



2024 STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REPORT UPDATE

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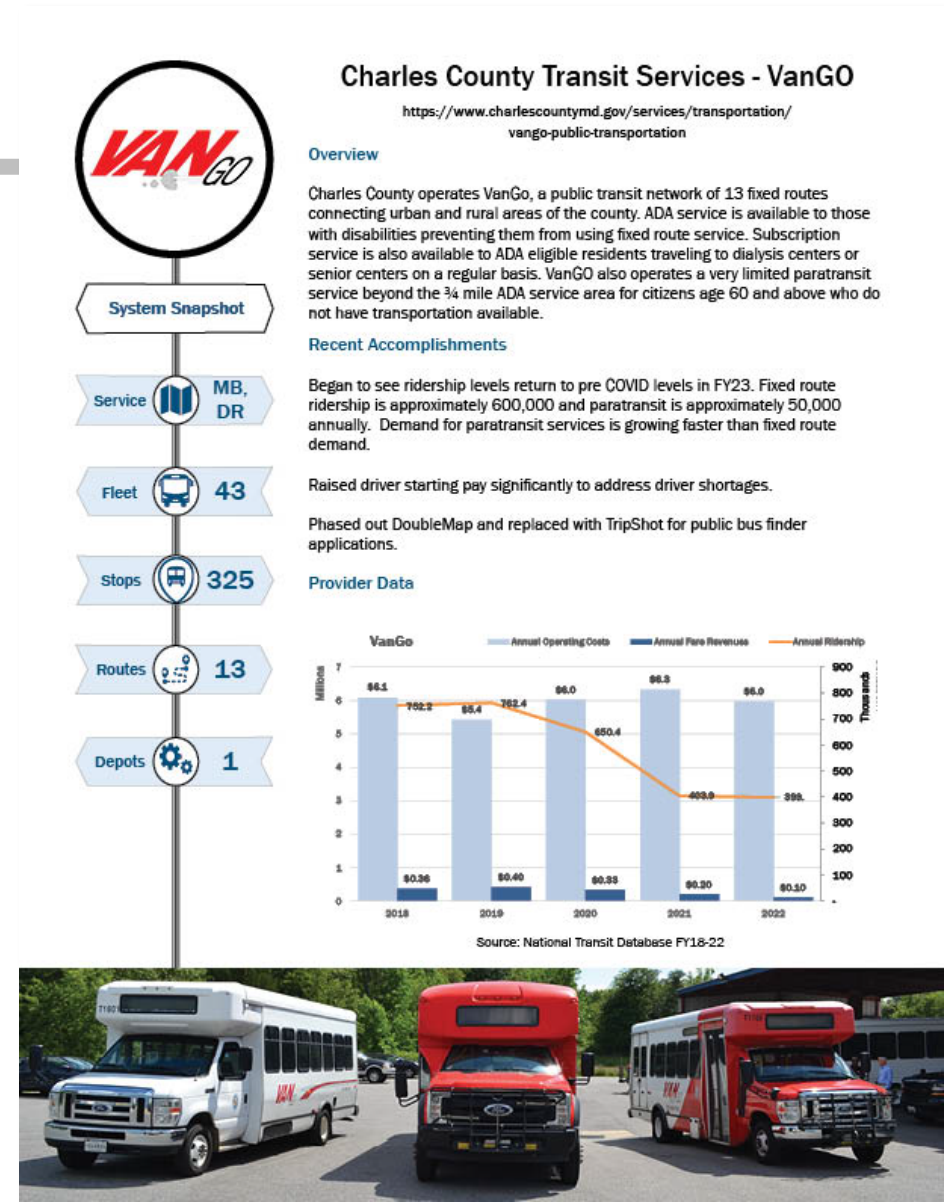
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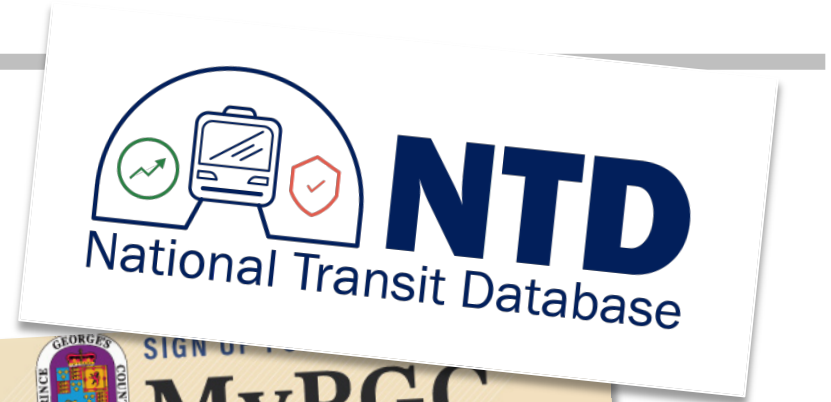
Purpose of the 2024 SOPT

