

# 2017-2018 REGIONAL TRAVEL SURVEY: ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL OPTIONS

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# Presentation Outline

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- Purpose of Regional Household Travel Survey
- Regional Travel Survey (RTS) vs. State of the Commute Survey
- Overview of RTS information
- New Alternative Travel Option Questions
- Next steps

# Purpose of Regional Household Travel Survey

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- Collect empirical data on travel behavior from individual persons and households
- Provide more details, specificity to national level travel behavior data (Census, ACS, etc.)
- Serve as primary source of region specific data to develop travel demand forecasting model
- Inform development of projects, programs and policies supporting transportation planning and programming decisions
- Typically performed every ten years
- Largest single discrete project (on cost basis) in UPWP



# Regional Travel Survey vs. State of the Commute Survey

COG's Department of Transportation Planning conducts two random sample surveys focused on trips. Both use an address based sampling methodology.

## REGIONAL TRAVEL SURVEY



Once a decade comprehensive survey of all types of trips (both work and non-work trips). Analyzes detailed household and person trips to assist in travel demand forecasting, transportation planning and programming.

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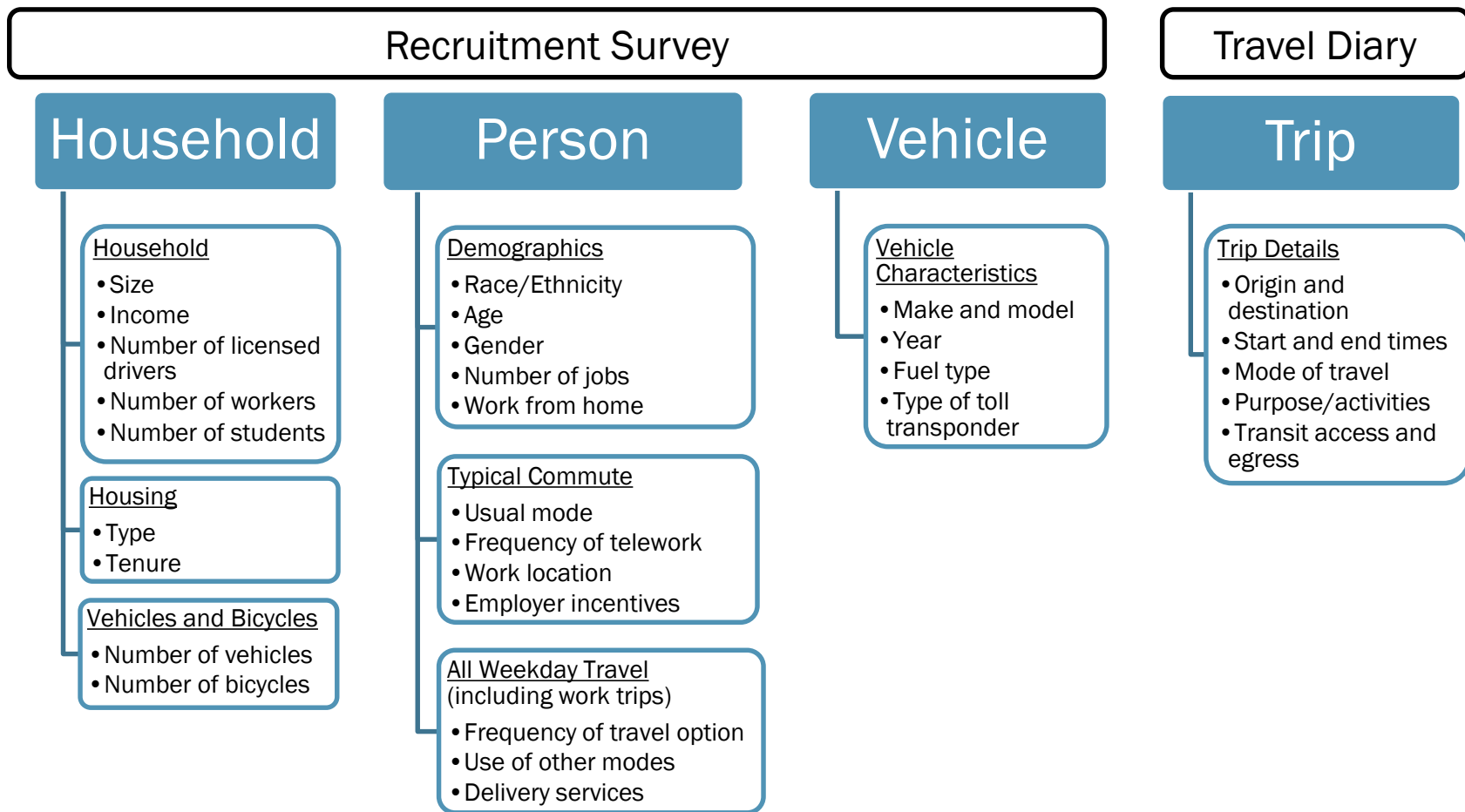
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State of the Commute

Triennial survey focused on commute trips. Analyzes commute patterns and attitudes towards alternative modes to evaluate and improve the region's travel demand management efforts.



