



What's in the Plan for 2030?

The Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan
scheduled to be adopted October 18, 2006

What is the Long-Range Transportation Plan?

The Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan, or CLRTP, includes all regionally significant transportation projects and programs that are planned in the Washington metropolitan region over the next 25 years.

Hundreds of projects are included, ranging from simple highway landscaping to billion-dollar highway and transit projects. Some of these projects are scheduled for completion in the near future, whereas others are only in the initial planning stages. Some of the major projects in the plan are highlighted on page 16.

The projects and programs that go into the plan are developed cooperatively by governmental bodies and agencies represented on the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB). Each year the plan is updated to include new projects and programs, and analyzed to ensure that it meets federal requirements relating to funding and air quality.

This brochure was created to describe the draft plan. It is intended to provide information to facilitate public comment.



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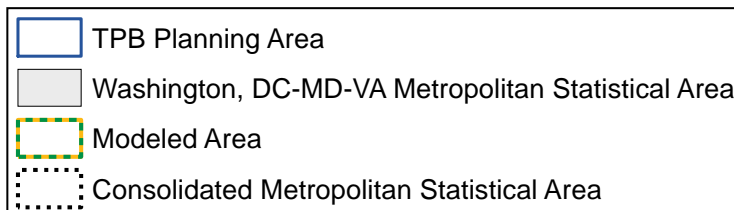
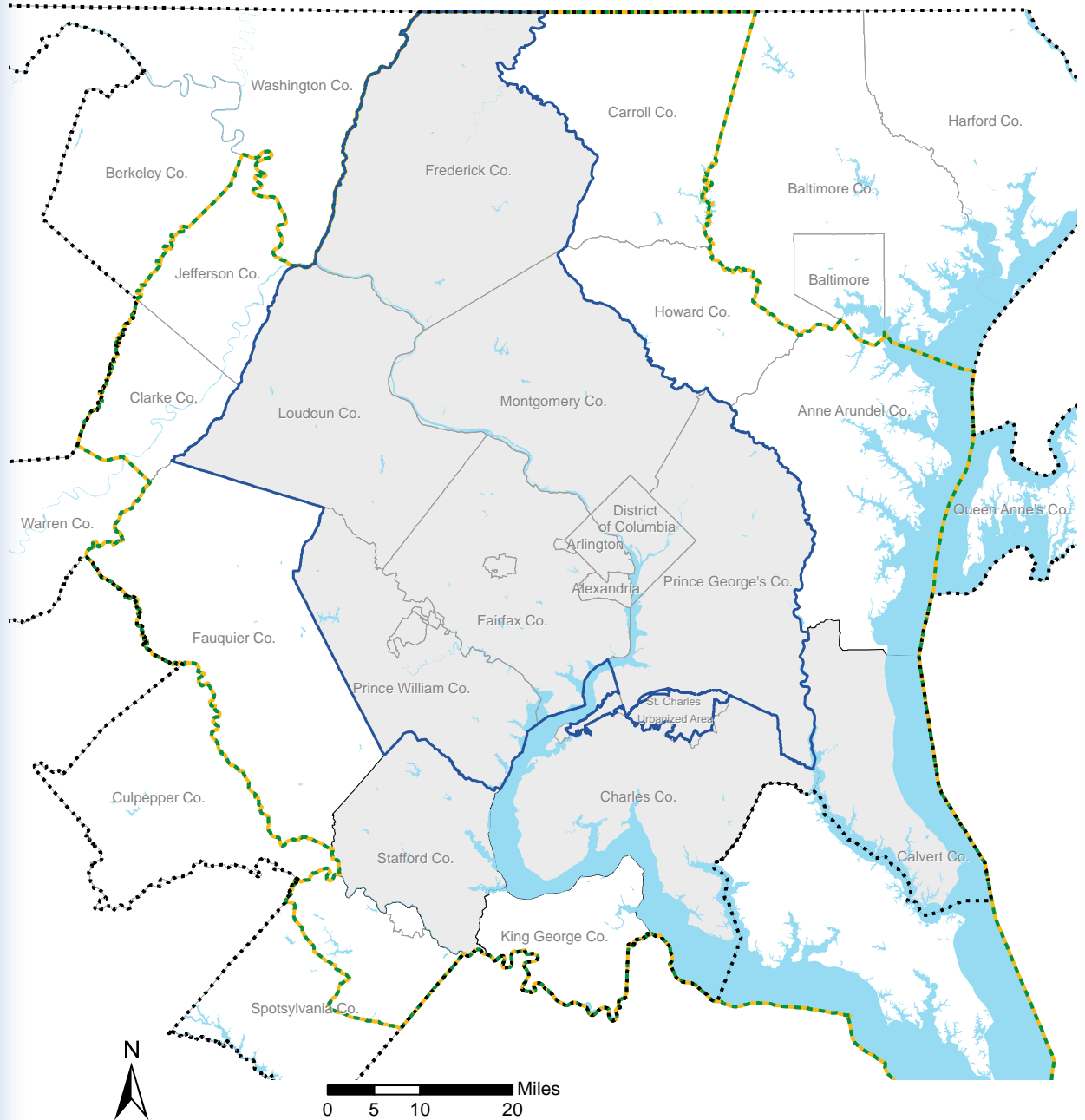
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TPB Planning Area

Members of the TPB include representatives of local governments, state transportation agencies, state and D.C. legislatures, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), which runs the Metro System.



The TPB Vision Goals

Adopted in 1998, the Vision is the policy framework guiding the development of the plan. In addition to goals, the Vision includes a vision statement, strategies, and objectives. The full Vision document is available at www.mwcog.org/transportation.

1. The Washington metropolitan region's transportation system will provide **reasonable access at reasonable cost** to everyone in the region.

2. The Washington metropolitan region will develop, implement, and maintain an interconnected transportation system that enhances quality of life and promotes a strong and growing economy throughout the entire region, including **a healthy regional core and dynamic regional activity centers** with a mix of jobs, housing and services in a walkable environment.

3. The Washington metropolitan region's transportation system will give priority to **management, performance, maintenance, and safety of all modes and facilities**.

4. The Washington metropolitan region will use the **best available technology** to maximize system effectiveness.

5. The Washington metropolitan region will plan and develop a transportation system that enhances and protects the region's **natural environmental quality, cultural and historic resources, and communities**.

6. The Washington metropolitan region will achieve better inter-jurisdictional **coordination of transportation and land use planning**.

7. The Washington metropolitan region will achieve an **enhanced funding mechanism(s)** for regional and local transportation system priorities that cannot be implemented with current and forecasted federal, state, and local funding.

8. The Washington metropolitan region will support options for **international and interregional travel and commerce**.



Federal Requirements and SAFETEA-LU

The long-range plan must meet several federal requirements related to TEA-21 and SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: Legacy for Users), the federal transportation authorization bill passed in 2005. SAFETEA-LU established new requirements and reaffirmed existing rules for metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in developing long-range transportation plans. The TPB is currently working on meeting all of the SAFETEA-LU requirements. Below is a summary of how the long-range plan meets some of the requirements. To find out more, please visit the plan website: www.mwcog.org/regionaltransportationplan.

Financial Constraint

Federal law requires the long-range plan to be based on revenue sources that are “reasonably expected to be available.” The CLRP is a financially constrained plan. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the operator of Washington’s Metrorail system, currently has unfunded capital needs that would expand the rail system’s capacity. Due to the lack of dedicated funding for these needs, the TPB has placed a constraint within its regional transportation model that caps the available transit capacity at year 2005 levels. For more information on the financial and transit ridership constraints, please see the financial plan information on page 6.



Air Quality

The TPB must make sure that the projects in the CLRP and TIP, taken collectively, contribute to air quality improvement goals for the region. This is a requirement of the federal Clean Air Act. The plan’s air quality conformity is assessed by comparing forecasted mobile source emissions of various pollutants to emissions ceilings (called “mobile emissions budgets”). The pollutants of concern include volatile organic compounds (VOCs), nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and carbon monoxide (CO). The emissions ceilings are established in the air quality plan for the region. The draft analysis of the plan indicates that mobile emissions are within currently required budgets for 2010, 2020, and 2030. See page 19.



