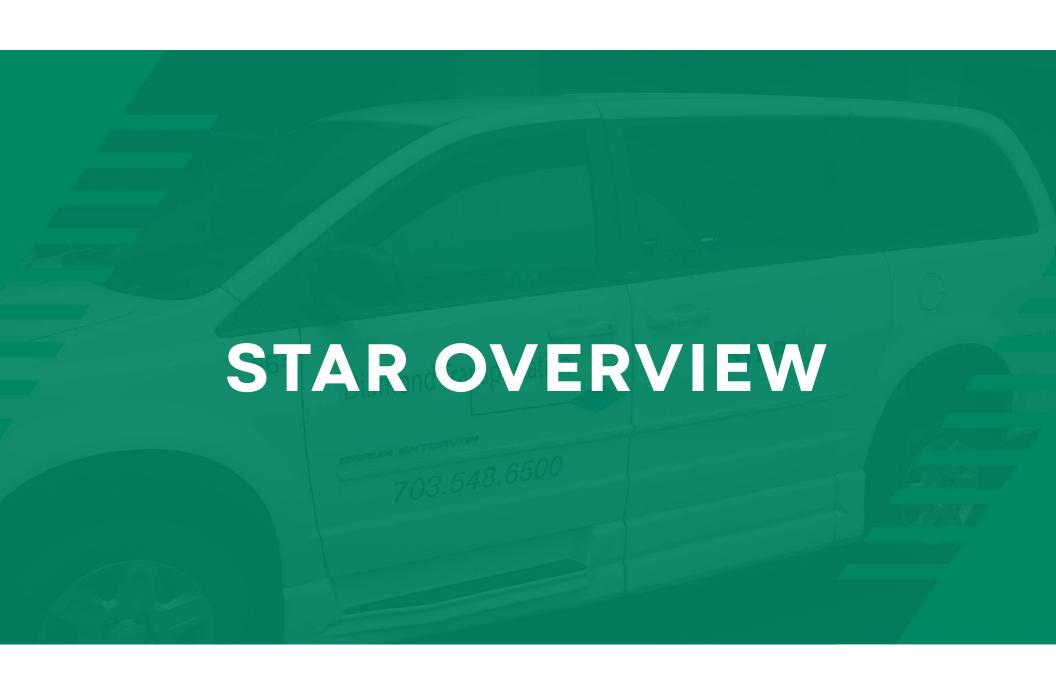


# OVERVIEW OF ARLINGTON COUNTY STAR SERVICE

**Specialized Transportation for Arlington Residents** 

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## WHAT IS STAR?

STAR (Specialized Transportation for Arlington Residents) is Arlington County's paratransit system. The system primarily serves persons with disabilities living in Arlington County.

STAR provides scheduled rides around Arlington County, as well as to various locations in Virginia, Washington D.C., and Maryland.

STAR currently supplies customers with rides via vans, cutaway buses and taxi cabs.

Residents certified through MetroAccess.

### STAR ZONES

#### STAR service area is broken into three zones

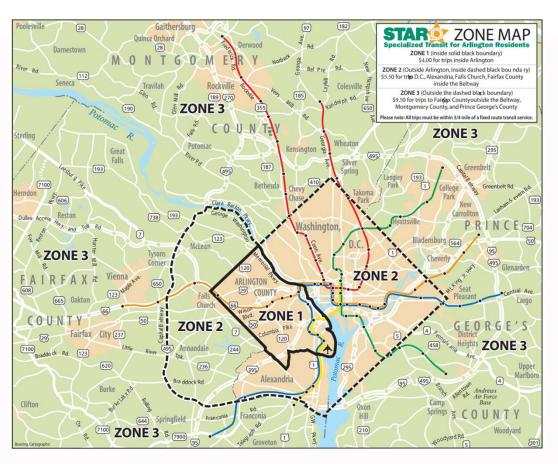
#### **STAR Zone Fares**

Effective July 1, 202

Zone 1: \$4.50

Zone 2: \$6.20

Zone 3: \$10.70





### STAR and the Pandemic

Ridership was heavily impacted COVID-19 Pandemic

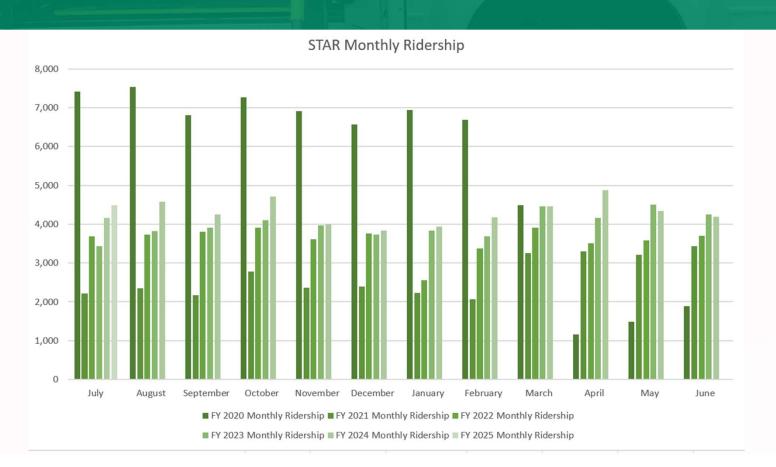
COVID conscience passengers

July 2019: 7,411

July 2024: 4,492 (60.06% July 2019)

While not as many monthly riders as before, STAR service has largely rebounded from the COVID-19 pandemic

# STAR and the Pandemic





### Customer Feedback

Two rounds of public feedback to better understand passenger needs ○Fall 2023 and Winter 2024

Feedback gathered online, through phone, and at in-person event

What customers said

- **OBetter technology to book and pay for rides**
- **OExpanded trip options**
- **OIMPROVED** Communication with call center and operators

# STAR Service Changing Soon

**Operations Contract** 

**Changing Passenger Needs** 

- **OResponsive to Passenger Feedback**
- **Operations and Technology**



# THANK YOU

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