# Overview of Regional Travel Survey Information



# Example Cross Tabulations

## Number of Vehicles by Household Size (Household Information)

Household Size	No Vehicle	1 Vehicle	2 Vehicles	3 or more Vehicles
1 Person	X	X	X	X
2 Persons	X	X	X	X
3 Persons	X	X	X	X
4 Persons	X	X	X	X
5+ Persons	X	X	X	X

## Number of Jobs by Gender (Person Information)

Gender	Unemployed	1 Job	2 Jobs	3 or more Jobs
Female	X	X	X	X
Male	X	X	X	X
Unspecified	X	X	X	X



# Preliminary Plan for Release

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## Phase I – Household, Person, and Vehicle Information

- Alternative travel option questions (New)
- Demographic changes since 2007/08
- Additional analysis of demographics including cross tabulations

## Phase II – Trip Information

- Preliminary findings of select indicators from the travel diary
- Changes in reported travel between 2007/08 and 2017/18
- Additional findings from the travel diary



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## New Alternative Travel Options Questions

- Inquired how often a person uses these travel options in a typical week
- Focus on travel options that reduce SOV travel and capture recent travel trends since the 2007/08 Household Travel Survey
- Asked of those 16 years and older





# Alternative Travel Options

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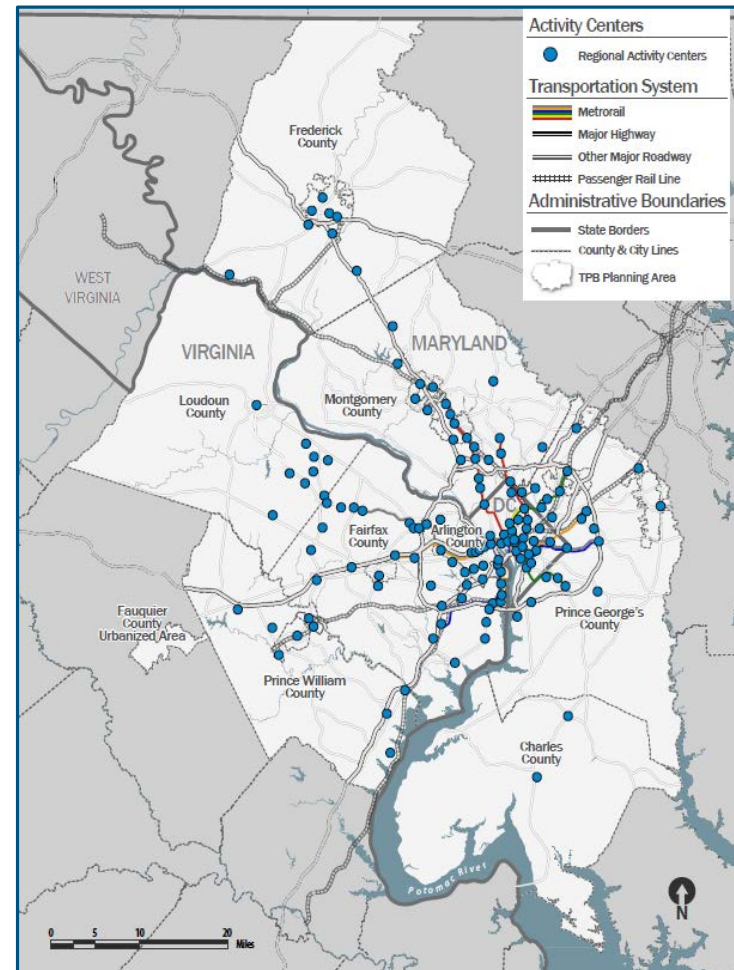
These questions cover:

- A. Modes that reduce the need for a household vehicle (e.g., ride-hailing, public transit)
- B. Optimizing the region's highway system including high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) and recently built high-occupancy toll (HOT) lane facilities
- C. Non-motorized travel (bicycle/bikeshare)



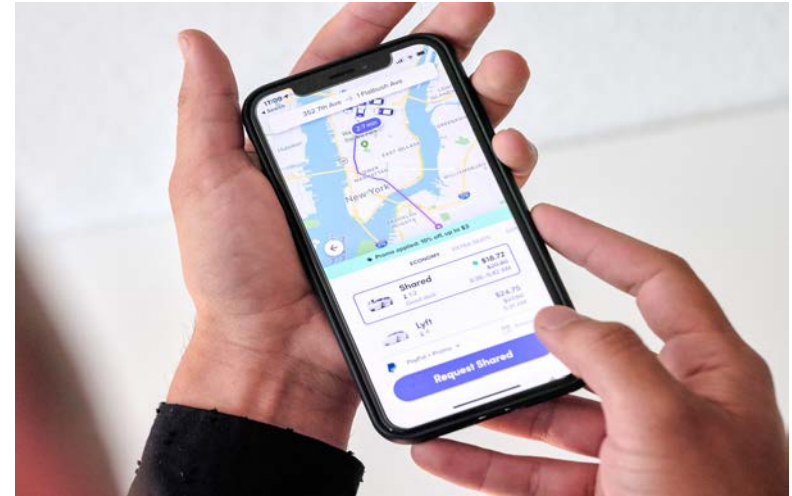
# A. Modes that Reduce the Need for a Household Vehicle