Environmental Justice, Title VI and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

To ensure on-going participation from low-income and minority communities and persons with disabilities, the TPB created the Access for All (AFA) Advisory Committee in 2001 to advise the Board on transportation issues, programs, policies, and services that are important to these communities and individuals. In addition, the long-range plan is analyzed for negative impacts on low-income, minority and disabled populations. An analysis of the 2004 CLRP showed that, based on accessibility to jobs, the 2004 CLRP did not appear to have disproportionate adverse impacts on transportation-disadvantaged groups. An analysis of the 2006 CLRP will also be conducted. The TPB hosted a Disability Awareness event to highlight the important role of accessible and reliable transportation for people with disabilities in 2004. The AFA continues to be involved in improving accessible transportation.



Public Participation

To foster greater participation by citizens in the transportation planning process, the TPB has developed a formal policy on public involvement. Changes to the long-range plan have followed this public involvement policy, including 30-day public notice and comment periods for all changes. Starting in 2004, public comments for the Plan and TIP can be made on the website, are posted on the website and are searchable by the public. The TPB has established two citizen advisory committees to help ensure adequate public participation in the planning process. The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is the main standing body for providing citizen input into the deliberations of the TPB. The second committee, described above, is the Access for All (AFA) Advisory Committee. The AFA reviewed and commented on the draft CLRP. The public participation plan required by SAFETEA-LU is expected to be drafted with input from the public by spring 2007.



Human Service Transportation Coordination

SAFETEA-LU requires the TPB as a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to be more involved with human service transportation coordination efforts to improve transportation for low-income populations, persons with disabilities and older adults. The TPB has established a Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force to develop a Coordinated Plan for the region. As required under SAFETEA-LU, this plan will address three Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs: 1) Formula Program for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities; 2) Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program; and 3) New Freedom Program. The TPB was designated the recipient of JARC and New Freedom funds for the Washington DC-MD-VA Urbanized Area by the D.C. Mayor and the governors of Maryland and Virginia in August 2006.



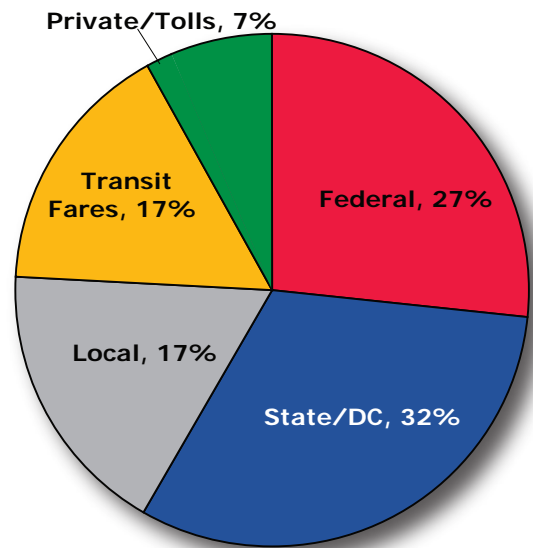
Financial Plan

A comprehensive financial plan was prepared for the 2006 CLRP. The financial plan demonstrates that the estimated revenues reasonably expected to be available of \$109.8 billion equal the estimated costs of expanding, while adequately maintaining and operating, the highway and transit system in the region from 2007 through 2030. It includes forecasts of transportation revenues and expenditures for the Washington Metropolitan Region for the 24-year period of 2007 to 2030. The forecasts were prepared by the transportation implementing agencies and jurisdictions, with technical integration and documentation provided by consultants. The documentation on the financial plan is available on the TPB website at: www.mwcog.org/transportation.

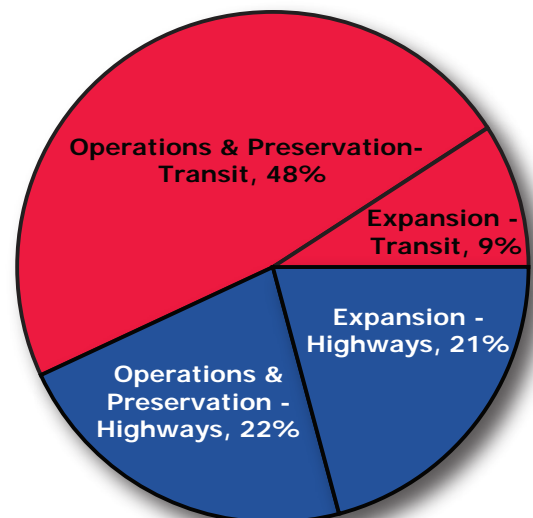
Transit Ridership is Constrained

During 2006, progress was made in Congress and the legislatures of Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia to identify an additional \$3 billion in revenues (\$1.5 billion in federal funds from the Davis Bill and \$1.5 billion in matching funds from dedicated sources in the District and states) for WMATA's future capital needs. However, for this CLRP the \$3 billion in new WMATA revenue is not assumed. To address this situation where funding has not yet been identified to accommodate all of the projected WMATA ridership growth, a method that has been applied since the 2000 CLRP was used to limit the projected ridership to be consistent with the available funding for the capacity improvements.

CLRP Revenues (2007 - 2030)
\$109.8 Billion

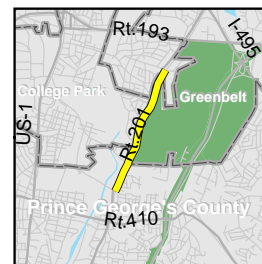
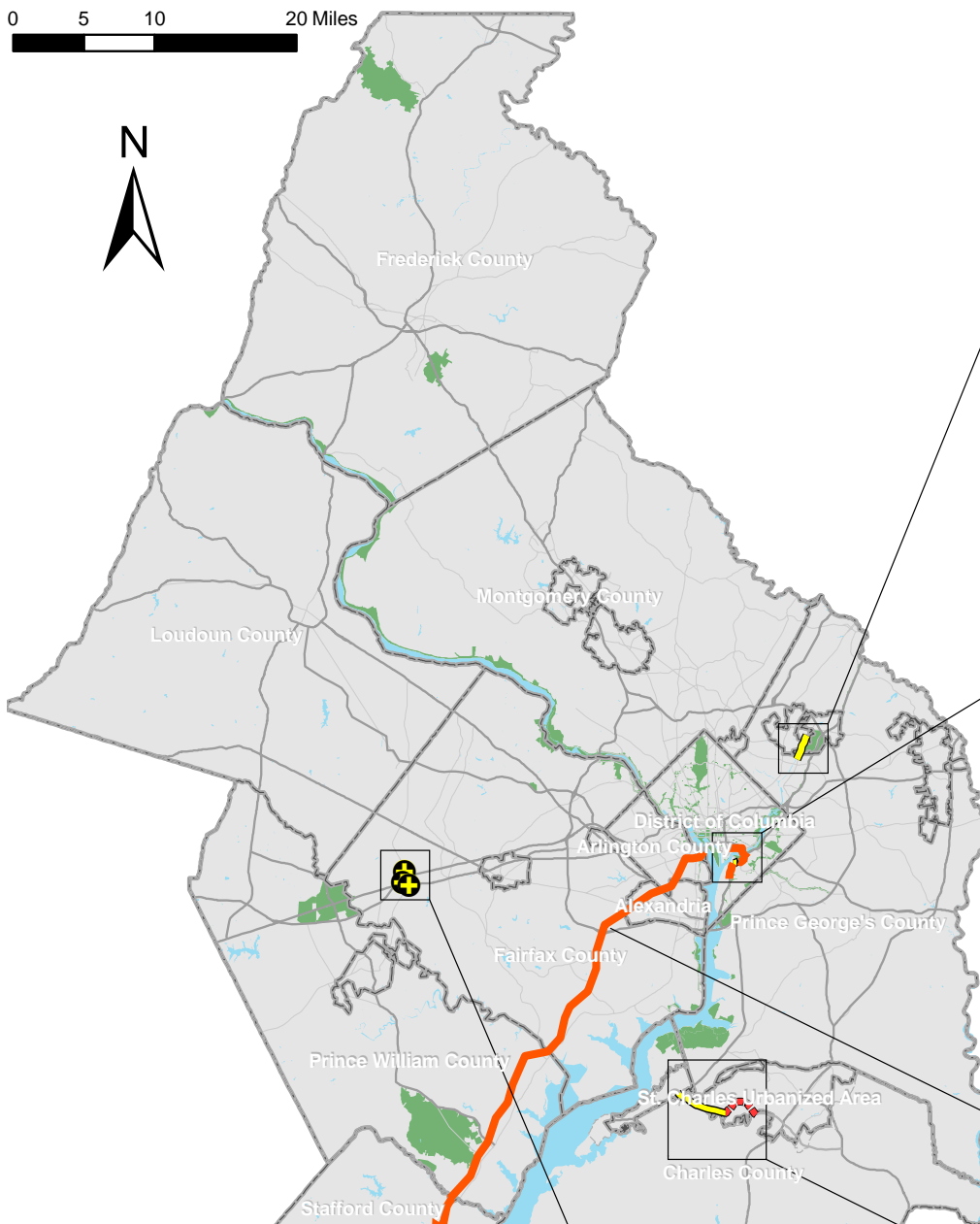
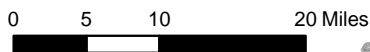


CLRP Expenditures (2007 - 2030)
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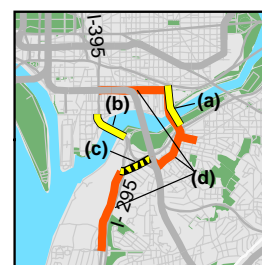


New Projects and Studies Proposed

The six projects and two studies shown below have been proposed to be added to the Long Range Plan this year. The plan is scheduled to be approved at the TPB's October 18, 2006 meeting.



