



2025 STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REPORT

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Summary

- TPB has published eight editions of the State of Public Transportation Report (SOPT), an annual snapshot of the National Capital Region's (NCR) transit network.
- The SOPT provides readers a deeper understanding of the NCR's transit activities and helps promote TPB goals.



NEW

Will now incorporate more performance reporting to inform future enhancement of regional public transportation.



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STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION 2024 REPORT

An annual review of public transportation in the National Capital Region

February 2026



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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 2025

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 the Purple Line construction, paratransit, and more.

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 2025

- Major studies planned, in progress or completed and significant operational achievements and challenges occurring during CY2025, 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

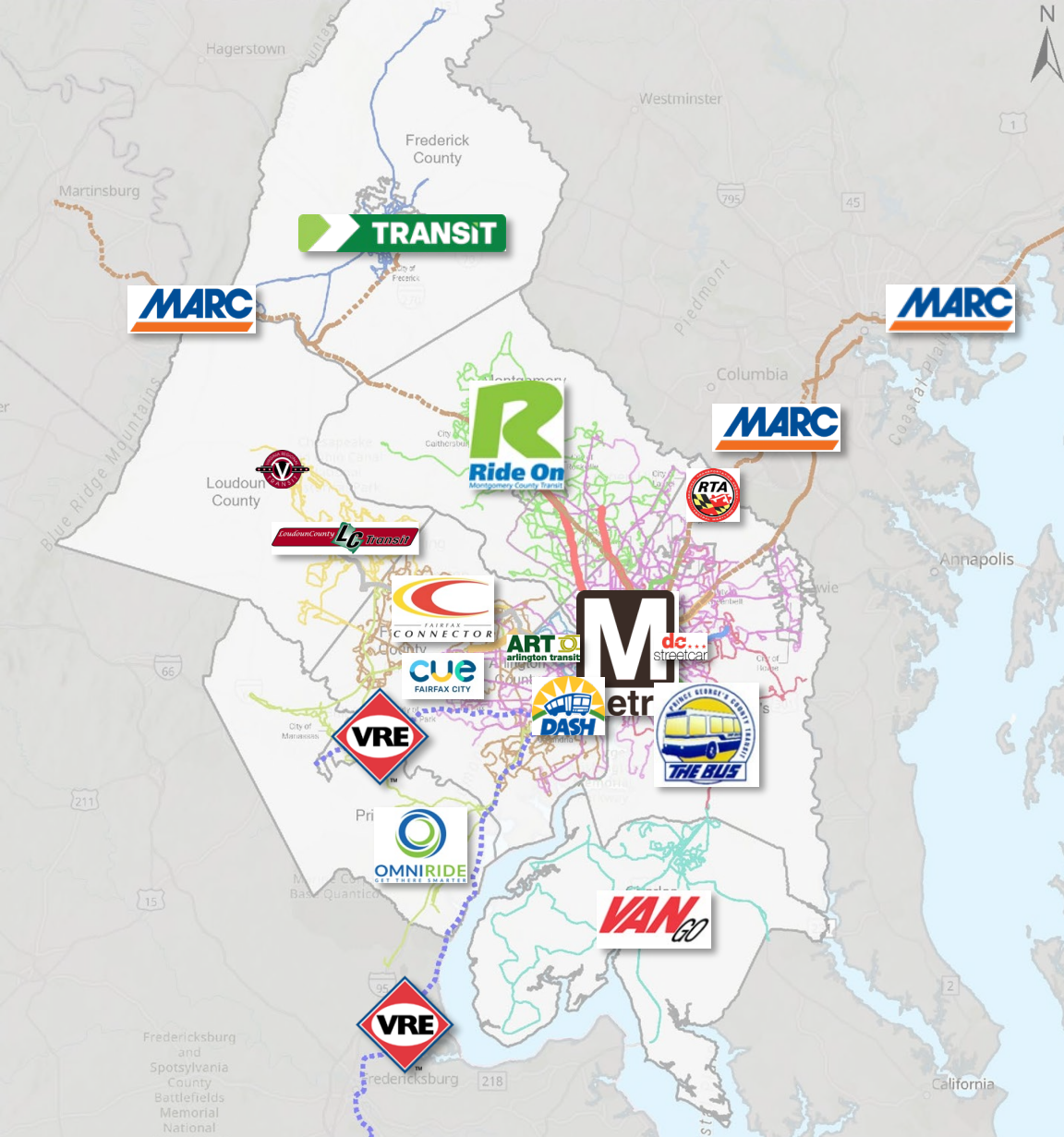


Part I – CY25 Network

- 13 local and regional bus transit operators through Dec. 2025 (incl. RTA of Central MD and Virginia Regional Transit)
- 4 Microtransit Services
- 3 Commuter Bus Operators
- 2 Commuter Rail Operators
- 1 Streetcar System
- 1 Heavy Rail System
- Multiple Paratransit Services

Serve Locally, Connect Regionally

All of the public transportation services shown here connect to at least one other operator pictured.

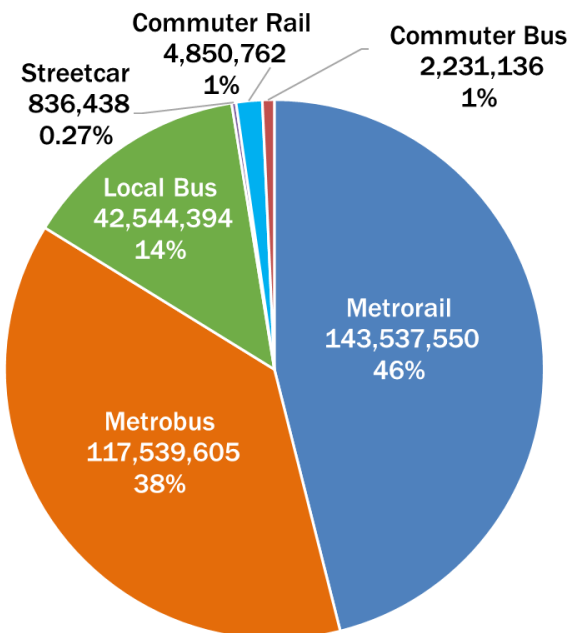


Note: Transit network map for the National Capital Region in CY24.