1. Ride-Hailing Services
2. Regional and Local Transit Services
3. Delivery Services to Home

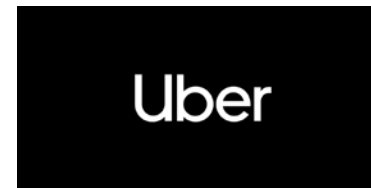


# 1. Ride-Hailing Services

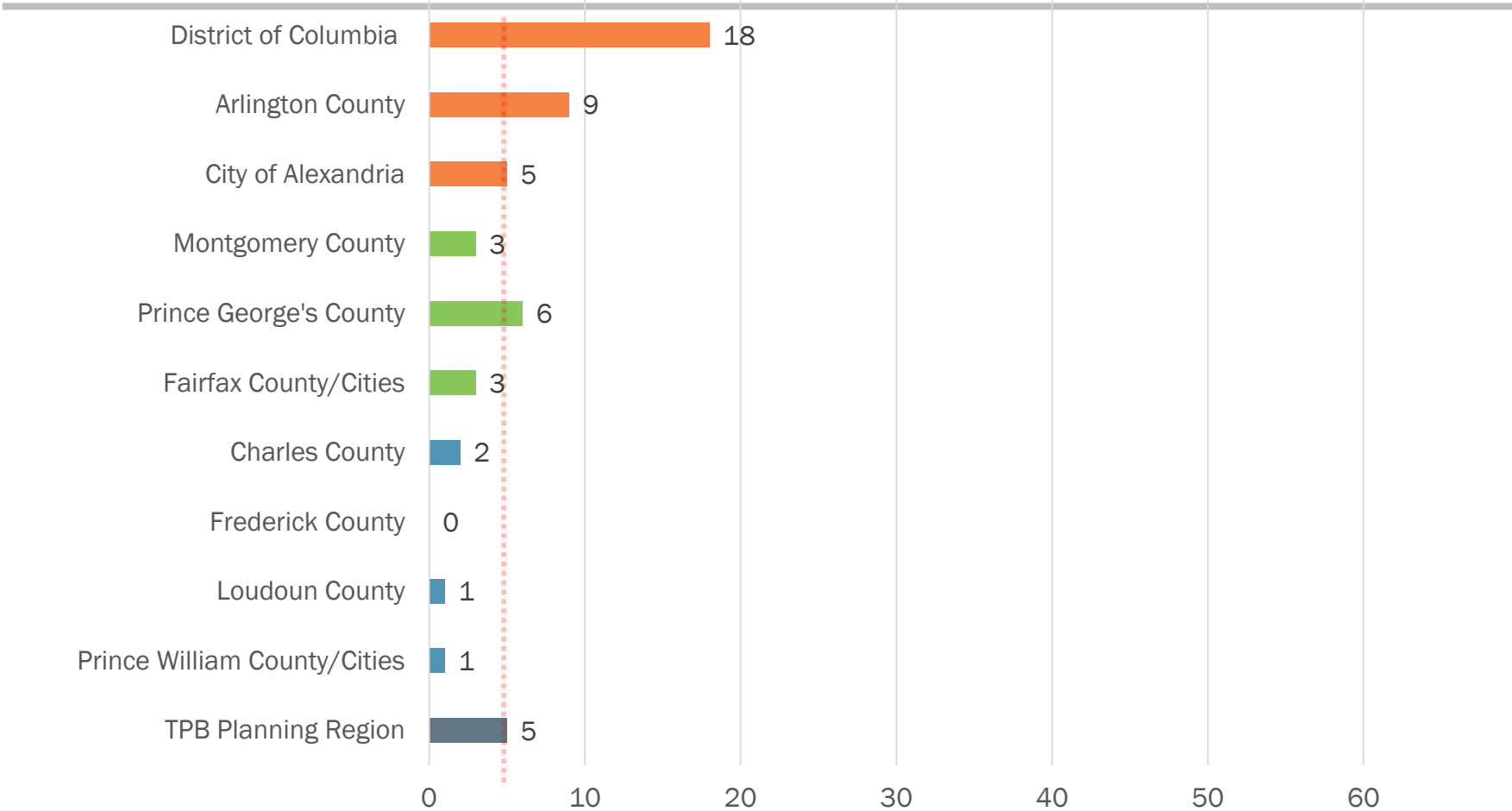
- Also called Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)
- Use smartphone apps to connect passengers with drivers of personal vehicles
- Dynamic pricing based on demand
- Examples include: Uber, Lyft, Via