Widen MD 201, Kenilworth Avenue
 Length: 2 miles
 Complete: 2010, Cost: \$3 million
 Funding: The University of Maryland



11th Street Bridges Reconstruction (a)
 Length: 1 mile
 Complete: 2011, Cost: \$377 million
 Funding: Federal earmarks, local funds

South Capitol St/Bridge Reconstruction (b)
 Length: 3.5 miles
 Complete: 2015, Cost: \$625 million
 Funding: Federal earmarks, local funds

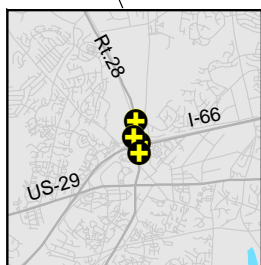
Anacostia Street Car Project, Phase I (c)
 Length: 1/2 mile
 Complete: 2011, Cost: \$21 million
 Funding: Bonds and local funds

Anacostia Street Car Project Study (d) Phases II - IV
 Length: 3.5 miles
 Complete: 2011, Cost: \$3 million

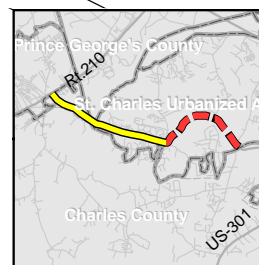
Study Proposal to Build and Operate HOV/HOT Lanes on I-95/I-395
 Between the Virginia state line and the I-95 Massaponax exit in Spotsylvania County
 Length: 47 miles
 Complete: 2007, Cost: \$380,000

Proposed Improvements

- New Studies
- Interchange Improvement
- Widen/Improve Existing Road
- New Road Construction
- Transit Improvements

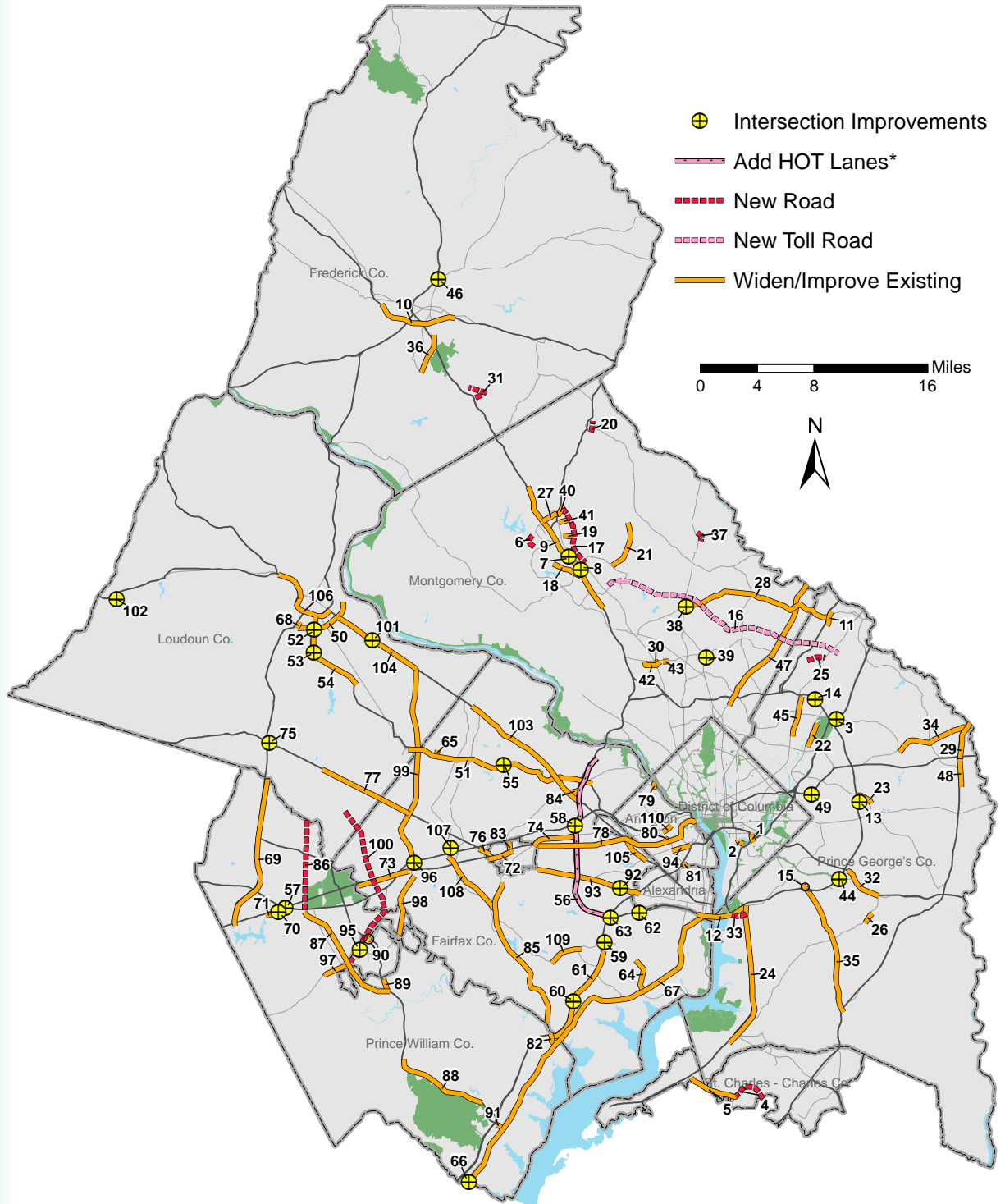


Upgrade VA 28 at I-66 Interchange
 Complete: 2008, Cost: \$750,000
 Funding: Federal, state, local, private and bonds



Cross-County Connector (Phases 5 - 7)
 Length: 8 miles
 Complete: 2009, Cost: \$33.6 million
 Funding: Local county funds

Major Highway Improvements...



* HOT stands for High-Occupancy/Toll. See HOT Lane description on page 15.

...in the Regional Transportation Plan

District of Columbia

- 1 **11th Street Bridge reconstruction, 2011**
- 2 **South Capitol St./Bridge Reconstruction, including intersection with Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, 2015**