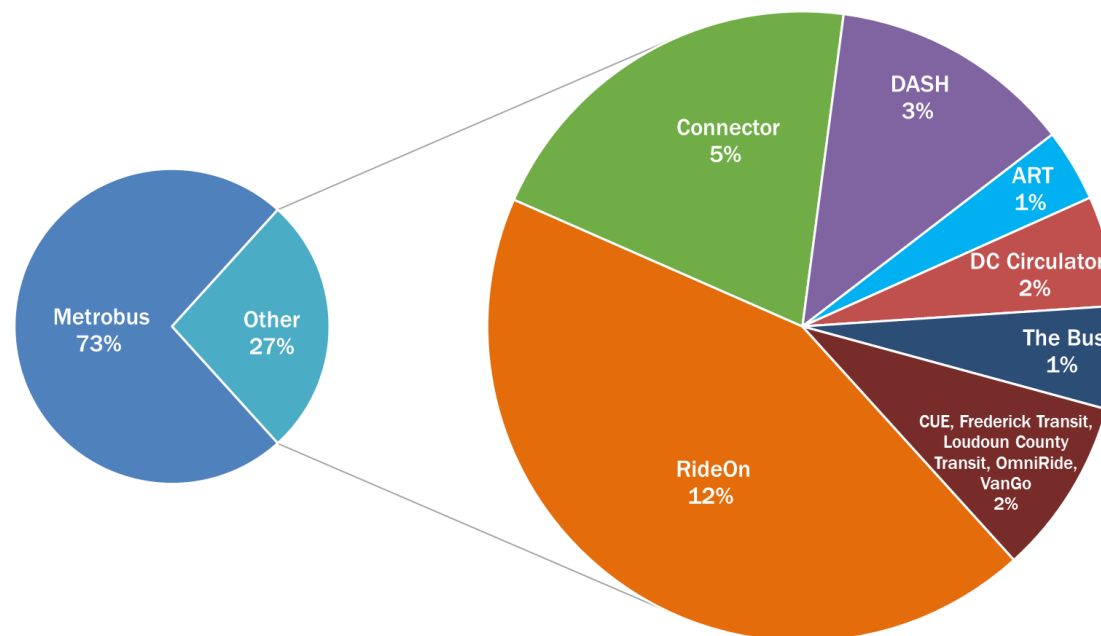
FY24 NTD Ridership Data for the NCR

Share of Total Trips By Mode



52% of trips in the region occurred by Metrobus and Local Bus Services.

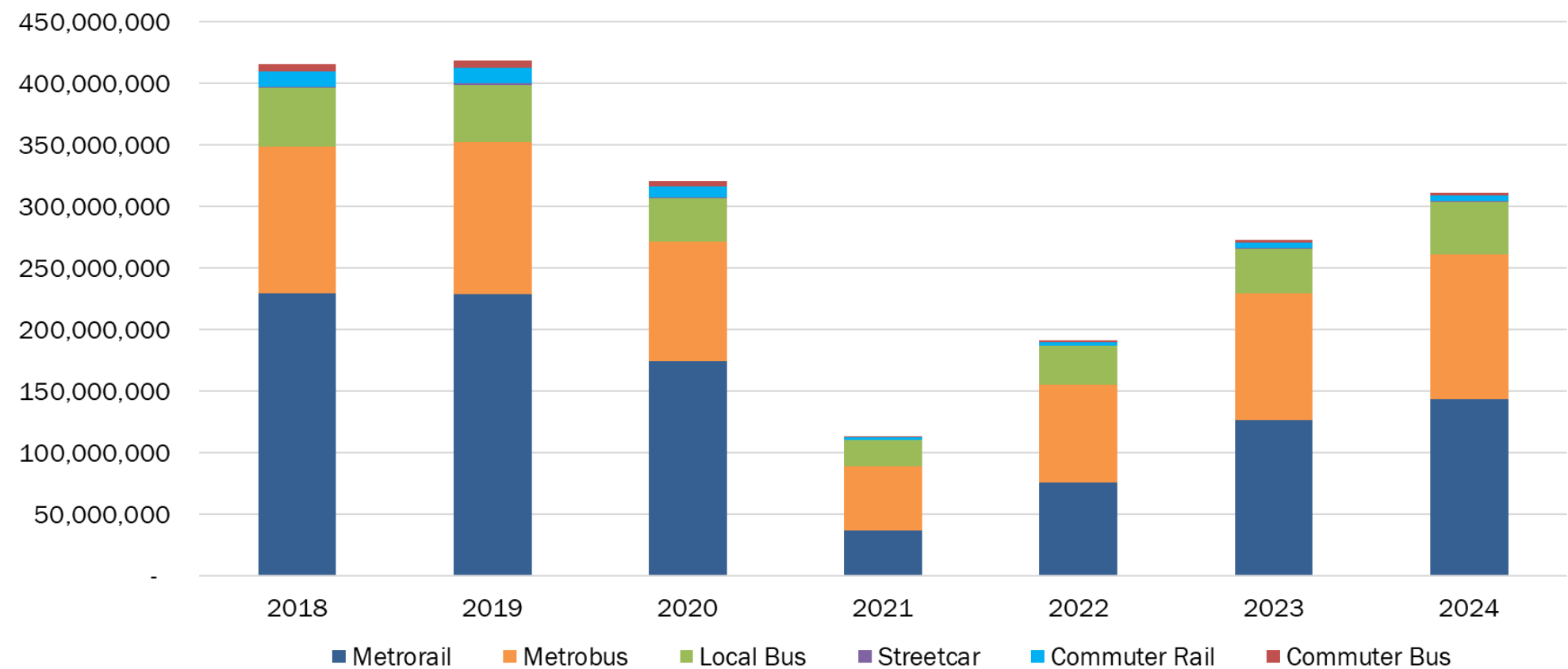
Metrobus and Local Bus Service - Share of Total Trips By Operator



