

RICHMOND HIGHWAY

BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) PROJECT NEWSLETTER



Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is implementing a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system along Richmond Highway and North Kings Highway from Huntington Metrorail Station to Fort Belvoir.

Project Background

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation conducted the Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis (completed 2015), in collaboration with Fairfax County. The analysis examined transit alternatives for Richmond Highway and identified BRT as the preferred near-term alternative, with the addition of a Metrorail extension from Huntington to Hybla Valley in the longer term.

What is BRT?

BRT is a high-quality public transportation system designed to be fast, reliable, and more convenient than traditional bus routes. BRT operates much like rail service, with a dedicated transitway, but uses bus vehicles.

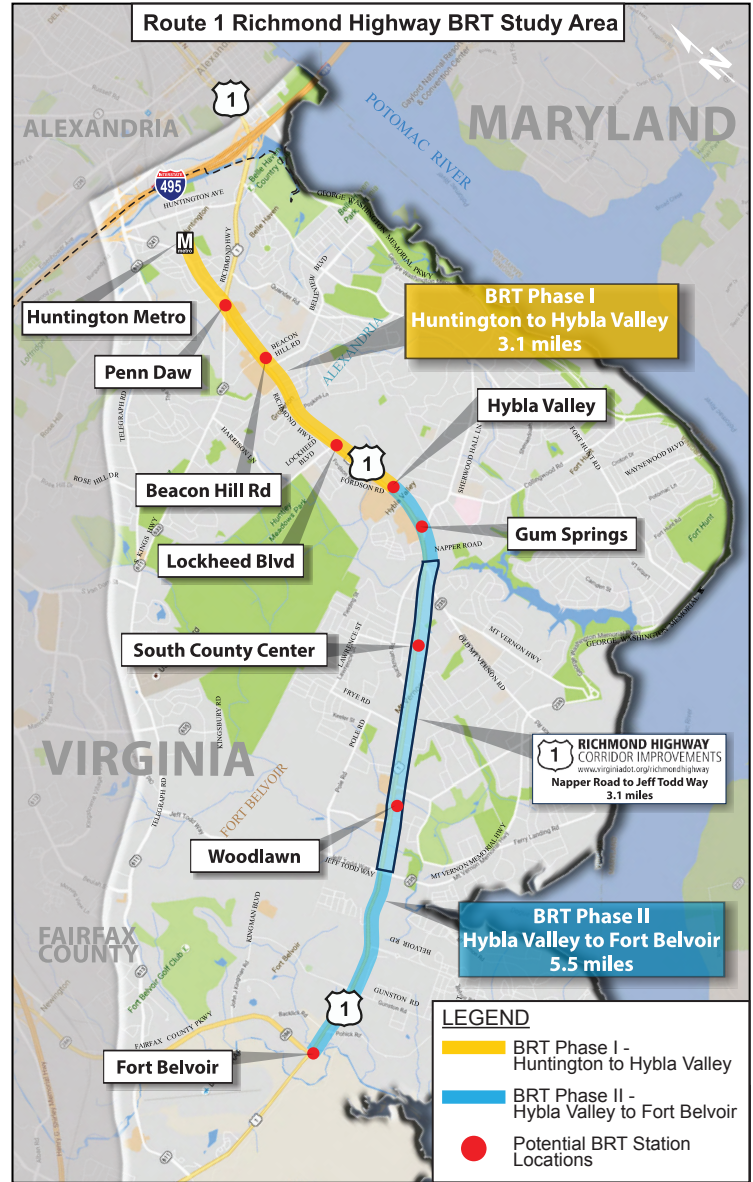
The proposed BRT system will have multiple stations and connect to major employment centers, shopping centers, and residential communities along the corridor. The project will include pedestrian and bicycle facilities as well as other amenities to support the proposed system. The exact number and locations of the stations, as well as their design, will be determined in later phases of the project.

Timeline

The environmental review and preliminary design are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2019. Construction of the first phase is currently planned to be completed by 2028. Please see the reverse page for a high-level, tentative project schedule.

Please Stay Involved!

Public input will be a critical component in this process. Please join us for our upcoming open house meetings! On the website, you can also sign up for email/text updates through Fairfax Alerts, and you may also send input using a comment form. If you prefer, you may mail comments to Fairfax County Dept. of Transportation, Richmond Highway BRT Project Manager, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA, 22030.



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UPCOMING PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

West Potomac High School
(Cafeteria)

6500 Quander Rd, Alexandria

6:30-8:30 PM (Presentation at 7PM)

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mount Vernon High School
(Cafeteria)

8515 Old Mt Vernon Rd, Alexandria

6:30-8:30 PM (Presentation at 7PM)

Join us to learn about the background for the BRT project, the components and benefits of BRT systems, and the design process. You can also give your input on the project!

At each meeting, staff will be available at an open house from 6:30-8:30 PM, with a presentation at 7:00 PM. Please join us at any time!

Translation

Spanish translation will be available for the presentation and meeting displays. If you would benefit from translation to another language, those services can be requested

free of charge by contacting FCDOT at 703-877-5600, TTY 711.