- Snapshot of public transportation operations in the National Capital Region (NCR) during a given year
- Highlights agency accomplishments, challenges, planning, and other activities
- Provides readers a deeper understanding of the broad network of transit services available in the NCR
- Serves as a means of incorporating public transportation interests into the metropolitan planning process



Methodology

- Relies on transit ridership and financial data taken from the 2023 records of the National Transit Database, published in October 2024
- Other data and content comes from:
 - Agency Questionnaires
 - Budget and Annual reports
 - TPB RPTS presentations
 - Open-source research
 - DMV Moves data and more...



Prince George's County to Spearhead Environmental Justice Initiative with Launch of B100 Transit Pilot

Prince George's County Maryland sent this bulletin at 04/15/2024

MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release:
April 15, 2024

TAM Plans

Every agency must develop a transit asset management (TAM) plan if it owns, operates, or manages capital assets used to provide public transportation and receives federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as a recipient or subrecipient. Each transit provider must designate an Accountable Executive (49 CFR 625.5) to ensure appropriate resources for implementing the agency's TAM plan and the Transit Agency Safety Plan.



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Report Format

Part I: Summary

- General summary of the state of public transportation operations of the various jurisdictions and transit agencies operating in the National Capital Region (NCR) in 2024

Part II: Transit Agency Profiles

- Profile sheets provide overview of ridership, operational expenses, revenue sources, recent accomplishments and system characteristics, focusing on agencies offering fixed-route services

Part III: Other Public Transit Services

- Overview of additional transit services such as microtransit, paratransit, and commuter services and their recent accomplishments

Part IV: Regional Public Transportation Organizations

- Information on other public/non-profit organizations in the NCR that provide research, project development, funding or have other involvement in public transportation

Part V: Public Transportation Activities in 2024

- Major studies planned, in progress or completed and significant operational achievements and challenges occurring during 2024, organized by service provider

Part VI: Transportation Planning Board Activities

- Overview of how the TPB assists with regional public transportation including RPTS, PBPP and Visualize 2050



Preview: Part I – Summary



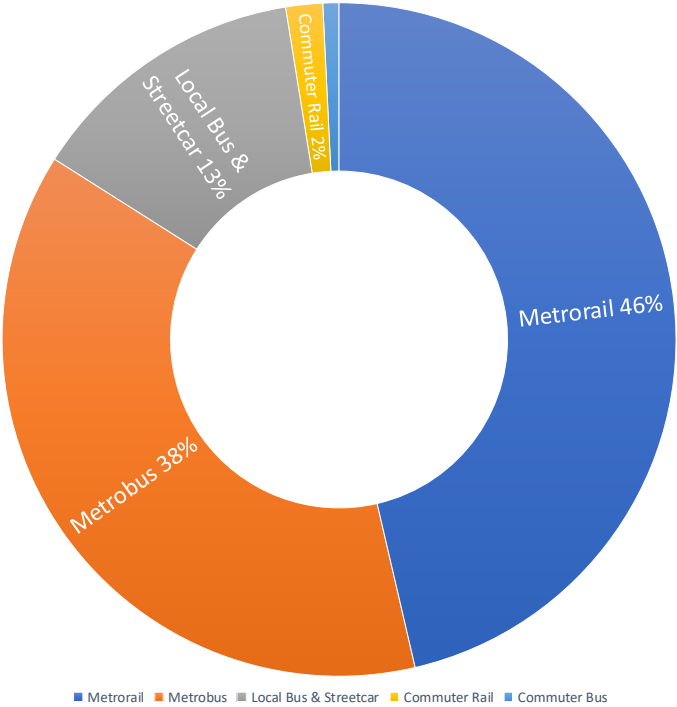
- 14 local and regional bus transit operators through Dec. 2024 (incl. RTA of Central MD and Virginia Regional Transit)
- 4 Microtransit Services (3 as of August 2024)
- 3 Commuter Bus Operators
- 2 Commuter Rail Operators
- 1 Streetcar System
- 1 Heavy Rail System
- Multiple Paratransit Services
- Bus transit continues to be the primary means of public transportation but at a smaller margin than recent years