Maryland

- 3 Baltimore Washington Parkway at MD 193, Intersection Improvement, 2025
- 4 **Cross-County Connector (Phase 5) 2007**
- 5 **Cross-County Connector (Phases 6 & 7) reconstruct 2008/2009**
- 6 Father Hurley Blvd. , construct, widen, 4, 6 lanes, 2010
- 7 I-270, interchange at Watkins Mill Rd. Ext., 2020
- 8 I-270, reconstruct interchange at MD 121, 2010
- 9 I-270, widen, 2025
- 10 I-70, widen to 4, 6 lanes, 2010
- 11 I-95, interchange and CD lanes at Contee Road , 2020
- 12 I-95, Woodrow Wilson Bridge, build 12-lane bridge, 2009
- 13 I-95/495, interchange at Arena Drive, 2010
- 14 I-95/495, interchange at Greenbelt Metro, 2010
- 15 I-95/495: Branch Avenue Metro Access, construct 8 lanes, 2010
- 16 Intercounty Connector, construct 6 lanes, 2010
- 17 M-83, construct 4, 6 lanes, 2015, 2020
- 18 MD 117, widen to 4 lanes, 2010
- 19 MD 118, widen, construct 6 lanes, 2015
- 20 MD 124 extended, construct 2 lanes, 2008
- 21 MD 124, widen to 6 lanes, 2010, 2015
- 22 **MD 201/Kenilworth Ave widen, 2010**
- 23 MD 202, reconstruct 6+2 lanes, 2010
- 24 MD 210, upgrade 6 lanes, 2020
- 25 MD 212, construct 4 lanes, 2007
- 26 MD 223, widen to 4 lanes, 2007
- 27 MD 27, widen to 6 lanes I-270 to MD 355, 2006
- 28 MD 28/MD 198, widen, construct 4, 6 lanes, 2030
- 29 MD 3, widen, construct 6 lanes, 2030
- 30 MD 355, reconstruct 6 lanes, construct interchange at Montrose/Randolph Road, 2010, 2015
- 31 MD 355/MD 80, Urbana Bypass, construct 4 lanes, 2007
- 32 MD 4, widen to 6 lanes, upgrade with interchanges at Westphalia Road , Suitland Parkway and Dower House, 2010
- 33 MD 414 Extended, widen, construct 4 lanes, 2008
- 34 MD 450, widen to 4, 6 lanes, 2020
- 35 MD 5, upgrade, widen to 6 lanes, including interchanges, 2010
- 36 MD 85, widen to 4, 6 lanes, 2020
- 37 MD 97, construct 2 lanes, 2015
- 38 MD 97, upgrade intersection at MD 28, 2010
- 39 MD 97, upgrade intersection at Randolph Road , 2010
- 40 MD-27, widen, MD-355 to 305, 2006
- 41 Middlebrook Road Extended, widen,

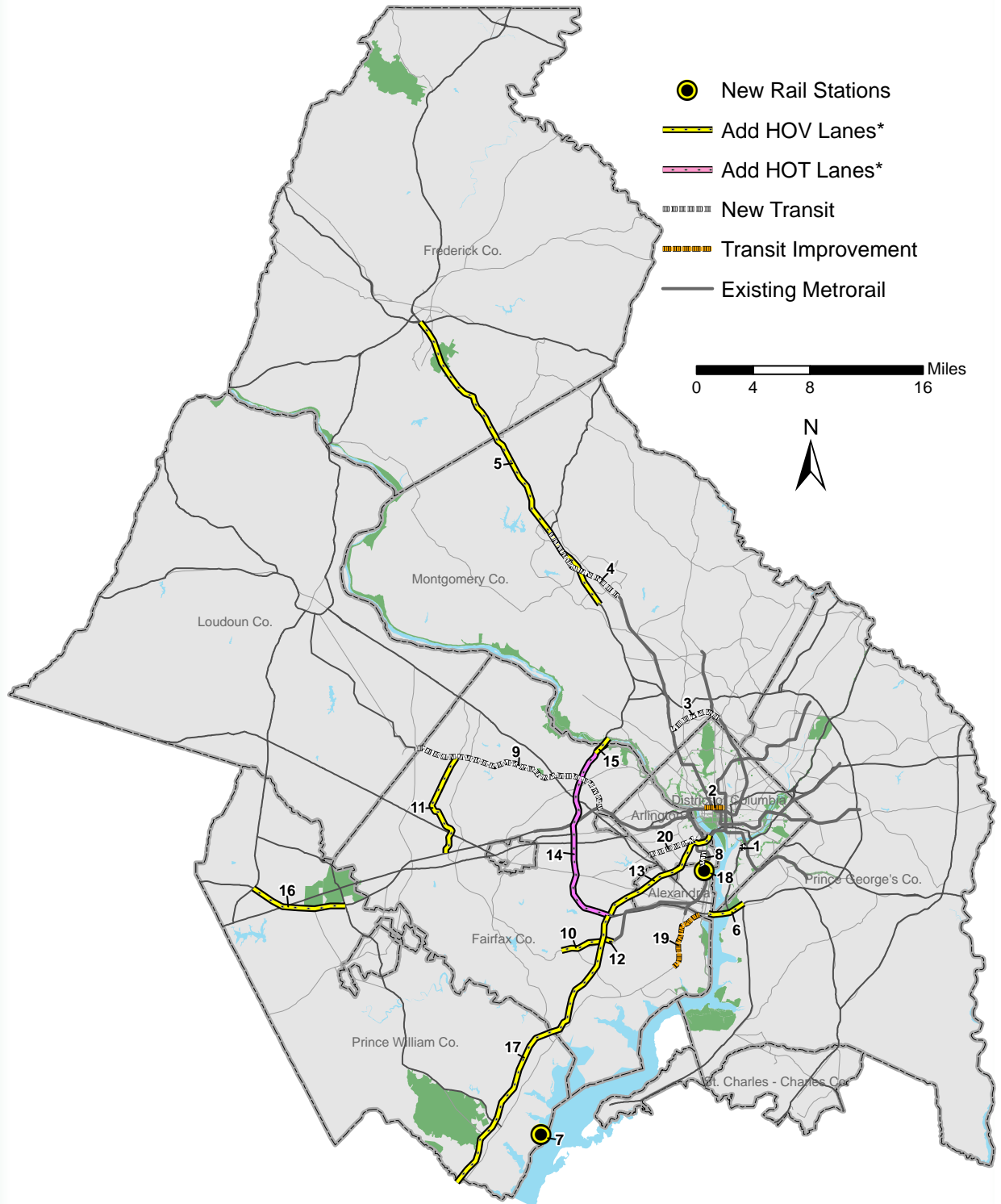
- construct 6 lanes, 2015
- 42 Montrose Parkway, construct 4 lanes, 2009, 2010
- 43 Randolph Road, widen to 5 lanes, 2015
- 44 Suitland Parkway, interchange at Rena/ Forestville Road, 2025
- 45 US 1, reconstruct 4 lanes (2020), widen to 6 lanes, 2010, 2020
- 46 US 15, interchange at MD 26, 2010
- 47 US 29, upgrade, including intersections/ interchanges, 6 lanes, 2006, 2020
- 48 US 301, widen to 6 + 2 lanes, 2030
- 49 US 50, westbound ramp to Columbia Park Road, 2025

Virginia

- 50 Battlefield Parkway, construct, widen, upgrade 4 lanes, 2006, 2010
- 51 Dulles Access Road, widen to 6 lanes including interchange reconstruct at I-495, 2010
- 52 Dulles Greenway, construct interchange at Battlefield Parkway, 2006
- 53 Dulles Greenway, construct interchange at VA 653, 2006
- 54 Dulles Greenway, widen to 6 lanes, 2006
- 55 Dulles Toll Road, reconstruct interchange at VA 674, 2012
- 56 I-495, construct High Occupancy/Toll (HOT) lanes, 2010
- 57 I-66, reconstruct interchange at US 29, 2014
- 58 I-66/I-495, reconstruct interchange, 2013
- 59 I-95, construct interchange at VA 7900, 2015
- 60 I-95, reconstruct interchange at VA 642, 2010
- 61 I-95, widen to 8 lanes, 2009
- 62 I-95/495, reconstruct interchange at VA 613, 2015
- 63 I-95/I-395/I-495, interchange reconstruction with access ramps to I-495 HOV, 2007
- 64 Old Mill Road, construct, widen 4 lanes, 2009
- 65 South Elden Street/Centreville Road, widen to 6 lanes, 2006
- 66 US 1, reconstruct interchange at Russell Road , 2010
- 67 US 1, widen to 6, 8 lanes including interchange at VA 123, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2015, 2025
- 68 US 15, widen to 4 lanes, 2007
- 69 US 15, widen to 4 lanes, 2008, 2020
- 70 US 29, interchange at VA 55, 2014
- 71 US 29, widen to 5, 6 lanes, 2014
- 72 US 29, widen to 6 lanes, 2010, 2012
- 73 US 29, widen to 6 lanes, 2011
- 74 US 29, widen to 6 lanes, 2015, 2020
- 75 US 50, construct round-about at US 15, 2010
- 76 US 50, widen 3, 8 lanes, 2020
- 77 US 50, widen to 6 lanes, 2010, 2012
- 78 US 50, widen/reconstruct 6 lanes including interchanges, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2015, 2020
- 79 VA 120, reconstruct 2 lanes, 2020
- 80 VA 120, reconstruct 4 lanes, 2006
- 81 VA 120, reconstruct 4 lanes, 2010
- 82 VA 123, widen to 6 lanes, 2008, 2015
- 83 VA 123, widen to 6 lanes, 2010
- 84 VA 123, widen to 8 lanes, 2013
- 85 VA 123, widen, reconstruct 6 lanes, 2006, 2015, 2020
- 86 VA 234 Bypass, widen, upgrade, construct 4 lanes, 2012
- 87 VA 234 Bypass, widen/upgrade, 6 lanes, 2020
- 88 VA 234, widen to 4 lanes, 2006, 2007
- 89 VA 234, widen to 4 lanes, 2010
- 90 VA 234, widen to 5 lanes, 2006
- 91 VA 234, widen, upgrade 6 lanes, including interchange at US 1, 2011
- 92 VA 236, reconstruct intersection at Braddock Road, 2006
- 93 VA 236, widen to 4, 6 lanes, 2008, 2020
- 94 VA 244, widen 5 lanes, 2010
- 95 VA 28, Interchange at Wellington Road , RR tracks, 2008
- 96 **VA 28, reconstruct interchange at I-66, 2008**
- 97 VA 28, widen to 6 lanes, 2015
- 98 VA 28, widen to 6 lanes, 2025
- 99 VA 28, widen to 6, 8 lanes, with interchanges, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2025
- 100 VA 411, (Tri-County Parkway), construct 4, 6 lanes, 2015, 2020
- 101 VA 7, interchange at Claiborne Parkway , 2006
- 102 VA 7, intersection improvement, 2006
- 103 VA 7, Leesburg Pike, widen to 6, 8 lanes, 2009, 2012, 2013
- 104 VA 7, upgrade with interchanges, 2015
- 105 VA 7, widen to 6 lanes, 2020
- 106 VA 7/US 15 Bypass, widen to 6 lanes, 2015
- 107 VA 7100, interchange at Fair Lakes Parkway, 2010
- 108 VA 7100, widen to 6 lanes, 2015
- 109 VA 7900, widen, construct 2, 6 lanes, 2009, 2015
- 110 Wilson Blvd., reconstruct 4 lanes, 2010

