



GET TO KNOW OMNIRIDE

OUR SERVICE

OmniRide is the service name of the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission. PRTC's governing body oversees its transportation services and funding. OmniRide includes local and express bus routes, vanpools, and ride-matching services for Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park.



Key destinations for OmniRide include the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., and Tysons, with connections to Virginia Railway Express (VRE) and WMATA Metrorail stations. Local service offers connectivity in the urban areas of Manassas, Manassas Park, and eastern Prince William County; the ability to move across the county; and easy access to VDOT's regional Park & Ride locations.

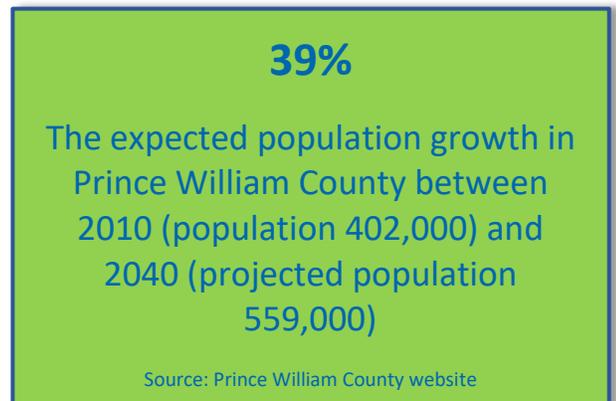
PRTC also co-sponsors VRE in partnership with the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC). The VRE provides commuter rail service along the Fredericksburg and Manassas Lines, connecting to transit providers at stations in Virginia and the District of Columbia.

OUR FOCUS

Northern Virginia roadways already are overwhelmed by single-occupant vehicles, and gridlock will get even worse as our population increases.

Express and HOT Lanes on I-95 and I-395 have helped make vehicle trips in that corridor more reliable, but commuters and those whose businesses rely on moving goods through our region still face long delays under the best of conditions.

Now Express Lanes construction is under way on I-66. These lanes – and the toll money they generate – will help to create a new culture of commuting in Gainesville, Haymarket and areas further west. They will encourage carpools, vanpools, slugging and mass transit, but we will never be able to add enough lanes, and the tolls will never be low enough to satisfy drivers. The solution is to increase throughput – getting more people through the same number of lanes by increasing the number of people in each vehicle.



OUR INITIATIVES



OmniRide has several new commuting options coming online in 2019 to increase throughput on area roads. These initiatives would not have been possible without the assistance of NVTC, VDOT, VDRPT and the action of the Virginia General Assembly in 2018 to pass a regional gas tax floor. The new initiatives are:

- **Haymarket – Rosslyn/Ballston OmniRide Express service.** This new route started on December 17, 2018, providing residents of western Prince William with direct bus service to Arlington for the first time.
- **Flexible Vanpooling** – Coming in spring 2019 -- commuters, even those not registered with a vanpool, will use an app to find a vanpool with space for a one-time ride. This will enable regular vanpoolers to switch vans as needed and encourage others to try vanpooling.
- **On-demand shuttles** – Coming in summer 2019 -- residents of Gainesville and Haymarket will use an app to summon a free on-demand shuttle to nearby commuter lots where they can connect with transit, carpools or vanpools.

In addition, OmniRide will break ground on a new maintenance facility near I-66 and Balls Ford Road in Manassas on January 23, 2019. The facility is vital to adequately maintain OmniRide’s bus fleet, provide parking for new buses and reduce operational costs as the level of bus services in the I-66 corridor expands.



OUR PROMISE

OmniRide will offer reliable and affordable transit options to meet the needs of individuals and will provide residents and employers with information and support on the best ways to travel around and beyond the Prince William area.



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