2023 NTD Ridership Data for the NCR

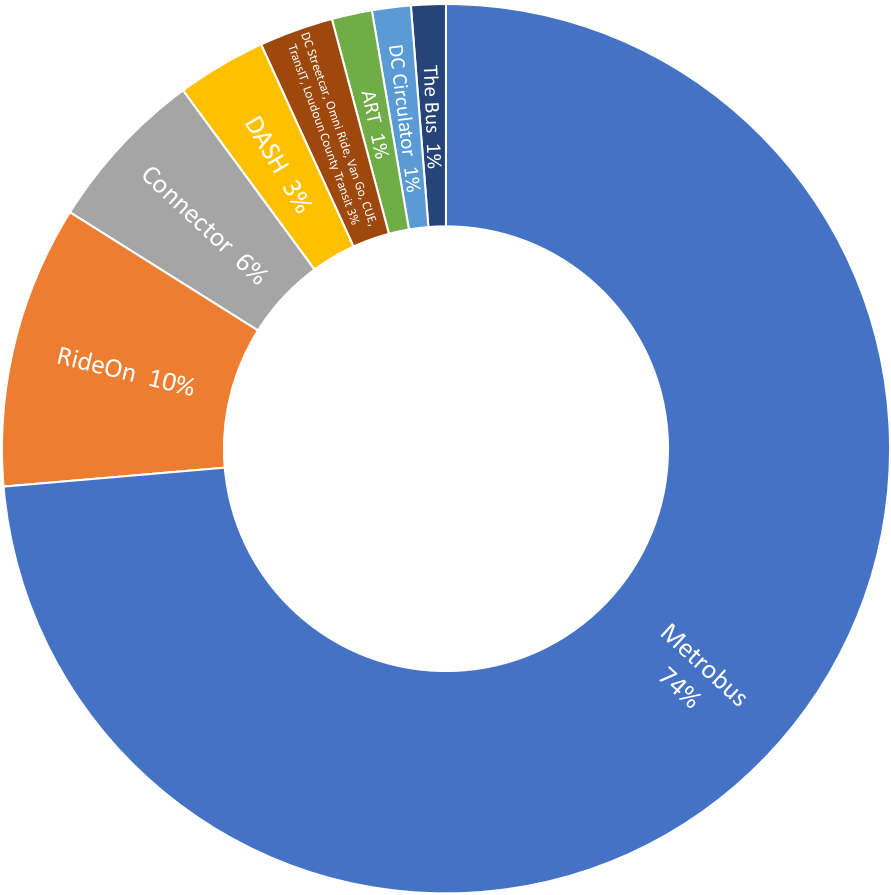
Over **273 MILLION TOTAL TRANSIT TRIPS**
in 2023, appx. **144% more** vs. 2021