Highlighted Projects are to be added to the long-range plan this year.

Major Transit and HOV Improvements...



* HOV stands for High-Occupancy Vehicle. HOT stands for High-Occupancy/Toll.

...in the Regional Transportation Plan

District of Columbia

- 1 *Anacostia Street Car Project Phase I, 2011*
- 2 K Street Busway, 2008

Maryland

- 3 Bi-County Transitway, Bethesda to Silver Spring, 2015
- 4 Corridor Cities Transitway, from Shady Grove to COMSAT, 2012, 2020
- 5 I-270/US 15 Corridor, Shady Grove to I-70, HOV, 2020
- 6 Woodrow Wilson Bridge/I-95, HOV, 2009



WMATA

Virginia

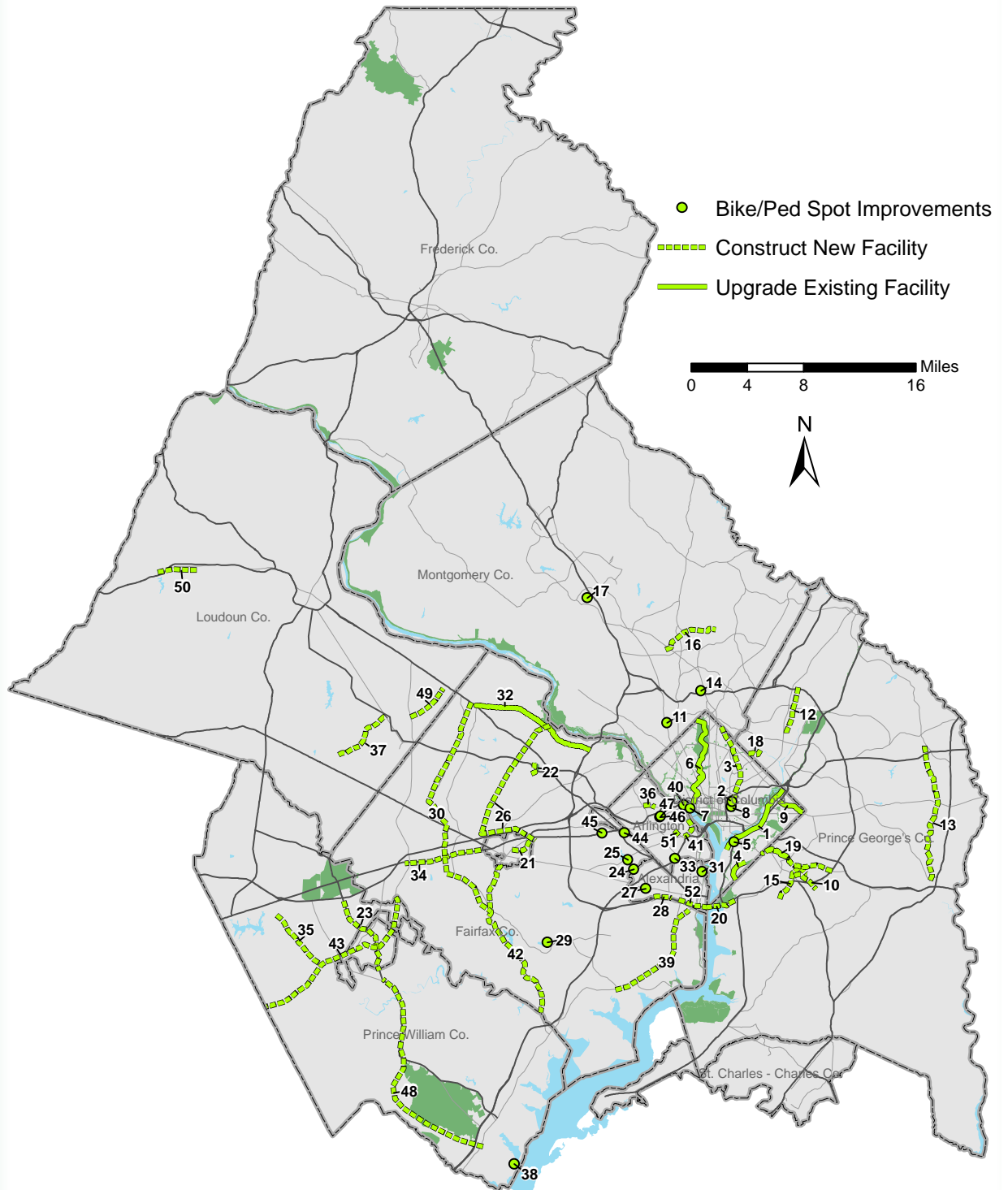
- 7 Cherryhill VRE Station, 2006
- 8 Crystal City Busway, 2007, 2008, upgrade to BRT, 2012
- 9 Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit, 2011, 2015
- 10 Fairfax County Parkway HOV, construct 2 lanes, 2015
- 11 Fairfax County Parkway HOV, widen and upgrade, 6 to 8 lanes, 2010, 2015
- 12 Franconia/Springfield Parkway HOV, 2010, 2020
- 13 I-395 HOV, restripe to 3 lanes, 2010
- 14 I-495 High Occupancy/Toll (HOT) lanes, Transit Service, 2010, 2020
- 15 I-495 HOV lanes
- 16 I-66 HOV, includes interchange reconstruction at US 15, 2006, 2010, 2015
- 17 I-95 HOV, extend HOV lanes from Quantico Creek to Stafford County line, 2015 and restripe to 3 lanes from Quantico Creek to I-495/I-395 intersection, 2010
- 18 Potomac Yard Metro Station, 2015
- 19 US-1 bus right turn lanes, 2025
- 20 VA-244 (Columbia Pike) Transit Service Improvements, Pentagon to Bailey's Crossroads, 2010, 2020

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WMATA

Major Bike and Pedestrian Improvements...



A bicycle and pedestrian project is considered major if the project is greater than 3 miles in length or greater than \$400,000 in cost.