"Lyft" by danielfoster437



# Household Weekday Use of Ride-Hailing Services At Least Once a Week (%)



## 2. Regional and Local Public Transit

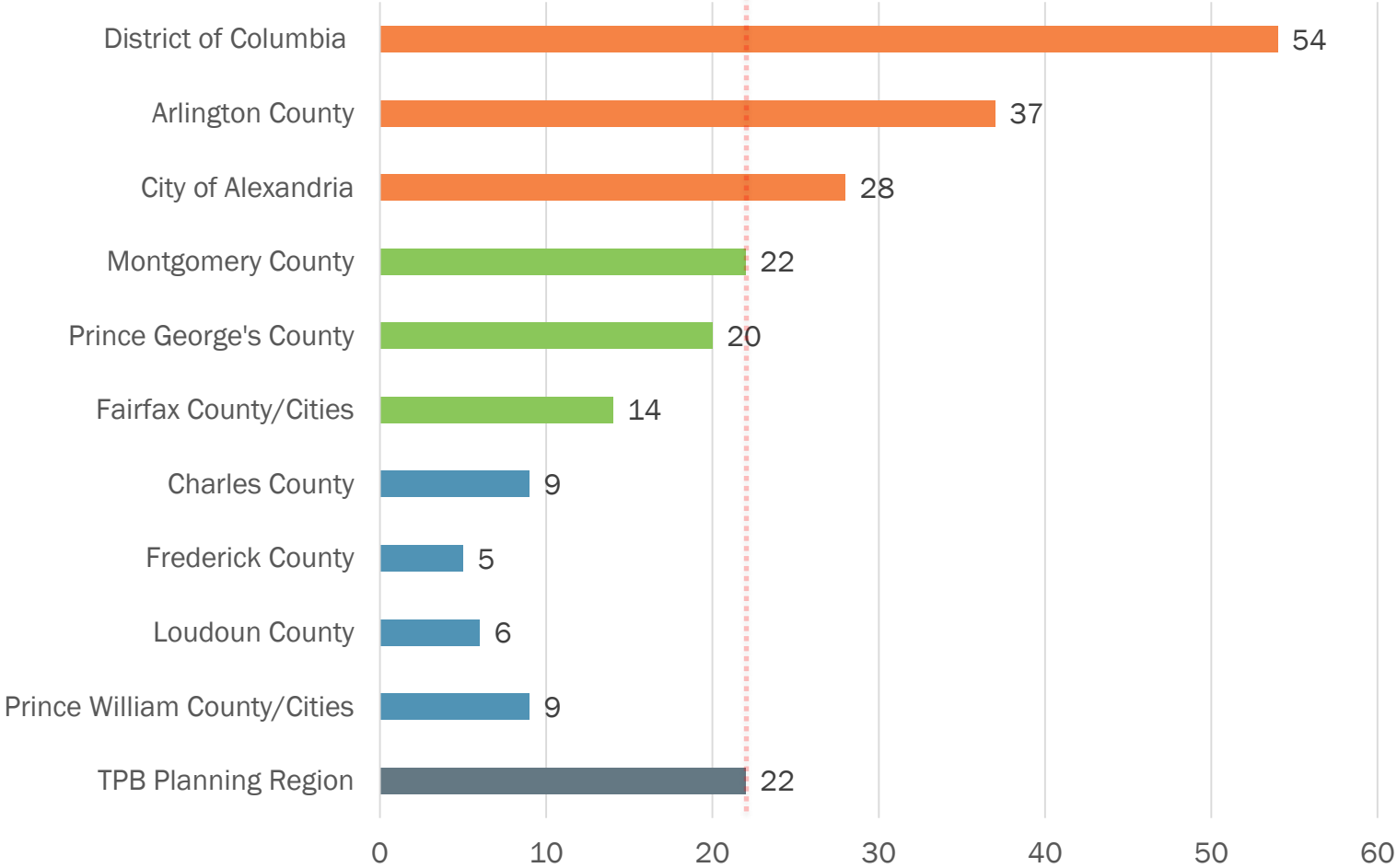
- Regional/local rail options:
  - Metrorail
  - Commuter rail (MARC, VRE)
  - Light rail/streetcar (DC Streetcar)
- Regional/local bus options:
  - Metrobus
  - Commuter bus (e.g., Loudoun County Transit, OmniRide)
  - Local bus (e.g., ART, Ride On)



“Metrobus at Metrorail” (top) and “Farragut West” (bottom) by afragen



# Household Weekday Use of Public Transit At Least Once a Week (%)





# 3. Delivery Services to Home on Weekdays

- Package deliveries:
  - Amazon
  - UPS/FedEx
  - USPS
- Food deliveries:
  - Pizza delivery
  - UberEats/GrubHub
- Home services:
  - Landscaping
  - Cable service