Share of Total Trips By Mode

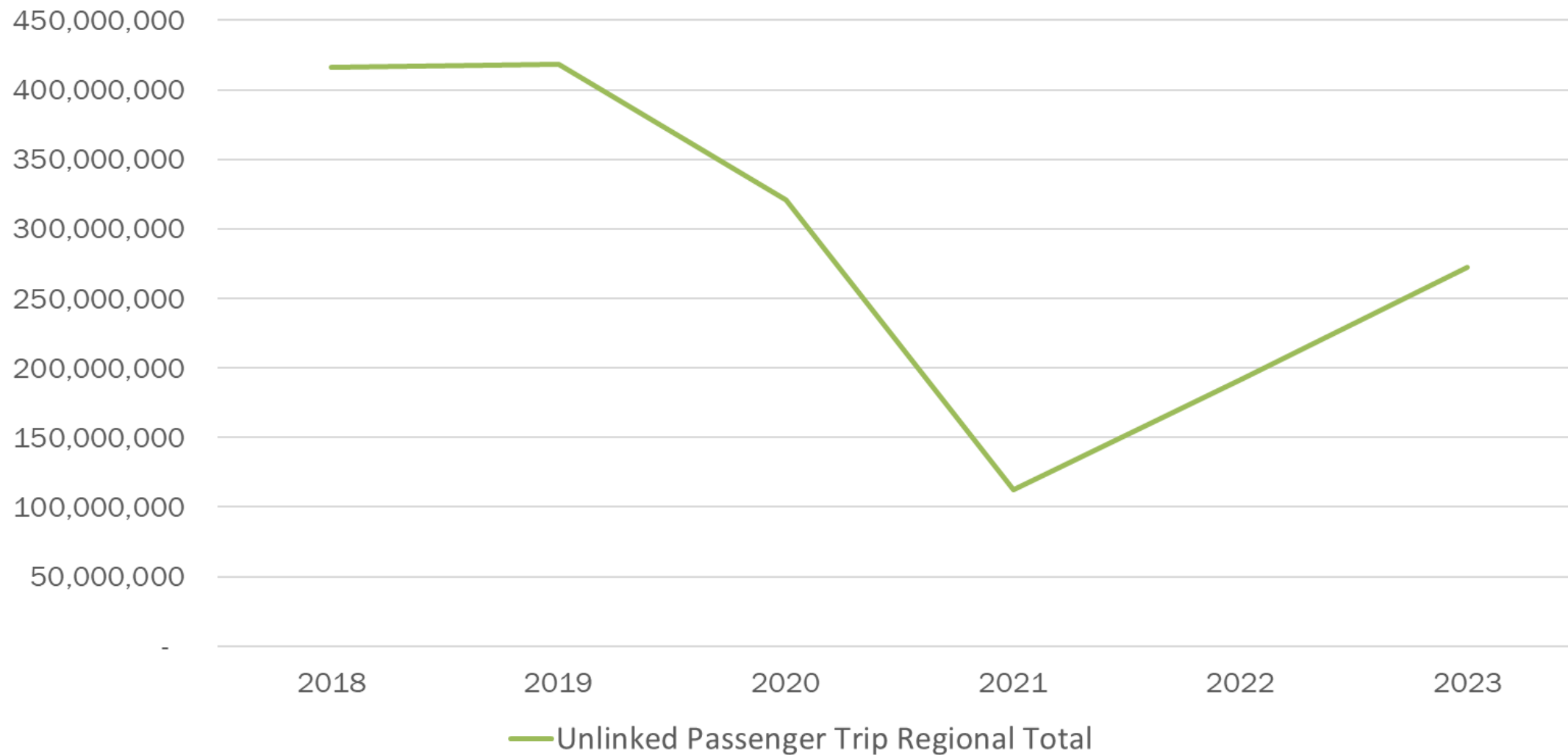


51% of trips in the region occurred by **LOCAL BUS or STREETCAR.**

Bus/Streetcar Operator Share of Total Trips



Total Unlinked Passenger Trips in the NCR (Across Modes)



2024 Bus Service Assets in the NCR – (Appx.) Draft

Regional Bus Fleet Totals (Local Fixed-Route & Commuter)



3,067

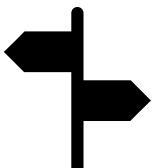
*Non-
WMATA*

1,639

Regional Bus Stop and Route Totals (WMATA-only)