75% of non-Metrobus trips on local bus were served by three of the 11 remaining agencies: Ride On, Fairfax Connector, and DASH.



NCR Transit's Ridership Recovery (FY18 - FY24)



Over **311.5 MILLION TOTAL TRANSIT TRIPS** in 2024, almost **175% more** vs. 2021

CY25 Bus Service Assets in the NCR – (Appx.)

	Routes	Stops	Fleet
<u>Metrobus</u> 	 126	 7,559	 1,556
<u>Maryland Local and Commuter Bus</u>     	 170	 8,005	 575
<u>Virginia Local and Commuter Bus</u>      	 195	 5,854	 812

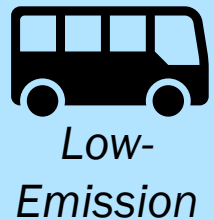


CY25 Non-Rail Transit Assets in the NCR – (Appx.)

Regional Non-Rail Fleet Total (As Percentage of Active Fleet)



6% | *Per Agency Range* **0 - 18%**



34% | *Per Agency Range* **0 - 95%**

Regional Bus Stop Total (As Percentage of Total Stops)



11% | *Per Agency Range* **3 - 36%**



20% | *Per Agency Range* **1 - 41%**



Part II – Agency Profile Sheets



Overview

The DC Streetcar operated in Washington, DC, until March 2026. It consisted of a single 2.2-mile line running in mixed traffic along H Street NE and Benning Road NE. It ran as a free service with the goals of linking neighborhoods, reducing parking demand, traffic congestion and air pollution, plus encouraging economic development and affordable housing options.

DC Streetcar
<https://www.dstreetcar.com>

SR
Mode

6
Active Fleet

15
Stops

1
Routes

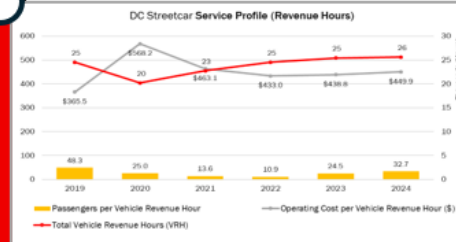
CY25 Agency Activities



- ❖ In October 2025, DDOT announced that its streetcar service would cease operations on March 31, 2026, a year earlier than originally planned due to budget cuts.
- ❖ DC decided to end the service in part due to slow post-pandemic ridership recovery and increasing costs.

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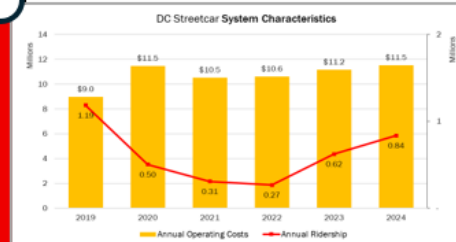
DC Streetcar System Characteristics and Performance Metrics (FY19-FY24)



2022 was the quietest recent year for DC Streetcar. Hours in service continued to increase from a pandemic-impacted low in 2020, but fiscal year 2022, which included half of calendar year 2021, featured the lowest annual ridership and, as a result, average passengers riding per VRH.



Although the service mileage offered increased steadily after a low in 2020, and ridership recovered at a very slow pace from 2021 onward, the passengers riding streetcar traveled further distance trips in 2023 and 2024.