...in the Regional Transportation Plan

District of Columbia

- 1 Anacostia Riverwalk Trail, upgrade shared-use path
- 2 Construct Pedestrian Tunnel
- 3 Metropolitan Branch Trail, construct shared-use path
- 4 Oxon Run Trail Restoration, upgrade shared-use path
- 5 Pedestrian Bridge over Anacostia Freeway, construct pedestrian bridge
- 6 Rock Creek Park Trail Improvements, upgrade shared-use path
- 7 Theodore Roosevelt Bridge, construct pedestrian/bicycle bridge
- 8 Union Station Bike Station, bicycle parking
- 9 Watts Branch Trail, upgrade shared-use path

Maryland

- 10 Auth Road Sidewalks and Bike lanes, construct sidewalks and bike lanes
- 11 Bethesda Bikeway and Pedestrian Facilities, streetscape improvements
- 12 College Park Trolley Trail, construct shared-use path
- 13 Collington Branch Trail, construct shared-use path
- 14 Forest Glen Pedestrian Bridge, construct bridge
- 15 Henson Creek Trail Extension, construct shared-use path
- 16 Matthew Henson Trail, construct shared-use path
- 17 Ped/Bike Bridge over I-270, construct pedestrian/bicycle bridge
- 18 Prince George's Connector, construct shared-use path
- 19 Suitland Parkway Trail, construct shared-use path
- 20 Woodrow Wilson Bridge, construct pedestrian/bicycle bridge

Virginia

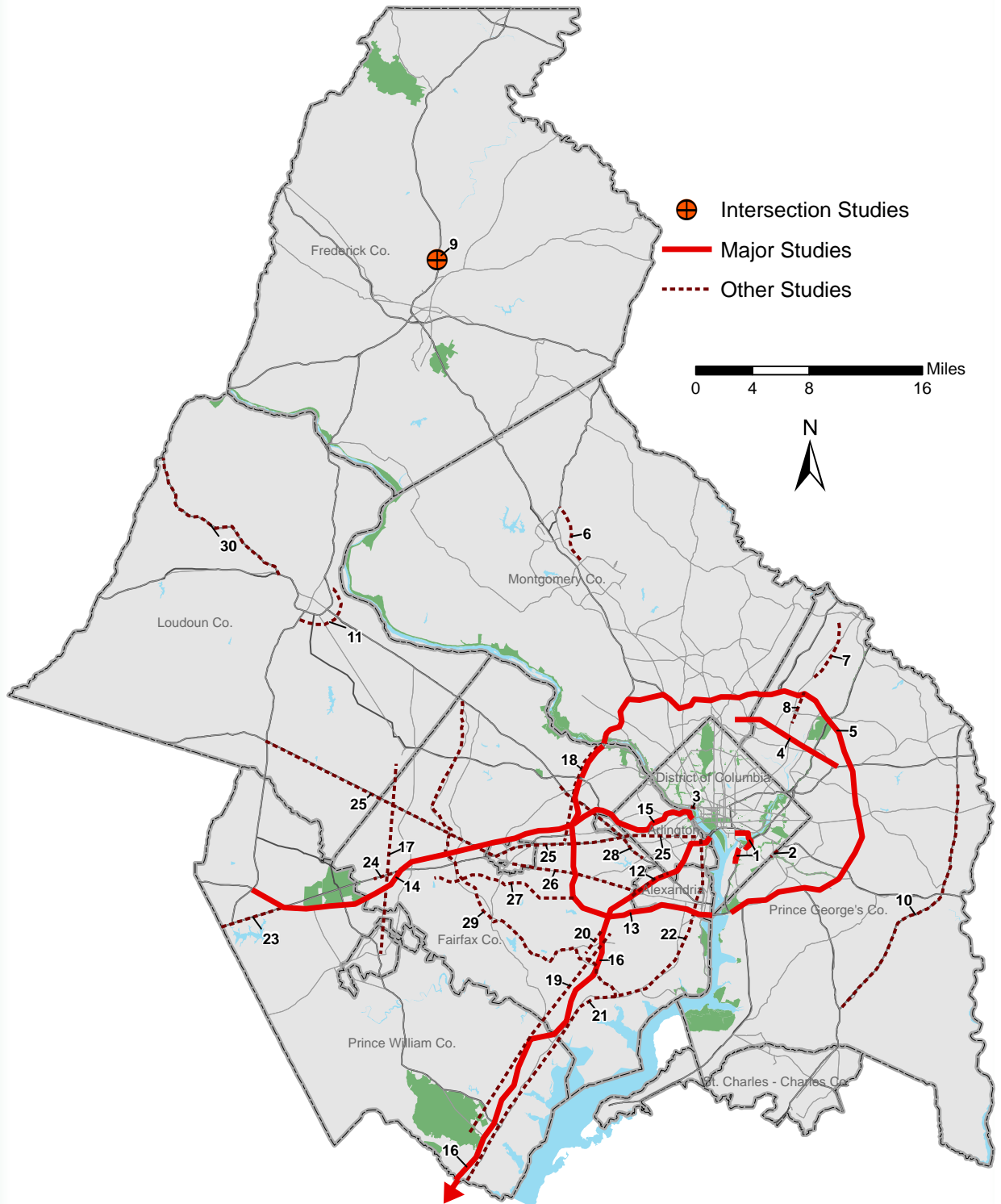
- 21 Accotink Gateway Connector, construct shared-use path
- 22 Boundary Channel Bridge Trails, construct shared-use paths
- 23 Bus 234 Add Signalized Crosswalks, construct streetscape/pedestrian improvements
- 24 Chambliss Stream Crossing, construct pedestrian/bicycle bridge
- 25 Columbia Pike, construct shared-use path
- 26 Cross County Trail, construct shared-use path
- 27 Duke Street Pedestrian Bridge, construct pedestrian/bicycle bridge
- 28 Eisenhower Trail, construct shared-use path
- 29 Fairfax County Parkway Bridge, add crosswalks, ped heads, sidewalk on bridge
- 30 Fairfax County Parkway Train, construct 8-mile shareduse path
- 31 George Washington Parkway Crossing, construct pedestrian/bicycle bridge
- 32 Georgetown Pike Multi-Use Trail, construct shared-use path
- 33 I-395 Shirlington Underpass, Four Mile Run Trail, construct pedestrian/bicycle bridge
- 34 Lee Highway, construct shared-use path
- 35 Linton Hall Road Widening, construct shared-use path

- 36 Old Dominion Drive, streetscape/pedestrian facilities
- 37 Old Ox Road Widening (Rt. 606), construct shared-use path
- 38 Potomac Avenue, streetscape/pedestrian improvements
- 39 Richmond Highway (US 1) Ped and Bike Improvements, construct pedestrian intersection improvement
- 40 Rosslyn Circle Crossing, streetscape/pedestrian improvements
- 41 Route 110 Trail, construct shared-use path
- 42 Route 123 Widening, construct shared-use path
- 43 Route 28 Trail Extension, construct shared-use path
- 44 US 50 Pedestrian Bridge, construct pedestrian/bicycle bridge
- 45 US 50 Pedestrian Improvements, construct streetscape/pedestrian improvements
- 46 VA 120 (Glebe Road) @ 27th St., install crosswalks, pedestrian signals, refuge areas.
- 47 VA 120 (Glebe Road) @ N. Randolph St., streetscape/pedestrian facilities
- 48 VA 234 Bike Trail, construct shared-use path
- 49 VA 846 (Sterling Boulevard) Landscaping, streetscape/pedestrian improvements
- 50 W&OD Trail Extension, construct shared-use path
- 51 Washington Boulevard Trail Phase II, construct shared-use path
- 52 Woodrow Wilson Bridge, construct pedestrian/bicycle bridge



A new Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region was adopted at the July 19 meeting of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB). The new plan will make pedestrian safety a priority over vehicle movement, accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists into transportation projects (like the new Wilson Bridge), and connect trails throughout the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.

Major Studies...



...in the Regional Transportation Plan

District of Columbia

- 1 **Anacostia Street Car Project (Phases II - IV)**
- 2 Southern Avenue
- 3 Whitehurst Freeway, Roosevelt Bridge

Maryland

- 4 Bi-County Transitway, Silver Spring to New Carrollton
- 5 I-95/I-495, Capital Beltway, from American Legion Bridge to Woodrow Wilson Bridge
- 6 M-83
- 7 MD 201 Extended
- 8 University of Maryland Connector, I-95/495 to UMD
- 9 US 15 at Monocacy Blvd
- 10 US 301

Virginia

- 11 Battlefield Parkway
- 12 I-395 ramp connections
- 13 I-495/I-95 Capital Beltway, HOV and transit service improvements from Woodrow Wilson Bridge to American Legion Bridge
- 14 I-66, HOV and transit service improvements

- 15 I-66, spot improvements inside the Beltway
- 16 **I-95/395 HOT Lanes between the Virginia state line and the I-95 Massaponax exit in Spotsylvania County**
- 17 Light rail from Manassas to Dulles
- 18 Metrorail, Dunn Loring to American Legion Bridge
- 19 Metrorail, I-95 from Springfield to Potomac Mills
- 20 People Mover from Fort Belvoir Proving Grounds to Franconia/Springfield
- 21 US 1 transit improvements, including light rail and priority bus
- 22 US 1, light rail, King Street Metro to Pentagon
- 23 US 29 improvements I
- 24 US 29 improvements II
- 25 US 50, transit service improvements
- 26 VA 236 priority bus
- 27 VA 620 (Braddock Rd) HOV, VA 645 to Beltway
- 28 VA 7, transit service improvements
- 29 VA 7100, priority bus
- 30 VA 9 improvements

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What are HOT Lanes?

