

Prince William County Project Selection Process

The Prince William County Comprehensive Plan Mobility Chapter provides guidance on mobility projects for the next 20 years in the County and includes all modes of transportation, to include roadways, transit, and on and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities. An updated Mobility Chapter was adopted by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors in December 2022, following a two-year planning process that included robust public input. Projects in the plan are determined based on meeting the projected growth of the County and the required level of service to meet the County's goal of providing a high quality of life to residents. This is informed by MWCOG population and employment projections and transportation demand modeling. Projects are also selected on alignment with the goals and strategies of the Mobility Chapter, which closely align with those adopted by TPB and include equity, safety, sustainability and emerging technologies. Comprehensive Plan mobility projects located in County designated Small Area Plans have undergone additional planning and public input processes to further align with shared local and regional goals of creating mixed-use, transit-oriented, walkable communities.

Major mobility projects in the Comprehensive Plan are advanced with funding allocated in the County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP covers a six-year period adopted annually following Planning Commission review and recommendation and public hearings. The CIP identifies existing and future funding from a wide variety of sources including local revenues, private contributions, and federal, state and regional funding. Projects in the CIP, and other Board designated priority projects to include approved Mobility Bond Projects, are high priority for application to grant funding opportunities. Other criterion used to prioritize projects for grant funding opportunities are detailed in the Prince William County Department of Transportation's Grant Priority Process and include inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan or other Board approved plans, public input, and alignment with long range plans of the County's transportation partners.

Projects submitted for Visualize 2050, including resubmission of previous projects, must be included in the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan and will be prioritized using the same criteria in the grant prioritization process. This ensures that projects being advanced align with the County's goals and strategies, have public support and will meet current and projected needs of Prince William County.