After experiencing a significant increase in ridership in 2023 compared to the previous year, a smaller rise in 2024 kept the streetcar from crossing back over a million annual passenger trips as in 2019.

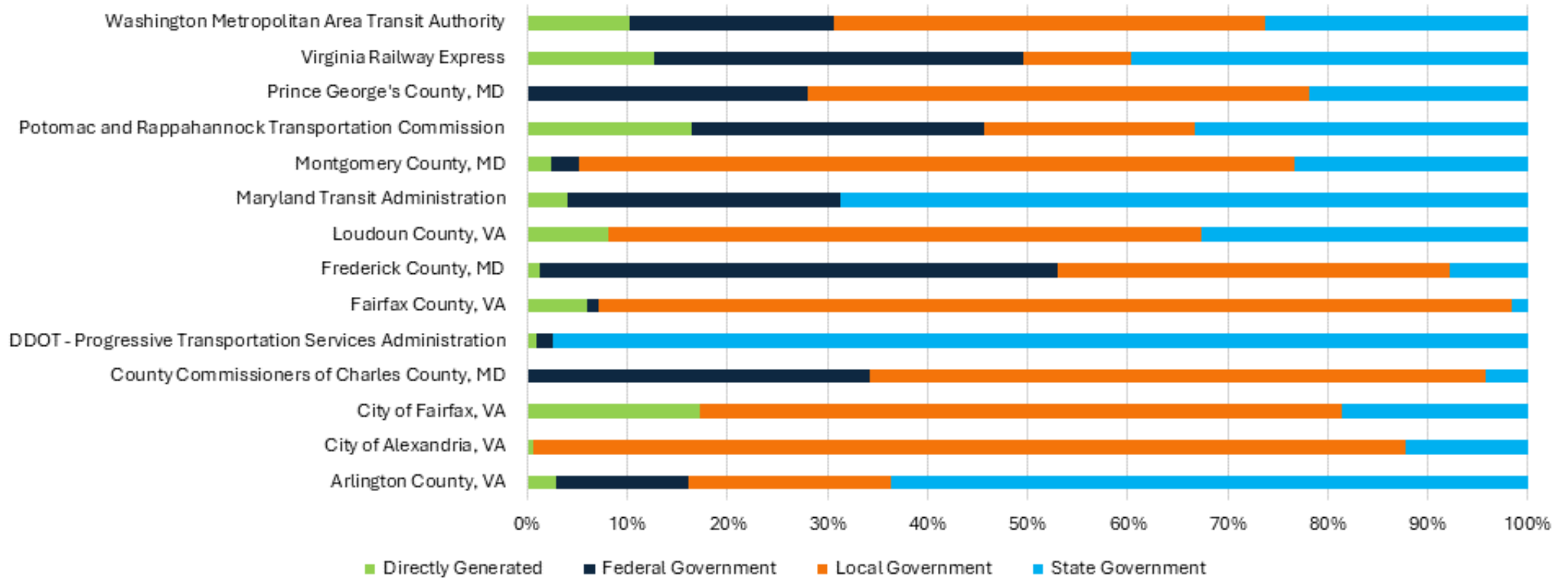
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- Each Agency Profile includes data on the following metrics:
 - Annual Ridership
 - Annual OpEx
- Total VRM
 - Total PMT
 - Pax/VRM
 - Total VRH
 - OpEx/VRH
 - Pax/VRH
- NEW**
- Each data table has an explanatory text box interpreting the quantitative information.



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Summary of Agency Revenue Sources - FY2024



Part II – Agency Profile Sheets (cont.)