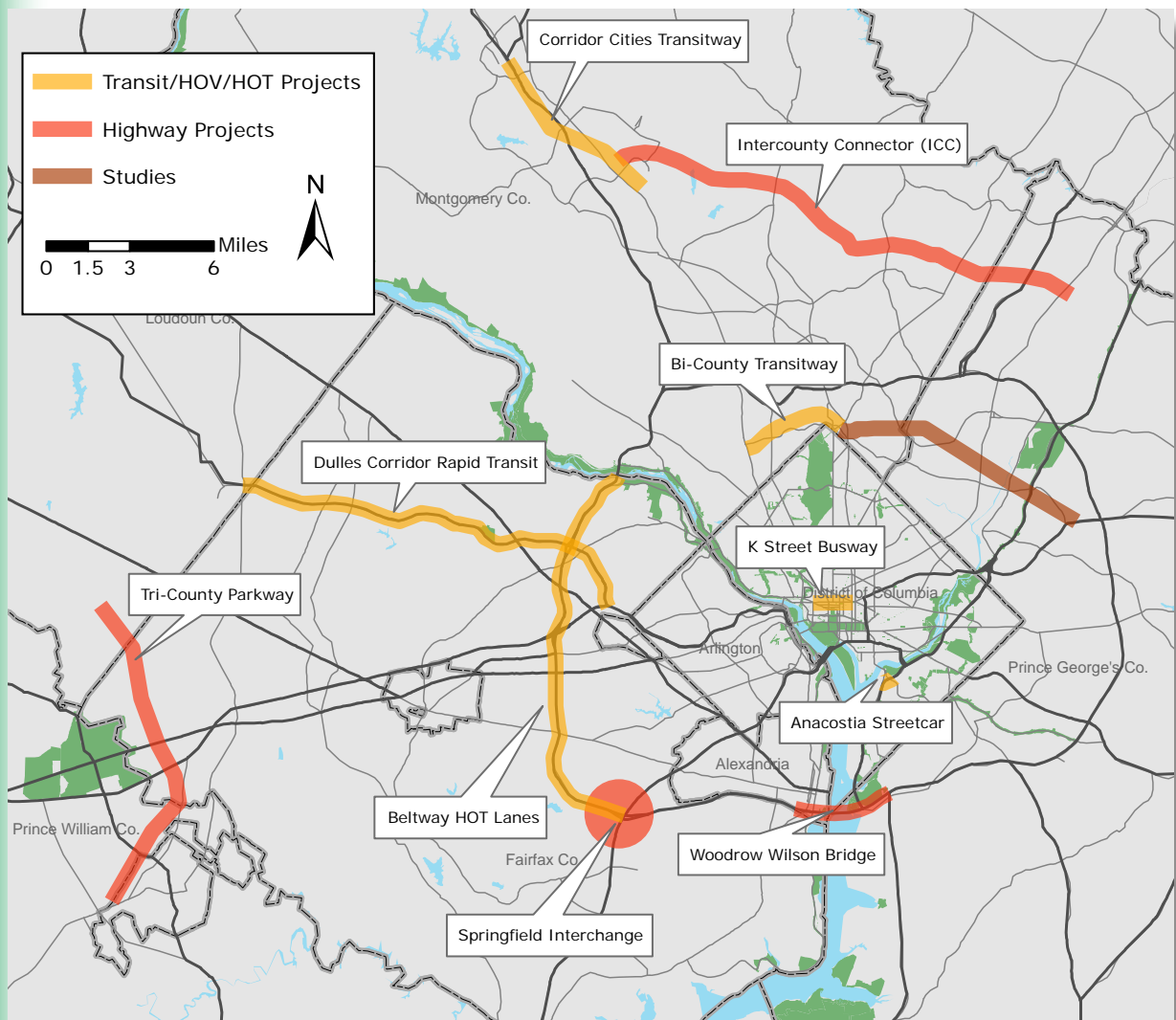
HOT (or High-Occupancy/Toll) Lanes are HOV lanes that allow low-occupancy vehicles to use them for a fee. Usually, the fee is variable and based on the number of people wanting to use the lane.

Two successful implementations of HOT lanes have been completed in Southern California. (California State Route 91 is pictured here.) Many more sites are planned throughout the country.



Selected Project Highlights

A number of key projects included in the plan have been the subject of special interest to the public over the past few years. Some of these projects are described below. See pages 8-13 for maps and full listings of the major highway, transit and high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian projects in the plan.



Anacostia Streetcar

- Phase I: From Firth Sterling Avenue and South Capitol Street to Howard Road and Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue.
- Cost: \$21 million
- Completion: 2011

K Street Busway

- Express bus lanes running 1.5 miles between 7th Street (Mt. Vernon Square) and Washington Circle, NW.
- Cost: \$30.3 million
- Completion: 2008

Bi-County Transitway

- Commonly called the Purple Line. The 3.75-mile segment slated for construction in the current plan runs between Bethesda and Silver Spring.
- Cost: \$371 million
- Completion: 2015
- An eastern portion of the project, between Silver Spring and New Carrollton is included in the CLRP as a study.

Corridor Cities Transitway

- A light rail line roughly following the I-270 corridor north 13.5 miles from Shady Grove to COMSAT.
- Cost: \$871 million
- Completion: 2012 and 2020 (two phases)

Intercounty Connector

- A new 6-lane toll road that would run 17 miles between I-270 near Gaithersburg and I-95 near Laurel.
- Cost: \$2.4 billion
- Completion: 2010

Beltway HOT Lanes

- Two new lanes running in each direction from the Springfield Interchange to Georgetown Pike.
- Free for HOV-3+, open to other vehicles paying tolls.
- Financing will be arranged by a private contractor
- Cost: \$899 million
- Completion: 2010

Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit

- A 23.1-mile extension of Metrorail to Dulles Airport and into Loudoun County.
- Cost: \$3.7 billion
- Completion: 2011 and 2015 (two phases)

Springfield Interchange

- One of the largest construction projects in the nation.
- Cost: \$700 million
- Completion: 2007

Tri-County Parkway

- A new 4, 6-lane, 13-mile road that would link Manassas to the areas west of Dulles Airport.
- Cost: \$68 million.
- Completion: 2015 and 2020 (two phases)

Woodrow Wilson Bridge

- Covers a 7.5-mile corridor. It includes four interchanges and two new drawbridges.
- Cost: \$2.56 billion
- Completion: 2011

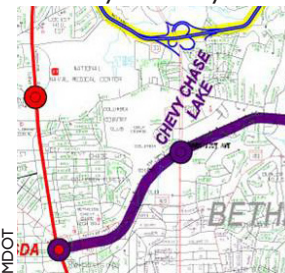
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Bi-County Transitway



