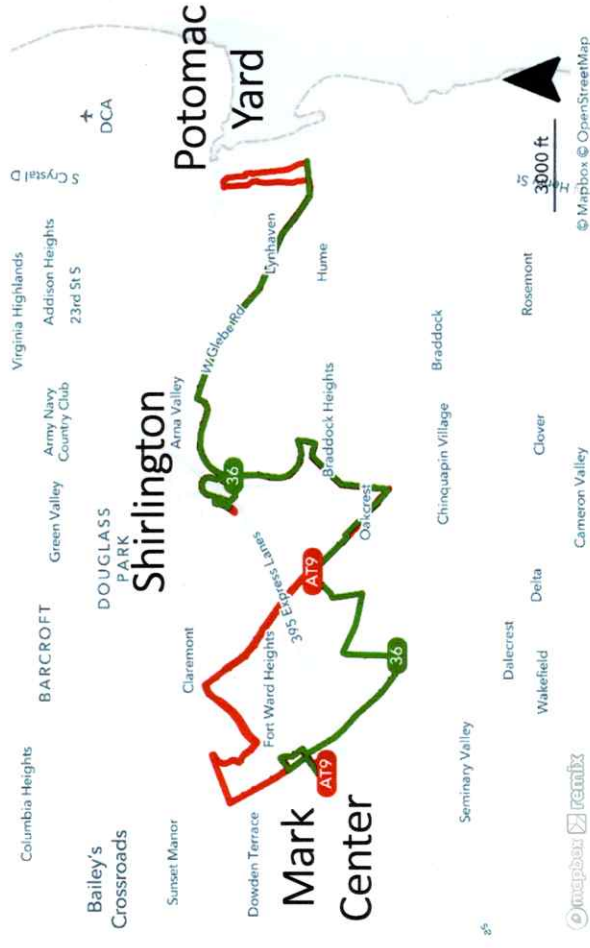
- Build upon recent ridership growth along I-395 corridor and future West End Transitway
- Replaces existing AT1 Plus routing (shown in red, at right) with new extension to Pentagon
- Previous AT1 Plus enhancements netted 25 percent YOY ridership increase, prior to pandemic.
- Consistent with 2022 Alexandria Transit Vision (Summer 2021)
- Cost: \$6.81 million (24 months)



#2 / End-Potomac Yard (Line 36)

DASH Service Enhancements

- Creates highly useful transit for Mark Center, Southern Towers, Arlandria & Potomac Yard Metro)
- Replaces existing AT9 (orange) with 15 min. all-day service, 7 days/week (Currently 20-30 min.)
- Previous AT9 enhancements netted 45 percent YOY ridership increase, prior to pandemic.
- Consistent with 2022 Alexandria Transit Vision (Summer 2021)
- Cost: \$4.18 million (24 months)



QUESTIONS?
Thank you!