OmniRide Access
van. (Pierre
Gaunard/COG)



A Metrorail train pulls into Metro Center
station. (Pierre Gaunard/COG)



Ride On bus picks up passengers at the Shady Road
Metrorail station. (Pierre Gaunard/COG)

CY25 Select Activities and Accomplishments

- **ART:** ART was the first in the region to deploy cloud-based Transit Signal Priority (TSP) as part of a TSP pilot on Langston Blvd in August 2025.
- **Frederick:** Transit Services continued to grow ridership, surpassing pre-COVID levels, reaching over 928k rides.
- **Loudoun:** Began fare-free local bus service in January.
- **Ride On:** Celebrated its 50th Anniversary.
- **VanGO:** Completed new Transit Development Plan and Design/Engineering for new transit facility.



Parts III-V – More Details on Transit Agency and Regional Partner Activities

CY25 Updates and Planning Activities

- **CUE:** Began an update to its Transit Development Plan, evaluating possible service changes, expected for completion in 2026.
- **Loudoun:** Began a microtransit pilot in July 2025 in the Leesburg area
- **MTA:** Published the MARC Growth and Transformation Plan, envisioning more frequent, all-day, and all-week rail service—including weekends.
- **NVTC:** The Envision Route 7 Bus Rapid Transit program began analyses of the Seven Corners to Mark Center/Southern Towers proposed route.
- **VRE:** Received approval from NVTC and PRTC for its System Plan 2050 long-range plan.

CUE bus in service
outside Fairfax, VA.
(Pierre
Gaunard/COG)



A bicycle-friendly railcar on a MARC train. (Pierre
Gaunard/COG)



A parked MetroAccess vehicle in service. (Pierre
Gaunard/COG)



Part VI – TPB Activities



Revenue Vehicles Performance Measure Asset Class	Regional Assets Total	Regional Target of revenue vehicles that have met or exceeded ULB
AB- Articulated bus	97	0.2%
AO- Auto	227	0.0%
BR- Over-the-road bus	384	6.8%
BU- Bus	2593	10.3%
CU- Cutaway bus	134	25.7%
HR- Heavy rail passenger car	1206	6.0%
LR- Light rail vehicle	6	0.0%
MV- Minivan	288	1.7%
RL- Commuter rail locomotive	68	0.0%
RP- Commuter rail passenger coach	268	9.8%
SV- Sport utility vehicle	4	0.0%
VN- Van	558	3.12%
Revenue Vehicle Totals	5849	

Service Vehicles Performance Measure Asset Class	Regional Assets Total	Regional Target of service vehicles that have met or exceeded ULB
Automobiles	183	54.2%
Trucks and other Rubber Tire Vehicles	1390	3.44%
Steel Wheel Vehicles	88	42.7%
Service Vehicle Totals	1659	

Track Segments, Signals, and Systems Performance Measure Asset Class	Regional Assets Total (miles)	Regional Target of tracks that have performance restrictions
CR- Commuter Rail	3.2	0.0%
HR- Heavy Rail	262.5	3.5%
SR- Streetcar Rail	5.8	5.0%
Track Segments Totals	271.3	

Admin., Maintenance, and Passenger Facilities Performance Measure Asset Class	Regional Assets Total	Regional Target of facilities that are below TERM Grade 3 condition
Passenger Facilities	154	2.3%
Passenger Parking Facilities	135	2.8%
Maintenance Facilities	125	1.6%
Administrative Facilities	75	1.3%
Facility Totals	489	

- TPB approval of the region's updated metropolitan transportation plan, Visualize 2050 and new TIP
- Supported the DMVMOVES regional transit initiative through facilitation of meetings, data analysis, and member collaboration
- Set FY25 Transit Asset Management Targets and updated Transit Safety targets, per federal requirements.
- Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee (eight meetings in 2025)



Next Steps

- Complete preparation of the SOPT25 and distribute to RPTS for feedback.
- Publish SOPT25 on COG website in July 2026.
- Throughout Fall 2026, develop and pilot new data sharing platform for RPTS members.



Fairfax Connector bus with a bus wrap celebrating the agency's 40th anniversary, parked at the Dunn Loring/Merrifield Metrorail station. (Pierre Gaunard/COG)



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