Transportation and On-site Child Care Assistance

Transportation is offered from Sacramento Neighborhood Center, South County Government Center, and Hybla Valley Elementary School. On-site childcare is also available, per request, for children over the age of 3. Requests are accepted until April 12 by contacting Maria Franco-Nativi at 703-704-6700, TTY 711, or by email at maria.franco-nativi@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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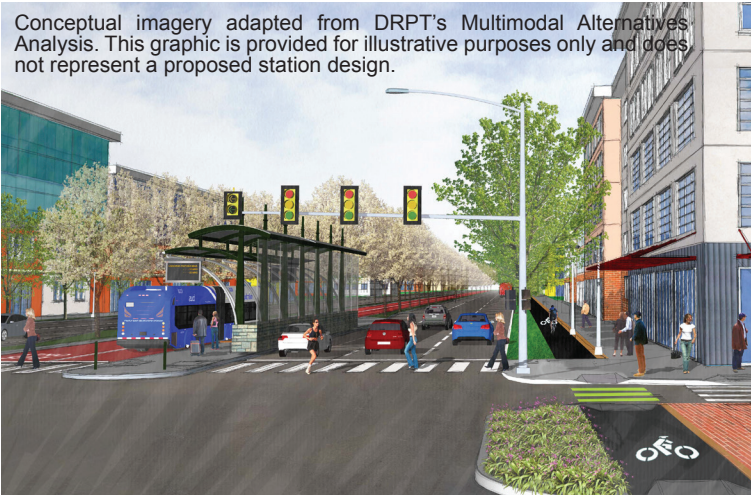
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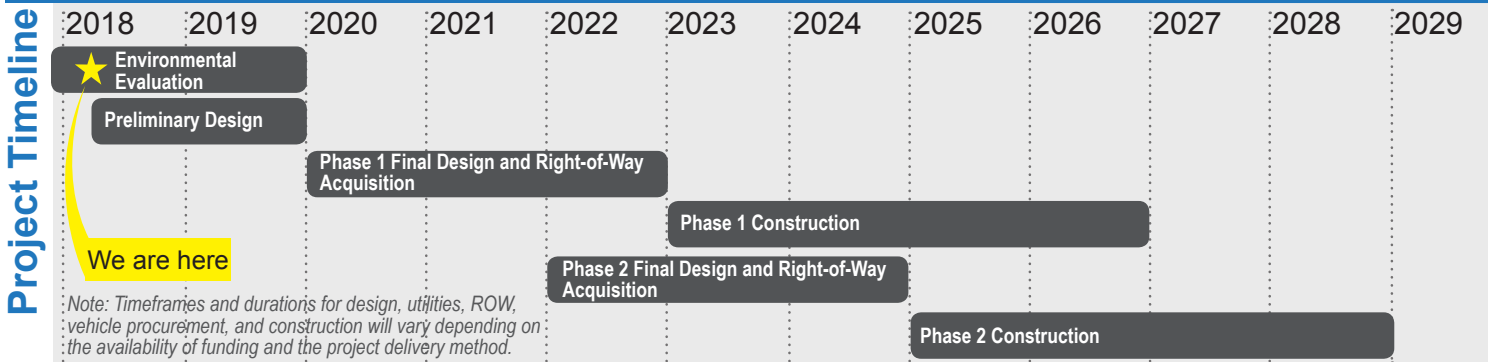
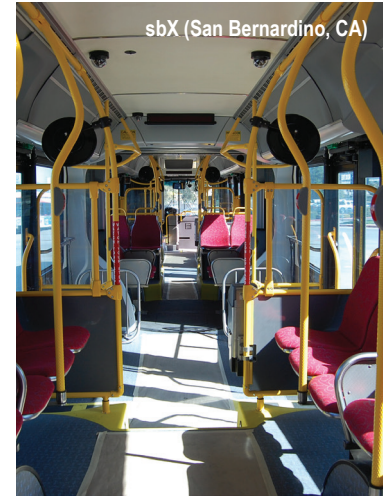
The Richmond Highway BRT system has not yet been designed, but key elements of BRT systems often include:

- » **Service plans & frequencies** that prioritize reliable, frequent, and efficient service.
- » **Dedicated lanes & traffic signal priority** that allow free-flow travel, minimize traffic-related delays, reduce overall travel times, and enhance reliability.
- » **Information technology systems** with features such as real-time bus tracking, innovative fare collection, and more.
- » **Improved stations** which offering easier boarding to improve accessibility, off-board fare collection to expedite boarding, and high-quality pedestrian connectivity to enhance safety and access.
- » **New buses** designed for improved passenger comfort and additional passenger capacity.
- » **System-wide branding** to establish a unique and recognizable identity for the system.

There are many BRT systems in place and under development. The photos below show examples of some BRT features for existing systems in the United States.



Conceptual imagery adapted from DRPT's Multimodal Alternatives Analysis. This graphic is provided for illustrative purposes only and does not represent a proposed station design.



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