9,374



179

Maryland Local Operator Totals

Routes



Stops



Virginia Local Operator Totals

Routes



Stops



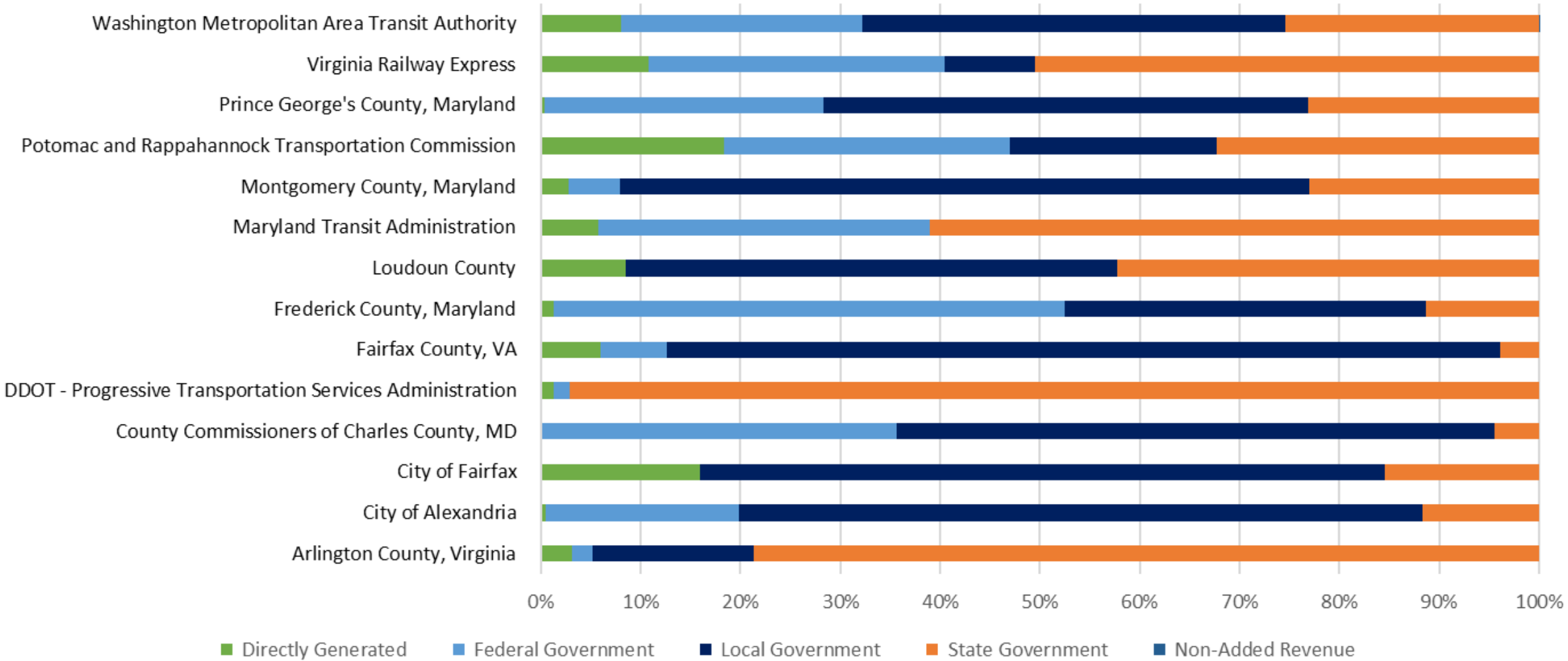
Preview: Part II – Agency Profile Sheets

2024 Activities and Accomplishments

- **ART:** Opened its new OMF designed for a battery electric fleet transition and LEED Platinum.
- **DC Circulator:** Ceased operations in December 2024 after 19 years.
- **CUE:** began development of its new six-year Transit Development Plan.
- **Loudoun:** Board approved fare-free local bus service beginning in 2025.
- **Ride On:** Published its zero-emission fleet transition plan in April 2024.
- **VRE:** Continued work on System Plan 2050 with finalization expected in 2025



Summary of Agency Revenue Sources - FY2023



Preview: Part III – Other Public Transit

Demand Response Services

- Microtransit
 - **DC Neighborhood Connect** ends service in July 2024 after financial challenges post-fare introduction
 - **Ride On Flex** completed a post-pandemic analysis of its service with an eye toward future expansion
 - **Prince George's County** exploring expanded service areas for Link
- Paratransit
 - **Fastran** moves to the Fairfax County DOT from the Dept. of Neighborhood and Community Services