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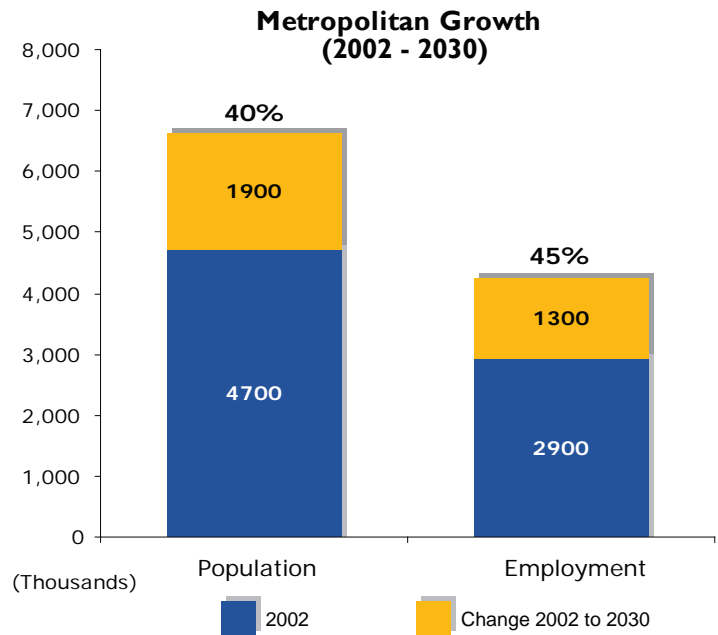
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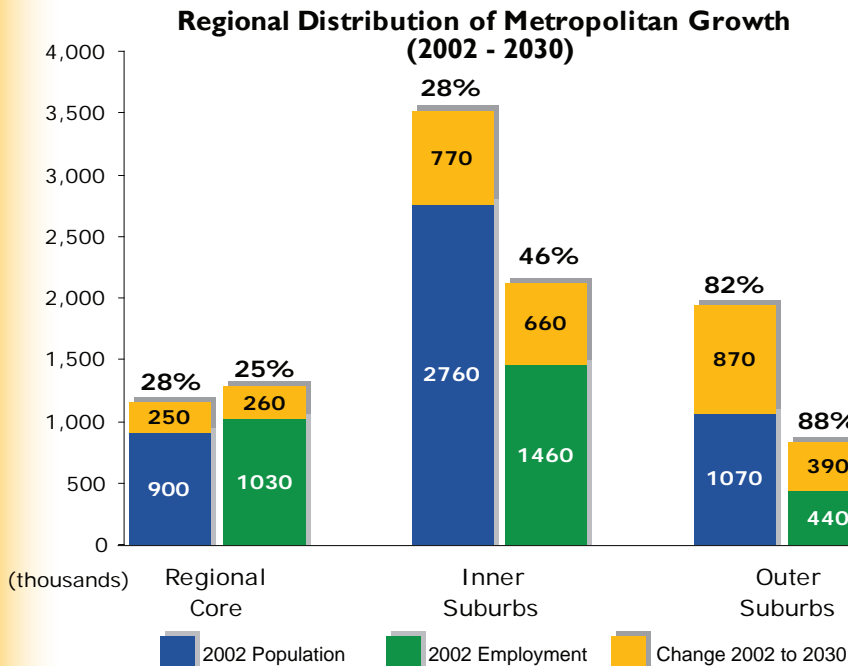
Plan Performance

Metropolitan Growth

As an introduction to forecast conditions and the plan's performance, information on how the region is expected to develop is helpful because metropolitan growth greatly impacts the transportation challenges this region is facing. The region (defined as the Washington, DC-MD-VA Metropolitan Statistical Area, shown on page 2) is forecast to grow by nearly 1.9 million people and more than 1.3 million jobs between 2002 and 2030—a 40 percent increase in population and a 45 percent increase in employment.



Data values are based on Round 7.0a of the Cooperative Land Use Forecast

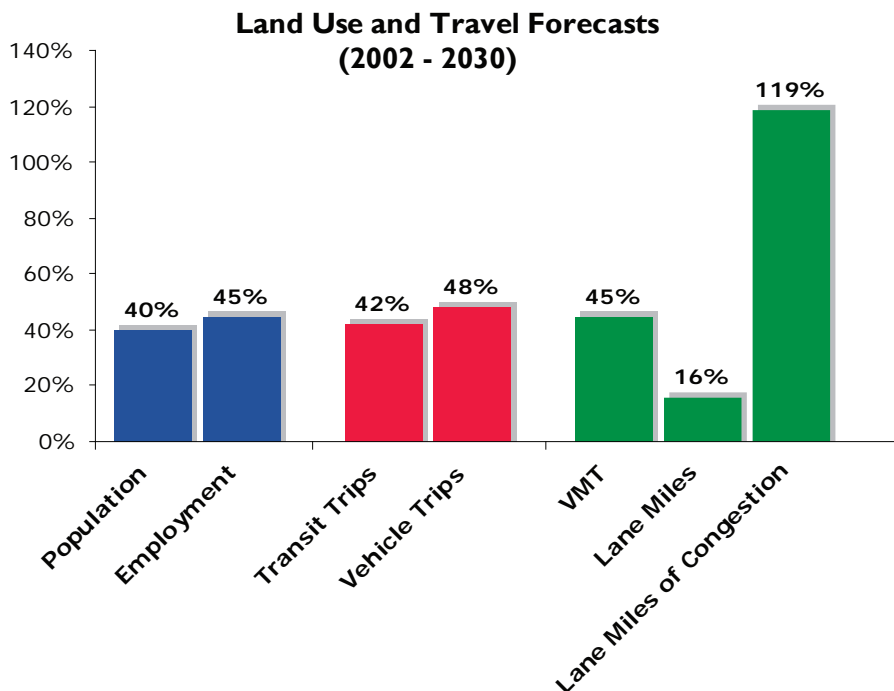


The regional core will grow at a slower rate than the outer suburbs, which will see dramatic increases in population and employment. Despite the dramatic growth in the outer suburbs, the inner parts of the region (the regional core and inner suburbs) are still expected to have the highest concentrations of jobs and people in 2030. However, while most of the employment is in the regional core and inner suburbs, most of the population is located in inner and outer suburbs.

Travel Growth and Congestion

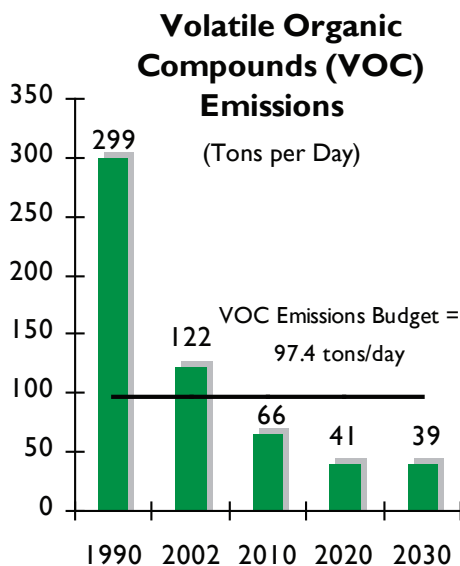
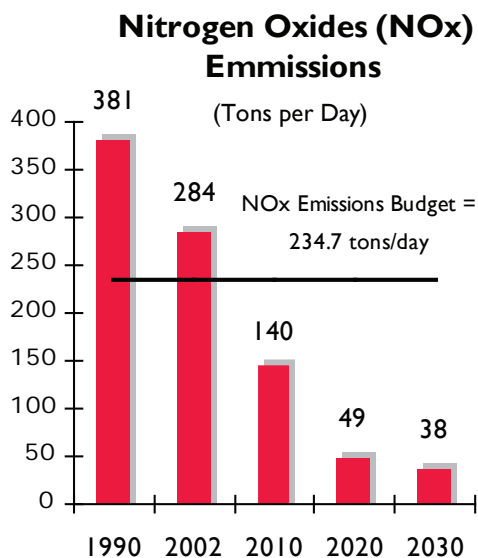
Over the next 24 years, a significant increase in population and jobs will lead to additional vehicles, trips, and congestion on the region's transportation system. Vehicle miles of travel (VMT), which is a measure of how much people drive, is increasing faster than new freeway and arterial lane miles slated for construction in the plan.

Transit trips are also forecast to increase by 42%, creating even more crowding on the Metrorail system. The ability of the transit system to expand its capacity and meet the increasing demand is limited by funding constraints.



Air Quality

The Washington region currently does not meet national air quality standards for ground-level ozone. A major component of smog, ozone is formed on hot summer days when volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) combine in sunlight. Motor vehicles, as well as power plants and other sources, emit these pollutants.



The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) works closely with the TPB to develop a regional air quality plan. The plan contains emissions ceilings (called "mobile emissions budgets"), to which the transportation plan must conform. Analysis of the plan indicates that mobile emissions are within currently required budgets for 2010, 2020, and 2030.

Comment on the Plan!

There are several ways that members of the public can comment on the long-range plan. The public comment period for the plan is from **September 14 to October 14, 2006**. Comments received after October 14, 2006 will not be included in the TPB's "Response to Comments".

Here is how you can comment on the plan:

Write:

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
777 North Capitol Street NE
Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002-4239

Call:

(202) 962-3262, TDD: (202) 962-3213

Email:

TPBPublicComment@mwkog.org

Click:

www.mwkog.org/transportation/publiccomment

Speak:

Interested citizens may make a statement during the public comment period at the beginning of each TPB meeting, at 12 noon on the third Wednesday of every month, except August. The next TPB meeting is October 18, 2006 at 12 noon. To participate, call (202) 962-3315.

For more information call TPB Public Involvement Coordinator John Swanson at 202-963-3295, jswanson@mwkog.org

