

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager  
**FROM:** Jamie Jackson, Director of Public Transit  
**DATE:** January 20, 2021 (for the January 28 Council Meeting)  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution Endorsing Fredericksburg Regional Transit's I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program Round 2 Project Applications

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**ISSUE**

Endorsement of Fredericksburg Regional Transit's project application submission for the I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program Round 2 projects. An endorsement by the jurisdiction's Council to apply for Commuter Choice funding is required.

**RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that City Council adopt the attached resolution endorsing the two submitted projects for Commuter Choice on the I-395/95 program in order of priority. Project One (1) Park and Ride Lot - FRED Central Transit Center and Project Two (2) Rte. 208 Park and Ride Lot FRED Feeder Bus to Fredericksburg Amtrak/VRE.

**DISCUSSION**

The Commuter Choice program invests toll revenues from two regional expressway corridors, I-66 Inside the Beltway and I-395/95 between Spotsylvania County and the D.C. line, to provide funding for multimodal transportation projects that benefit the respective corridor's toll road users. The program is administered by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), who has prescreened both projects recommended for submission by FRED. NVTC initiated a call for Round 2 projects in November, 2020 with an application deadline of January 29, 2021.

FRED's projects, in order of priority, are Project 1 – Park and Ride Lot at FRED Central Transit Center. This application includes all related work to complete the project; planning, property acquisition of the adjacent properties, design, engineering, and marketing. This location would provide additional commuter convenience and access to park and ride facilities on Route 1 for the region. Project 2 is the Rte. 208 Park and Ride Lot Feeder Bus to Fredericksburg Amtrak/VRE station, which will include the acquisition of vehicles, operational costs, and related park and ride lot improvement; including a new transit shelter, signage, and bicycle racks. This will be a limited stop service. (Spotsylvania County will also be taking this issue up at their January 26, 2021 board meeting and are expected to endorse pursuit.)

All applications require a formal authorization resolution from the applicant's Council.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Commuter Choice program does not have a funding match requirement (outside of fare revenue).

Attachments: Resolution



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**MOTION:**

**SECOND:**

**RE: Endorsement of Fredericksburg Regional Transit's I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program Route 2 Project Applications**

**ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 0; Nays: 0**

The I-395/95 Commuter Choice program invests a portion of the toll revenues from the I-395/95 Express Lane facilities into transit and other multimodal enhancements that benefit toll road users.

Fredericksburg Regional Transit recommends the submission of two project applications for Round 2 of the I-395/95 Commuter Choice program in order of priority, the FRED Central Park and Ride Lot and the Rte. 208 Park and Ride Lot FRED Feeder Bus to Fredericksburg AMTRAK/VRE. Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED) has agreed to submit the Rte. 208 Park and Ride Lot FRED Feeder Bus to Fredericksburg AMTRAK/VRE project on behalf of Spotsylvania County since FRED would be the implementing agency.

Therefore, the City Council hereby resolves:

That the Fredericksburg City Council endorses two applications for Round 2 of the I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program: Project 1: FRED Central Park and Ride Lot and Project 2: Rte 208 PNR Lot FRED Feeder Bus to Fredericksburg AMTRAK/VRE project.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Absent from Vote:**

**Absent from Meeting:**

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***Clerk's Certificate***

*I certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 20-, adopted at a meeting of the City Council held Date, 2020, at which a quorum was present and voted.*

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***Tonya B. Lacey, MMC  
Clerk of Council***