# Household Delivery Services to Home on Weekdays (%)

## Person File

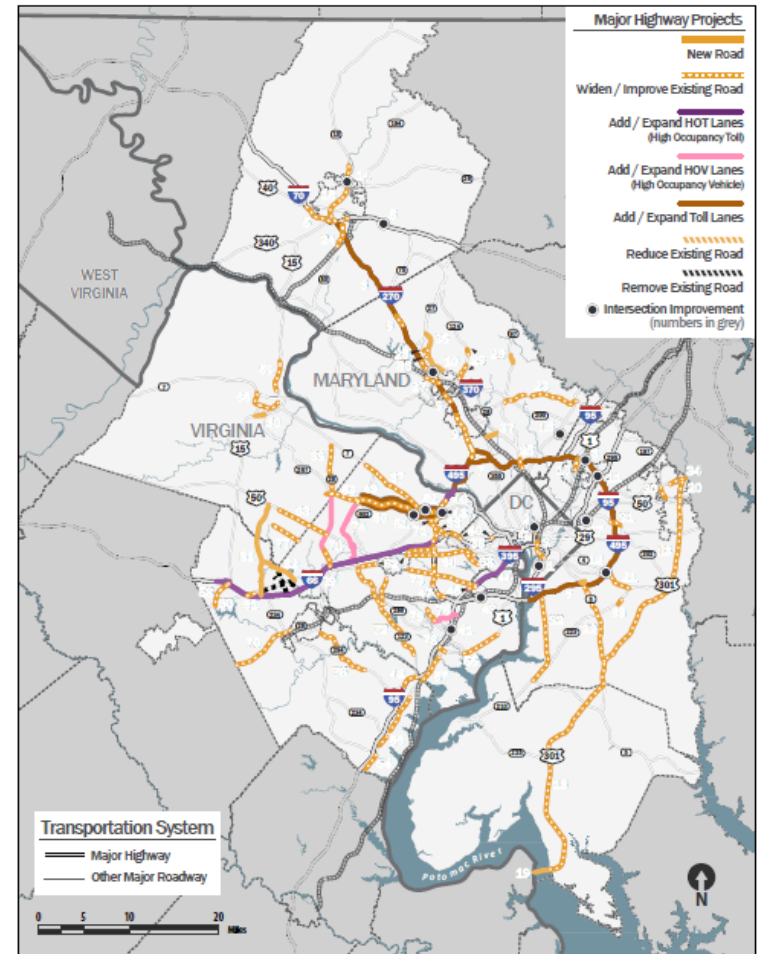
	Package	Food	Service	Any Type
Core	28.6	4.1	6.4	34.3
Inner Suburb	28.1	3.7	6.6	34.0
Outer Suburb	24.6	2.2	5.6	29.5
TPB Region	27.5	3.5	6.3	33.1





# B. Alternative Travel Options to Optimize the Region's Highway System

1. Carpooling and Vanpooling
2. HOV Lanes
3. HOT Lanes and Toll Roads



# 1. Carpooling and Vanpooling

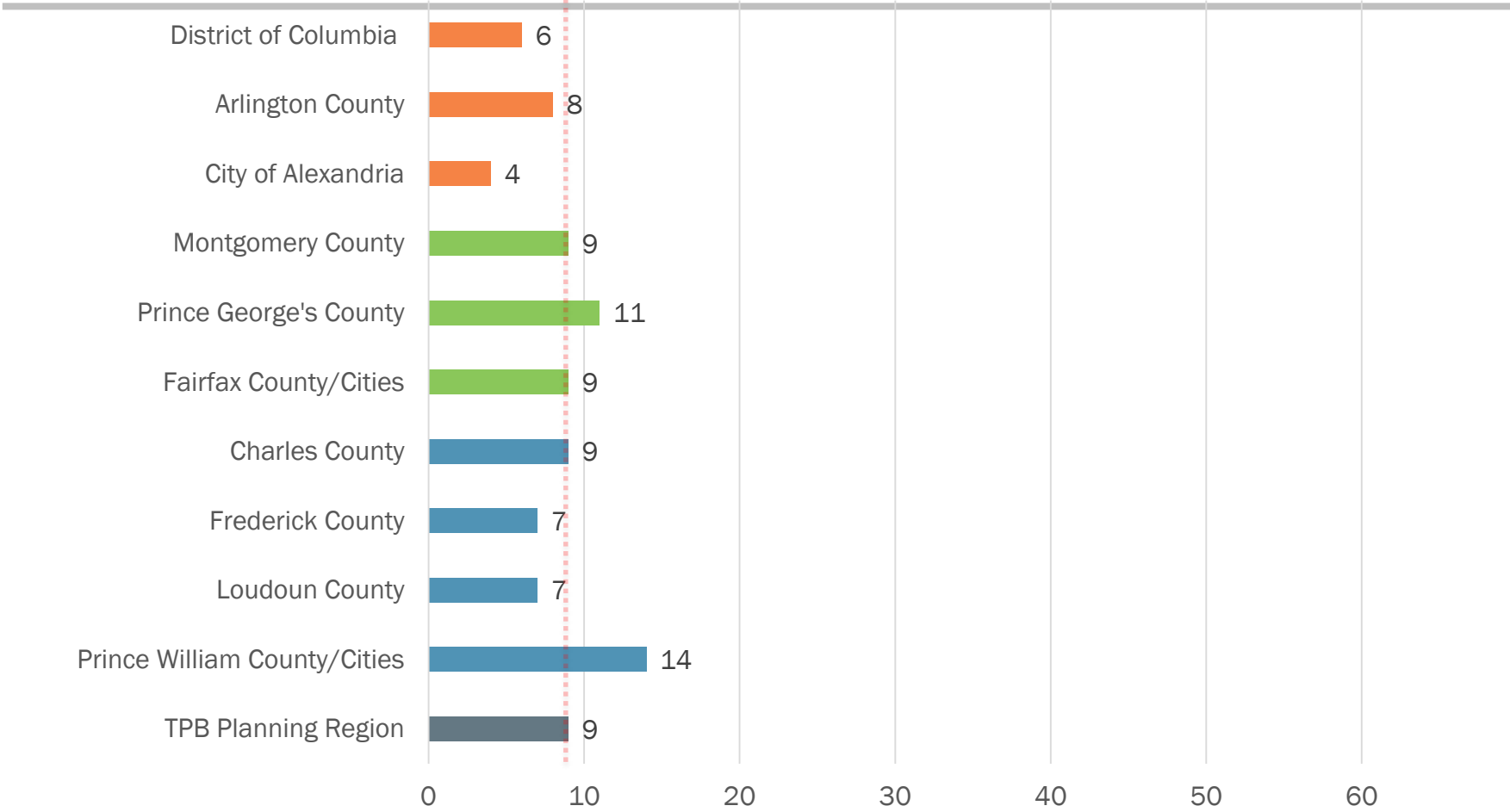
- Commuter Connections offers ridesharing programs to promote carpooling and vanpooling to and from work
- Casual carpooling (“slugging”) allows drivers and non-paying passengers to use HOV lanes
- Carpools/vanpools can be formally arranged via ride-matching services or ad hoc via slug lines