Preview: Part IV – Regional Organizations



- NVTA
 - NVTA wrapped up Phase 1: Data Gathering and largely completed Phase 2: Analysis of its Draft BRT Action Plan in 2024 (previously known as the Preliminary Deployment Plan for a Regional BRT system in Northern Virginia)
- NVTC
 - NVTC celebrated its 60th anniversary and debuted the “Advancing Transit in Northern Virginia” documentary showcasing its history and efforts to develop WMATA, VRE, the Commuter Choice program, and more.



Preview: Part V – Significant Transit Activities



- **DASH:** Published its first Transit Strategic Plan, with board approval in May 2024.
- **Frederick:** Ridership surpassed pre-pandemic levels, leading to more service on four midday routes and Saturday North Frederick Shuttle.
- **MTA Commuter Bus:** Reduced frequencies across all routes to address financial challenges.
- **VRE:** VPRA bought the Manassas Line ROW from Norfolk Southern, creating opportunities for VRE.
- **WMATA:** Launched DMVMoves in partnership with COG to work on finding a dedicated, sustainable funding source and improve the regional transit experience.



Preview: Part VI – TPB Activities

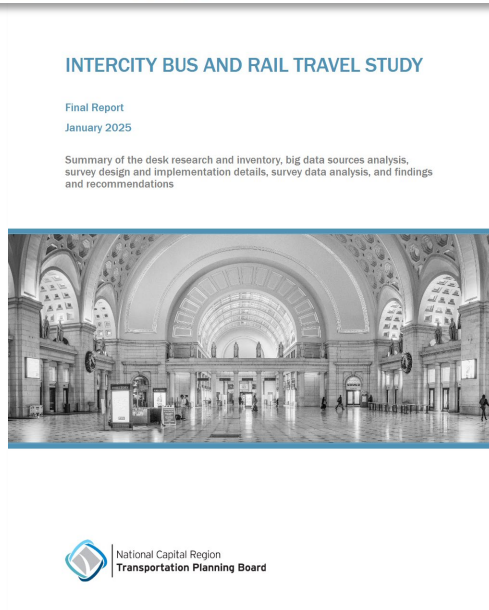


Table 1: Regional Transit Safety Targets – 2024

		Heavy Rail (HR)	Streetcar Rail (SR)	Urban Bus (MB)	Commuter Bus (CB)	Demand Response (DR)	Vanpools (VP)
Fatalities	Number	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
	Rate	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
	Transit Worker Rate	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Injuries	Number	256	6	403	6	42	n/a
	Rate	24.20	6.69	0.69	0.07	0.21	n/a
	Transit Worker Rate	9.50	n/a	0.19	0.10	0.07	n/a
Safety Events	Number	127	6	357	3	54	n/a
	Rate	12.80	6.69	0.61	0.04	0.27	n/a
Assaults on Transit	Number	586	n/a	207	0	9	n/a
	Rate	59.1	n/a	0.37	0.00	0.04	n/a
	Rate	2	n/a	1.43	2	0.25	n/a
Collisions	Pedestrian Collision Rate	0	n/a	0.05	0.00	0.00	n/a
	Vehicular Collision Rate	2	n/a	1.12	2	0.25	n/a
Reliability	MDBF	29,000	1,000	8,964	25,000	24,913	n/a

Rate = Per 100,000 Vehicle Revenue Miles, except HR (per 10M VRM) MDBF = Mean Distance Between Failures

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on December 18, 2024.