Source: Federal Highway Administration



# Household Weekday Commuter Car & Vanpooling At Least Once a Week (%)



## 2. The Region's HOV Network

- First HOV lane in the U.S. opened in the Washington region (I-395/Shirley Hwy)
- The region's extensive network of HOV lanes help move more persons per lane than general purpose lanes in the AM and PM peak periods
- HOV facilities include: I-66, I-95/395, I-270, I-495 (in VA), VA-267(Dulles Toll Road)



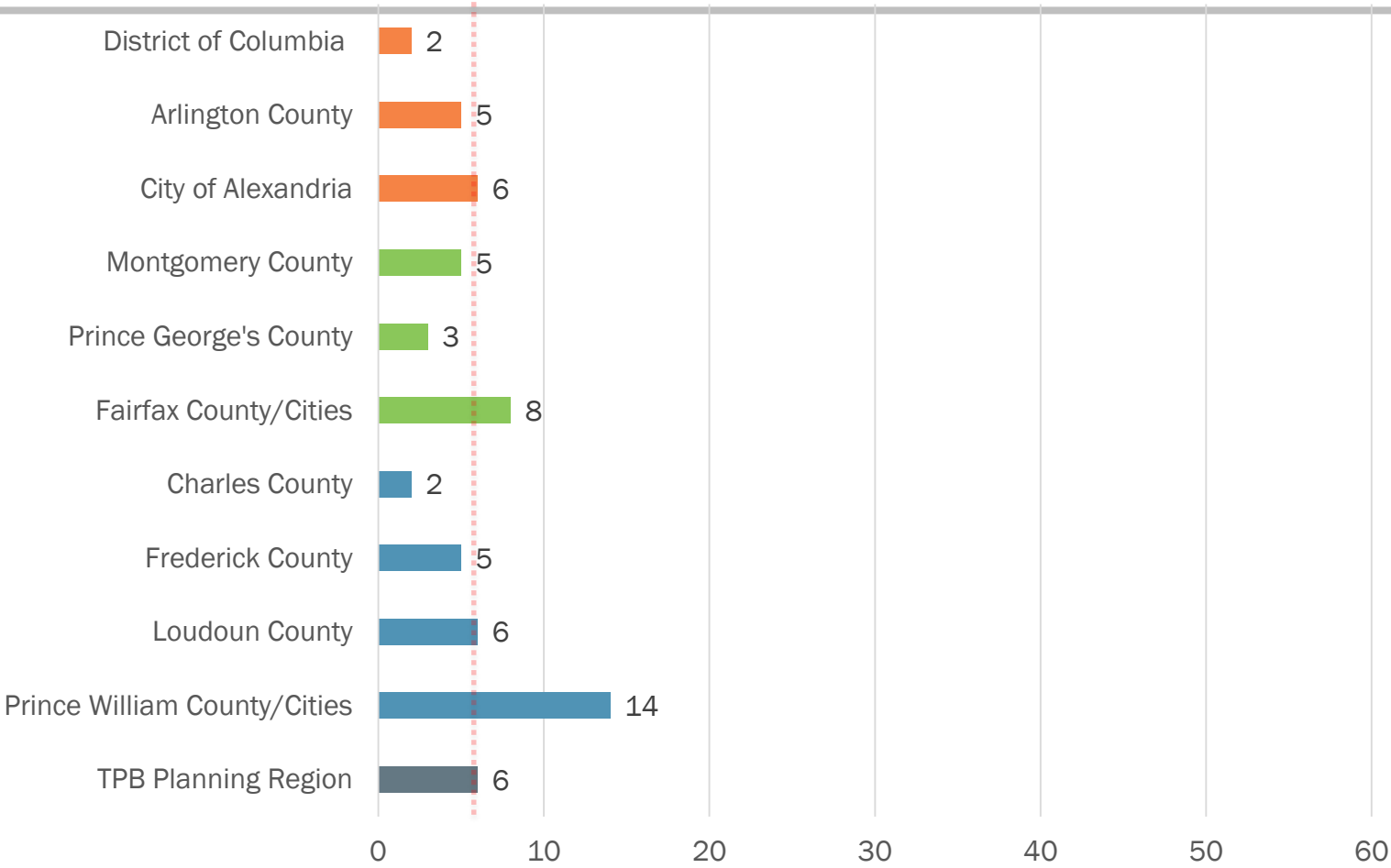
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Source: <https://williamsonsource.com/the-past-and-future-of-hov-lanes/>



# Household HOV Use for Weekday Peak Period Travel At Least Once a Week (%)



# 3. HOT Lanes and Toll Road Use

- HOT lanes and toll road pricing encourage efficient use of the region's limited highway capacity in peak periods
- Examples of HOT Lanes:
  - I-95/495 Express Lanes (VA)
  - I-66 Express Lanes
- Examples of Toll Roads:
  - Dulles Toll Road/Dulles Greenway (VA-267)
  - Intercounty Connector (MD-200)





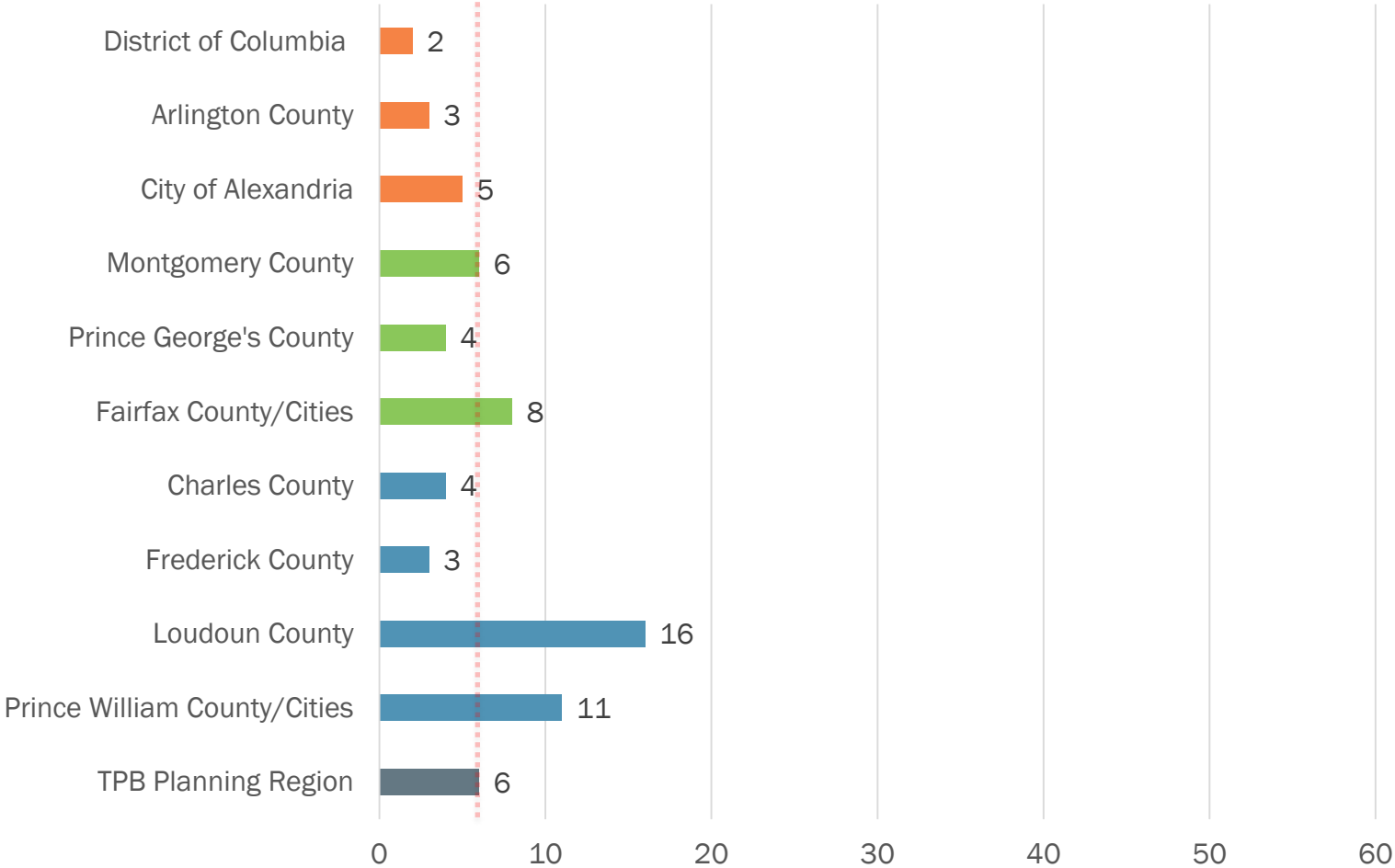
# Household Vehicles with Toll Transponders (%)