- Continued development of Visualize 2050 long range plan content and analysis as well as new TIP
- Wrapped up an expanded Intercity Travel Study
- Approved 2024 Transit Safety Targets in December, including for seven new performance measures
- Began data collection for FY25 Transit Asset Management Targets
- Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee (eight meetings in 2024)



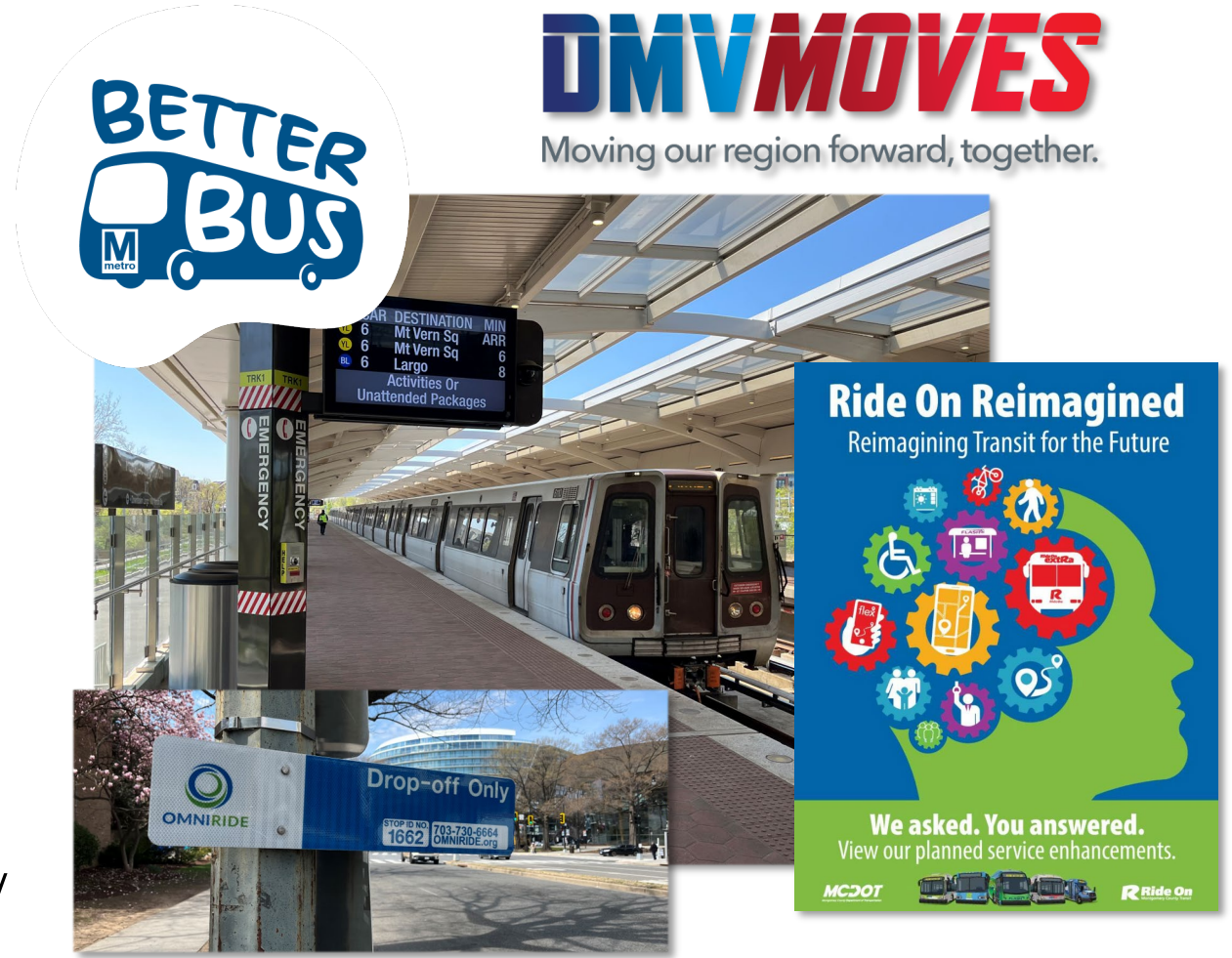
Coming Up: 2024 and 2025 SOPT Reports

SOPT 2024 ed.

- Presentation to TPB Tech on July 2, 2025
- Draft distributed for feedback in August with publication in late August or early September

SOPT 2025 ed.

- Next edition may incorporate a whole section or new content related to ongoing monitoring of DMVMoves implementation
- More region-wide and agency specific performance metrics will be incorporated into agency profiles and regional summary



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