## Vehicle File

	E-ZPass	E-ZPass Flex	Other Transponder	No Transponder
Core	47.7	11.2	0.6	40.5
Inner Suburb	45.5	10.5	0.5	43.5
Outer Suburb	37.6	15.0	0.4	46.9
TPB Region	43.6	11.9	0.5	44.0



# Household HOT Lane and Toll Road Use for Weekday Travel At Least Once a Week (%)





# C. Bicycle and Bikeshare Travel

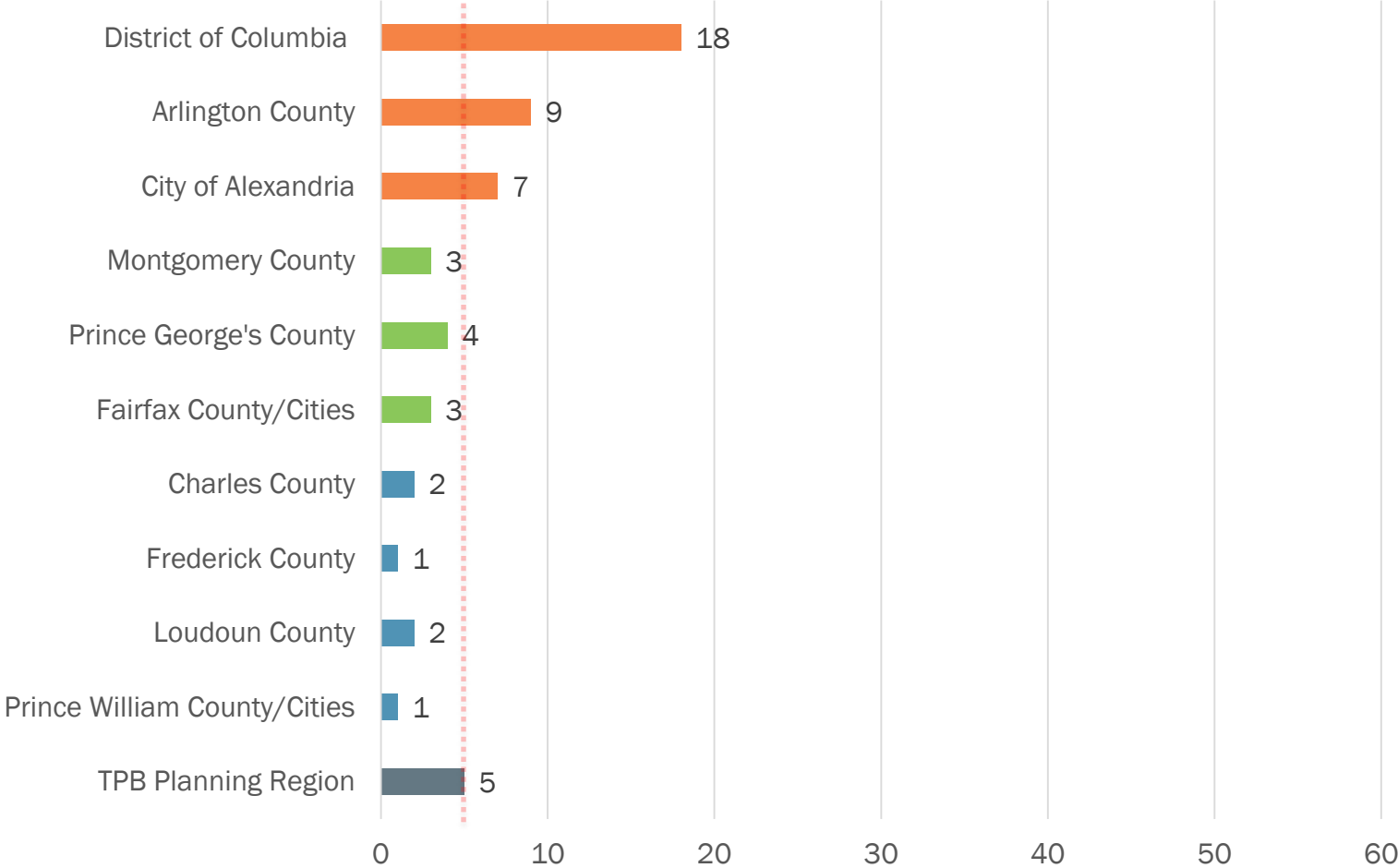
- The region's bicycling network and infrastructure has grown rapidly since 2005
- Capital Bikeshare launched in 2010 and has grown to serve five jurisdictions with 500 stations and over 4,300 bikes
- 48% of the region's households have 1 or more adult bicycles for their personal use



"DC Capital Bikeshare" by James D. Schwartz



# Household Weekday Bicycle Use (including Bikeshare) At Least Once a Week (%)



# Summary of Findings

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- Ride-hailing is most heavily used in the core
- Public transit is used widely across the region, especially in the core and inner suburban areas
- Car and vanpooling rates do not vary as much regionally as other alternative travel modes
- HOV lanes, HOT lanes, and toll roads/bridges are utilized most by suburban commuters
- Bicycle and bikeshare use most prevalent in the core



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